

Church Planters

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God is raising up courageous leaders who are being used by Him to plant new churches. Often they will invest untold hours of prayer, research, planning and training over the course of many months before the first service begins. During that time they need prayers, encouragement and funds.

The first few years are full of all kinds of challenges. Again prayer, encouragement and funds are needed.

There are pockets in the USA where there are nearly zero local churches. There are groups of people not being effectively reached and served by the existing churches. Yet all people everywhere need to hear the gospel of salvation and become disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every believer is a member of the greater Body of Christ. We are members one of another. Jesus Christ is our Head. We have need of each other. Let us rejoice and pull together as God is beginning a new work. The enemy has been doing his mischief. Now is the time for us to establish new beachheads for the kingdom of light. Your prayer closet and wallet can be used mightily by God Almighty.

Overview of the Church Planter's Web Hub site

- A person decides to explore the subject of church planting at church, Bible College, seminary, mission's conference, from a Four Bridges church planter's profile site and/or elsewhere.
- Somehow they are referred to Four Bridges church planter's Internet hub.
- On the hub site they find lists of resources -- books, videos, tapes, conferences, workshops, etc. These are arranged by category according to the general sequence of events needed to plant a church. This is intended to be a comprehensive list of all relevant materials. Along with many of them are initials of the various experts who recommend them. In some cases that person has written a review that is available on our site and/or there is a link to another site that has the review.
- Possible categories of resources include
 - Calling – how to know if you are called to church planting
 - Core values
 - Mission statement
 - Vision statement and cast the vision
 - Studying the various models of planting and growing a church
 - Prayerfully researching the place to plant the new church
 - Learning about the people that will be evangelized

- Enrolling an initial core team
- Preparing for the series of launch events
- Attracting a crowd of unbelievers
- Effectively presenting the gospel of salvation
- Following through on new believers
- Making disciples of the new believers
- Raising up lay leaders
- Balancing evangelism and discipleship
- Reaching the target audience more and more effectively
- Reaching the Youth and Singles
- Strengthening marriages and families
- Meeting the felt needs of the members in biblical ways
- Community outreach
- Mobilizing for missions
- Growing and maturing as a church community
- Planting daughter churches
- Featuring testimonies of successful church plants

- Each Profile Church Plant site is organized and searchable by

- geography
- people targeted
- volunteers needed
- staff needed
- things needed
 - chairs
 - tables
 - Sunday school materials
 - tracts
 - New Testaments
 - computers