

Why Church Planting Matters

13 Reasons We Need New Churches

With about 350,000 evangelical churches in North America, some might say that we have enough. But consider these facts:

- For every new church that opens, four close.
- There has been a 19.4 % decline in church attendance in the past decade alone.
- Only 28% of people ages 23-37 attend church, as opposed to 43%-52% for older generations.
- Only one county in America has a greater church population than it did ten years ago.
- 15,000 people per month convert to Islam in the U.S.
- There are 290 million people in the United States. 65%, or 188 million, have no vital church connection.
- If we were to start new churches of 1000 people each, we would need almost 200,000 new churches in the United States to win all these people.
- According to Billy Graham, about 75% of all those who consider themselves Christians and regularly go to church are really not Christians. So we need to win not only all of those “outside” the church but also many of those “inside” the church.
- The U.S. has the 4th largest population of unreached people in the world, after India, China, and Malaysia.
- The U.S. is 14th on the list of nations RECEIVING missionaries from other countries.
- 85% of all churches in America are either plateaued or are declining (Win Arn, Church Growth Expert; found in Aubrey Malphurs, Planting Growing Churches. Page 13.)
- Of the 85% that are growing, 14% are doing so by transfer from other churches. (Malphurs, page 32)
- That means only 1 out of 100 of the churches claiming to be “evangelical” are actually winning non-Christians to Christ. We desperately need more “Great Commission” churches.

Peter Wagner once said, “The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches.”

Truly, we need all kinds of churches to reach all kinds of people. Church campusing, revitalization, and micro churching has its rightful place in the kingdom of God; however, if we are going to turn the corner and make a difference within this generation, we need to start new churches anywhere and everywhere.

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