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Church Planting School Teaches How to Count the Cost

From May 20-22, church planters and pastors from across the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention gathered together at Transformation Church in Sun Prairie to learn about putting together a **plan for church planting**. The theme of the three day training was taken from Luke 14:28 when Jesus talked about the importance of counting the cost before building a tower. The teaching emphasized the importance of



Bill Agee, Church Planting Director for First Baptist Woodstock, Georgia teaching the attendees made up of church planters and pastors from across the MWBC

making plans and counting the costs before starting a church.

Bill Agee is the Director of Church Planting for First Baptist Woodstock, Georgia and he is the author of the material that was presented. Two other leaders, who have successfully planted churches, joined Agee for the training. **Jeremy Westbrook** of Living Hope Church in Columbus, Ohio and **Monty Patton** of Mountain Ridge Church in Phoenix, Arizona

were the other presenters. All three have planted churches and they shared out of their own experiences the value of putting a plan together.

Twenty church planters and pastors from Duluth to Madison came together for this event. Participants included **Hmong, Kenyan, Nigerian, African American, and Anglo pastors**. The diversity gave a lot of rich flavor for the training. Agee shared that vision is crucial for church planters. Planters must see into the future and know the action steps they need to take to get there. For more information on this training, go to www.markivchurchsolutions.com.

Pray for Summer Mission Teams

This summer we are blessed to have many different mission teams coming from many places to help us in the Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association. In 2013 we have several new partners coming who are starting multiple year partnerships with us. **Those coming to Wisconsin for the first time include:**

West End Baptist Church from Valley, Alabama
Southside Baptist from Dothan, Alabama
Immanuel Baptist from Tallahassee, Florida
First Baptist Avon Park from Avon Park, Florida

We are thankful for these new partners and for those who are returning to minister in Jesus' name among us. Please be in prayer for these teams and the more than 300 people who will be coming to help our churches and reach our communities with the gospel. We count all of you as missionaries who are serving along side us and **we are thankful for your investing in the kingdom in our area.**

My Mission Trip to Korea *by Mark Millman*

On May 9 - 14, I went on my first overseas mission trip to South Korea. This trip came about through the relationship the Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association and Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention has with **Dr. John Chung**, former pastor at New Hope Church in La Crosse, and **Pastor Bo Young Cha**. In December 2011, leaders from the SWBA and MWBC participated in the ordination service for Pastor Bo Young Cha at New Hope Church in La Crosse. Today Bo Young is an ordained pastor in his church and he owns a very successful manufacturing business.



Dr. John Chung, Bo Yong Cha, and Pastor Park in front of Samsung Headquarters in Suwon City

John Chung served as my guide, translator, and interpreter everywhere I went through the five days I was in South Korea. Bo Young Cha and his friends were the financial supporters of my trip and I am deeply grateful for their generosity. My first night in South Korea was spent in Incheon. I preached at **Holy People Church** for the 9:00 p.m. Friday night prayer meeting with about 80 people in attendance. On Saturday, we spent time with a **group of 10 pastors in Suwon City** going over the Sunday afternoon service. These 10 pastors form an association of Baptist churches in the Suwon City area that is concerned about meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the poor in their area and around the world. Suwon City has a population of over a million people and is also the world head-quarters for Samsung Electronics.



Mark with Dr. John Chung, Pastor and Mrs. Kim at Crystal Church in Suwon City

After preaching at Crystal Church in Suwon City on Sunday morning, I then preached that afternoon for the main event of the weekend - a revival service put together by the group of 10 Baptist churches. I preached on Psalm 51 about how God turns sinners into missionaries. This group of churches had **prayed corporately every morning in their churches at 6:00 a.m. for the previous 70 days leading up to this Sunday**. Our revival service was a very inspirational and moving time.

Thank you to all of you who prayed for me during my trip. May the Lord give us the same fervency for prayer and for the Lord as the South Koreans. **Please join me in prayer for these 10 churches to experience revival.**

SWBA Church Giving - April 2013

| Church | Amount | YTD | Church Planting |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Agape Gospel Fellowship Inc | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Blue River Valley Church | 157.54 | 157.54 | |
| Brotherly Love International Church | 0.00 | 110.25 | |
| Campus Community | 600.00 | 800.00 | |
| Church at Wazeecha | 100.00 | 300.00 | |
| East Madison Baptist Church | 300.00 | 1,169.40 | |
| Gospel Baptist Church | 475.65 | 1,512.99 | 67.95 |
| Heartland Church | 0.00 | 94.00 | |
| Hope In Christ Assembly | 121.65 | 300.13 | |
| LaCrosse Hmong | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Madison Hmong | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Midvale Baptist Church | 258.86 | 860.16 | |
| New Hope Baptist Church | 100.00 | 300.00 | |
| Red Village Church | 520.10 | 2,109.00 | |
| River of Life Church | 401.77 | 970.08 | |
| Rolling Hills | 1,022.92 | 1,793.85 | |
| Three Rivers Fellowship | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Transformation Church | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Trinity Baptist Church | 725.00 | 2,175.00 | |
| United Hmong | 84.00 | 295.00 | |
| Waterbrook Community Bible Church | 175.00 | 525.00 | |
| Total | \$ 5,042.49 | \$ 13,472.40 | |

Calendar of Events



June 9 - 10
SBCADOM Conference
Houston

June 11 - 12
Southern Baptist Convention
Houston

June 29 - July 5
First Baptist Avon Park
Mission Team coming
Heartland & Blue River Church