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REACHING YOUTH / DEVELOPING LEADERS



Go and make disciples of all the nations ...

The Need

YOUTH

Drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, relativism, moral ambiguity - all troubling signs in today's youth. Unfortunately studies show that church youth engage in these destructive behaviors and have the same misguided beliefs nearly as much as their non-church peers. That's not surprising when surveys reveal that only 9% of born again teens believe in moral absolutes and only 4% of teens who claim to be Christian can be considered orthodox (evangelical) in their beliefs.

75% of church youth quit attending church in college and over half will never return.

The vast majority of non-church youth view church as boring and irrelevant.

(Statistics and statements gleaned from the book, *Third Millennium Teens*, by George Barna -- www.barna.org)

The overwhelming majority of people who receive Christ do so before they reach 25 years of age ... over 70% of people 25 and younger do not attend church.

(Thom Rainer, Dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth, from his book, *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched and Proven Ways to Reach Them*, pages 33-34)

"Unless Christian leaders want to contemplate a future -- much like that unfolding in Europe -- in which their youth abandon Christianity in droves, there must be a brutally honest re-examination of how we do church. After all, our youth are not only our political and cultural future, but they are our religious future as well." Ed Vitagliano, editor, AFA Journal, The American Family Association.

LEADERS

Whether it's from being spiritually burned-out, emotionally depressed, or engaging in disqualifying sin, the number of leaders who are exiting ministry is disturbing.

Surveys of Pastors have shown:

70% constantly fight depression.

50% of those entering ministry quit within the first five years.

50% of those in ministry would quit if they had another way of making a living.

95% do not regularly pray with their spouses.

80% pray less than 15 minutes a day.

70% study God's word only in preparation for sermons.

70% have no close friend, confidant, or mentor.

Hundreds of pastors leave ministry every month due to relational conflict, spiritual burnout, or moral failure.

"We're losing spiritual leadership in this country. My suspicion is that this will probably be a really serious part of the demise of the country if we can't turn this around."

Blair Dalton, Founder of Renewal Ministries for Pastors, Denver, Colorado

(These statistics cut across denominational lines and have been gleaned from various sources including Focus on the Family, Maranatha Life, Pastors Retreat Network, & Fuller Theological Seminary by using a Google search of 'pastors leaving ministry').



Great Commission Ministries

REACHING YOUTH

GCM has purposed to help fulfill Jesus' Great Commission by planting churches for the next generation on college campuses.

Our church services and various other gatherings meet on or close to campus.

Our missionaries are on campus every day building friendships, sharing the gospel, conducting small group bible studies, organizing outreach events ...

We seek to train and mobilize every student in evangelism to where they are effectively reaching their peers.

DEVELOPING LEADERS

We desire to see the next generation of leaders emerge to lead and serve the church.

We see the development of influential leaders as a strategic opportunity on college campuses.

We offer the opportunity to spend two years up to an entire career in ministry after graduation.

GCM is committed to the mentoring, training, and support of its pastors, missionaries, and student leaders so they might experience a lifetime of productive service to the Lord.

With the creation of a more formal *National Leadership Development Team* we are better positioned than ever before to develop and support our leaders.

Our **mission** is to plant and equip campus-focused churches devoted to the great commission.

>>> Our **vision** is that through bold proclamation of the gospel, intensive leadership development, and focused church planting, a network of college campus churches will be built that will greatly influence this country and the world for Jesus Christ.

We believe we're in a unique position in helping to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

- I. We have a unique opportunity to plant churches as our congregations tend to "go" upon graduation.
- II. We have a unique opportunity to reach international students who can return home with the gospel.
- III. We have a unique opportunity to raise up a generation of missionaries to send around the world.

To learn more about GCM visit: www.gcmweb.org

My Role

PAST MINISTRY

1980 – 1984: Student Leader, The Ohio State University

Led a home group of 30+ students junior and senior years.

1985 – 1988: Church Plant Leader, University of Kentucky

Growing pains and life lessons.

1988 – 1996: Lead Pastor, Bowling Green State University

Averaged thirty-five students a year who received Christ *and* joined the church.

1996 – 2004: Lead Pastor, The Ohio State University

Church re-plant - went from ten to eighty students in first year, grew to over five hundred by sixth year.

From 1988 to 2004 we saw over seven hundred students make professions of faith in Christ with over four hundred of them becoming active members of the church. Hundreds more experienced deep transformation in all aspects of their lives and are serving as pastors, missionaries, lay leaders, and strong witnesses for Christ in churches, workplaces, and communities throughout the world.

PRESENT MINISTRY

- **Mentoring** campus pastors and staff.
- **Consulting** churches to increase effectiveness in leadership development.
- **Teaching & Training** at local, regional, and national venues, with a focus on spiritual formation and evangelism.
- **Leading** Wilderness LT, a unique program that provides life transforming spiritual training to leaders. www.WildernessLT.org
- **Building** a national coaching and mentoring network in order to develop and support the pastors and staff of GCM.

MINISTRY CONTEXT: THE GCM REGION

Mission field: 18 universities, 420,000 undergrads, 136,000 in residence halls.

Laborers: 30 pastors, 100 staff, & 3,000 students.

The Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, Otterbein College

University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles

Texas A&M, University of North Texas, University of Texas

University of Michigan, Michigan State University

University of Illinois, Illinois State University

Virginia Tech, Radford University

University of Central Florida

University of Maryland

University of Missouri

Ball State University

HOW YOU CAN HELP ... PARTNERSHIP MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

You become an important partner in helping to reach young people and develop young leaders when you invest in the ministry with GCM.

As a non-profit, faith-based ministry, GCM relies solely upon the generous gifts of others to financially support its ministries. As a GCM missionary it is my responsibility to raise the necessary funds to cover the GCM approved salary, taxes, benefits, and ministry expenses.

We are trusting that God will provide us with the needed partnerships.

Has God stirred your heart to partner with us?

Would you become a partner with GCM at one of the amounts below?

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A higher purpose.*

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