

2007 ANNUAL REPORT
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THREE NEW CHURCHES SEEK FLD APPROVAL AT CONFERENCE

**All Nations Bible Church;
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

Pastor Paul Clemente is thrilled that **35 charter members** approved several important actions on April 1. This is the most ethnically diverse congregation in our district. Their mission is:



To make disciples of Jesus Christ from the Filipino-American community and be a church for all people.

**Westosha Lakes Church;
 Salem, Wisconsin**



In January 2005 Kenosha Bible Church started a new, remote video venue worship service in Paddock Lake, appropriately named the Westosha Lakes Worship. The KBC congregation approved this remote video venue concept in 2004 as an extension of Kenosha Bible Church and a leadership team was created to plan and develop the new worship service. This video worship service quickly became solidly established West of the ■ and had a regular attendance of approximately 120 per week. On July 16, 2006, KBC approved a plan for the Westosha Lakes Worship, an extension of Kenosha Bible Church, to become a church plant on September 1st, 2006 and a "daughter" church by September 1, 2007.

On January 7, 2007, **Mark Pietscher** accepted the call of the new church to serve as the interim pastor of Westosha Lakes Church. **On March 25, over 60 charter members celebrated God's working in their midst.**



Pine Valley Church; Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Pine Valley Church welcomed in **55 charter members** at their special service on March 4. Pine Valley Church **Pastor Jay Heesch** states their mission:

*Where we embrace
 God,
 Receive His love, and
 Care for all.*

Pine Valley Church exists to impact our world by living out God's Word, interpreting God's creation, while learning and communicating His truth, guided by God's Spirit to share His love with those who have given up on church but not God, encouraging all to encounter God and experience Jesus while sharing in His service.

ADDITIONAL CHURCH PLANTING UPDATES:

Rios de Aqua Viva (Streams of Living Water) church was launched in Central Wisconsin on April 1. Rubens and Vanessa Silva have been witnessing widely and leading services in Plover on Sunday afternoons. The second *Touched Twice* event (free clinic) at Woodlands the day before the launch was a great boost to making new contacts.



Iglesia Nueva Vida in Sun Prairie continues to grow. Growth at Nueva Vida church throughout 2006 has been so encouraging! Attendance at church has increased from about 25 attendees each week to an average of 45-50 people! In the Thanksgiving Day service, there were 50 adults and 20 children in attendance. This gives us great hope for even more growth in the coming year. Through Pastor Rayo's ministry in Sun Prairie, 25 people accepted Christ this year.

Madison Latino Training Center thrives. Eleven students completed the first course, Spiritual Formation. The second semester will offer a course "Introduction to the New Testament", which will run from March 17 through June 30. This course will be taught in Madison at Bethany EFC, with instruction by Pastor Rayo and Steve Turley, a member at Door Creek Church. We hope to offer courses in two locations, Tomah and Madison, in the Fall of 2007. We are looking for more instructors. We have eager students, what we lack are those who can teach the courses. It is best is to have two teachers to share a course.



Mosaic Milwaukee team serve as tutors to children from a local grade school. They aim to launch in September. "One day Peter asked Steve, 'How did we even get here? How did this city get here? How did it all happen?'" It's God-sightings like this from the mouth of a first grader that ignite our hearts with excitement to tutor and continue to be Jesus to these kiddos! We have a core value of making an 'incarnational impact' in the lives of those we seek to reach, and we're living that out every Saturday morning from 9:30-11:00am as we teach math and reading, build relationships with the kiddos, and seek to preach the gospel through the language of love!"



Neighborhood City Church. In a couple of recent lengthy local newspaper articles, this church has received a lot of positive press, such as this quote from the LaCrosse Tribune. "Chris has something good going on," said Thompson, assistant to the chancellor for affirmative action and diversity at UW Lacrosse. "It's a model we all need to look at and see how we can continue this...It's also unique. In America, we don't see that that often where churches are that diverse. Mostly we tend to worship by race."



All of our staff are working together to develop a certified coaches training for our district. Following initial training at EFCA headquarters in September, Don Price and Ray have led 2 further coaches' training clinics, with 2 more meetings to be held this spring. All of the FLD staff will be instrumental in implementing this in a variety of settings.

Solid Rock Builders completed its first project. With great joy and praise, Grace Community Church dedicated their new church building on March 18, 2007. Volunteer builders from across the state (37 FLD churches) joined the congregation to dedicate the building. Pastor Eric Hesse stated, "We consider this beautiful structure to be a loving gift of God to us and to our children and we joyfully desire to dedicate this building." In recognizing the volunteers, Doug Schmidt, director of Solid Rock Builders Ministry, said "Although we were all different and came from different places, we had two common desires - to glorify our Lord and to help spread His kingdom." The "Torch" was then handed to the Oshkosh Oakbrook building committee, along with prayers and a special offering. Plans are now in place to begin building this spring, with framing beginning in **late May**. So mark your calendars.



FLD to host multi-site training in May

A growing number of our churches are adding video venue services in order to accommodate significant growth. This then makes it easier to initiate multi-site services. I have witnessed this "tsunami" of change as I have traveled to conferences and churches in Florida, San Diego, New York, the Twin Cities, and Chicago. Our own Blackhawk Church in Madison is leading the way in our district. The best training is being provided by the pastoral staff of Community Christian Church in Naperville, Illinois, led by Dave and Jon Ferguson. Their team will lead their NewThing Practicum at **Woodlands Church in Plover on May 7, 8**. For info, visit www.forestlakes-efca.org and www.NewThing.org. (By hosting it we can offer a 50% discount!)