



WHY DO WE PLANT CHURCHES?

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...The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.” **Isaiah 61:1-3 ESV**

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Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”” **Matthew 28:18-20 NIV**

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When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed & helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.” **Matthew 9:36-38 NIV**

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Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”” **Acts 1:8 CEB**

praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” **Acts 2:47 ESV**

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At that time, the church in Jerusalem began to be subjected to vicious harassment. Everyone except the apostles was scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. Those who had been scattered moved on, preaching the good news along the way. After the apostles had testified and proclaimed the Lord's word, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the good news to many Samaritan villages along the way.” **Acts 8:1, 4, 25 CEB**

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. **Matthew 24:14 NIV**

And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. **Mark 13:10 NIV**

HOW CAN I BE EQUIPPED TO PLANT CHURCHES?

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But before people can ask the Lord for help, they must believe in him; and before they can believe in him, they must hear about him; and for them to hear about the Lord, someone must tell them; and before someone can go and tell them, that person must be sent. It is written, How beautiful is the person who comes to bring good news.” But not all the Jews accepted the good news. Isaiah said, Lord, who believed what we told them?” So faith comes from hearing the Good News, and people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ.” **Romans 10:14-17 NCV**

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And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.” **Acts 8:1 ESV**

Whatever you do, do it from the heart for the Lord and not for people. You know that you will receive an inheritance as a reward. You serve the Lord Christ.” **Colossians 3:23-24 CEB**

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Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give. Don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel you are forced to give. God loves people who love to give. God can bless you with everything you need, & you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others. What you are doing is much more than a service that supplies God's people with what they need. It is something that will make many others thank God. The way in which you have proved yourselves by this service will bring honor and praise to God. You believed the message about Christ, & you obeyed it by sharing generously with God's people & with everyone else.” **2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 12-13 CEV**

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