



January 12, 2007

Dear MBC Pastors and Leaders,

As the 2007 ministry year begins, I wanted to give you a brief update on some of what God is doing in our movement of churches. I'm so grateful for your friendship and partnership in this Kingdom work. It truly is a great privilege to serve Christ with you!

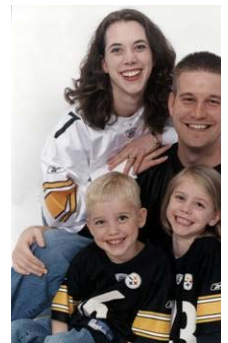


**New Executive Assistant at our MBC office!** I want to officially introduce you to Anna Rolland, my new assistant here at the MBC office in Poland, OH. Anna replaces [Knickerbocker who served so well in an interim capacity for the past 12 months. Anna is on board and ready to serve you and assist our movement in any way possible. Anna has lived in the Youngstown, OH area for many years, and has also had extensive experience in office leadership. She loves Jesus, and is ready to learn and serve Him in this position. I hope you all will welcome Anna and receive her warmly as she assists me in the many areas of administrative support. Anna's email address at the MBC is Anna@bgcmideast.com.

**2007 Seed Money Offering Campaign underway!** One of the projects that Anna Rolland will be giving leadership to in the days ahead is our annual MBC Seed Money Offering campaign. God has again sent us the finest team of new church planters. We want to encourage them and come to their support as we together seek to raise \$150,000 in this year's offering. Information will be coming out to each church within the next week about this year's offering. Church Planters are prepared to come and share the vision in your church and with your people! We would really value your willingness to receive a one time special offering for church planting on a Sunday between February and July 2007. Please pray with us as well, for God's provision. The Seed Money offering enables us to assist our planters with a 2 year grant of up to \$30,000 to help with needed support or work funds. We want to help support up to 8 new church planters this year!



**God at work across the MBC – New Beginnings, Charlotte, NC** (Michael Henderson, pastor) moved into its new facility November 18, 2006. Worship attendance has already increased by 40%. Praise God! Inroads are being made into many people's lives in downtown Pittsburgh through *Steel City Church* (Damian Williams church planter). The owner of the "Altar Bar" night club has shown interest in spiritual things. Keep praying for God to continue to move. A new educational and fellowship center has been completed at *Old North Church* (Brent Allen, sr pastor) in Canfield, OH. Many children and young families are being reached for Christ. Over 2000 men gathered together for the "Mighty Men of Valor" Conference in Valley Forge, PA, under the leadership of Pastor Cliff Ashe of Dayspring Ministries in Harrisburg, PA. Men from all over the country were touched in powerful ways.





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Praise God! *Terra Nova Church (Jason Allison, church planter) in Delaware, OH* is finishing an abandoned church building and will begin services on January 14<sup>th</sup> in this new location (Columbus, OH).



Jason Allison



Pray for God's continued blessing. *Carolina Community Church of Mooresville, NC (Dave)* continues to gather momentum in its launch team stage, with plans for a public winter/spring. Pray for the Scotts as they give leadership to this strategic ministry. God is doing special things at *Mosaic Church (Jim Eaton, church planter)* in Frederick, MD. Families from a number of different cultures have been coming, and real barriers are being broken down. Things are being talked about. Praise God! At *Connection Church in Medina, OH*, Pastor Tony Myle is set to become the lead pastor, as founding pastor, Daron Garmon has felt God's call to move to Carolina. Pray for Tony and his wife Katie as they become involved in this young church. Continue to pray for Daron and Kerry as they finish up in Medina as well. Thanks for your prayers in our MBC movement.

**Upcoming Events in our District** – Several key training and networking opportunities are planned for you and your leaders in the coming months. Our **First Steps Conference** will again be held on January 14<sup>th</sup> for new church planters, church planting coaches, pastors who want to lead their church more effectively, and for those who may be interested in learning more about our MBC strategies. *First Steps* will be held at First Baptist Church of Glenarden. Watch for details later this week!



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On **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** will be our **Celebrate Love Lift Ukraine** day at Castle, PA. If you or those in your church are interested in exploring short-term missions to Ukraine, or if you have been involved in sistering for many years, this information will be coming within the next week. We'd love to have you com

Also, detailed registration information will be coming to you in 2 weeks for our **Leadership Conference**, planned for May 17-18 at First Baptist Church of [location]. I hope you are planning now on attending this great Conference along with [location]. "Maximize 2007" is the name of this year's Conference. Dr. Reggie McNeal will be speaking. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity! The Conference will also include networking for church planting pastors and for mobilization pastors.



**Your financial partnership is vital to our movement!** As of December 31, 2006, we have received \$120,000 in general fund giving over the next 3 months in our MBC financial year. The faithfulness of every MBC church is vital to our movement. Many churches have been wonderfully generous in supporting our MBC church planting fund, and in supporting designated church planters. Other churches have been involved in financially partnering with the MBC movement. We would not be able to move forward in Christ and His Kingdom without your financial partnership.

While we are so grateful for God's provision to date, we will also need \$120,000 in general fund giving over the next 3 months in order to fully accomplish our financial goals for this ministry year. If your church is able to stay current in giving, it will make a big difference. Of course, if your church is able to make an increase in giving, it would be a big help as well. While we are current with all expenses, we are still in need of a fund budget needs at this point in time. Every gift from every MBC church is appreciated for praying for God's provisions, and thanks for your faithful partnership in this ministry.

As this new year begins, know that you and your ministry are being prayed for. Our prayer is that God would richly bless you in all you do. May His face shine upon you and give you peace!

Yours in Christ,

Dan Peterson, Executive Minister  
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