

December 2013 Newsletter

Local Churches

<u>CPC in the Hill;</u> Pastor Tolivar Wills and his congregation energized the Hill neighborhood this fall with successful outreach programs including a back-to-school sports equipment give-away celebration, initiated 3 new bible studies, three sold-out clothing and merchandise stores and a very popular Christmas store. Pray that the congregation reaches its necessary operating fundraising goals.

<u>Christ the Shepherd</u>; the Danbury congregation led by David Hutchinson has enjoyed significant average Sunday attendance growth this fall as people responded to the church's intentional plans for improved building and grounds, communications, worship, teaching andfellowship. Pray for more congregational participation in carrying out the work of the church.

Global Churches

MA has begun support funding for a church planting network in <u>San Francisco</u> led by Chris Robbins who felt called from his pastorate in Atlanta to begin this ambitious work last year. Having just held a successful Advent Service for over a dozen people on December 8th, Chris reports his church planting core group formation is well underway. Pray for the continuance of the start-up energy and momentum.

The <u>Haiti</u> church we supported in Mirebalais is going through a leadership transition phase currently as we await a successful resolution in the coming months. Pray that the difficult issues surrounding this disruption can be successfully resolved for the Glory of Christ.

MA is pleased to report we are researching support for potentially exciting church plant network movements in <u>Boulder, Co, Spokane, WA, Durham, NC</u> and <u>South Bend, IN.</u>
Pray for decision-making discernment for MA Staff and the CPC Session as they deliberate over difficult support decisions.

Some of the MA collaborators

Our first annual, highly successful, <u>Global Collaborative Conference</u> involving 18 pastors and church staff from around the region and around the United States was held in New Haven in October. Ecclesiological essays and position papers were exchanged

and discussed during the three-day event to the benefit and enrichment of all who attended. Pray that the energy, excitement, and collaborative fellowship from this first conference refreshes attendees through out the year.

Elm City Empowerment Foundation (ECEF)

CPC's wholly-owned empowerment subsidiary, ECEF, was incorporated last year to stimulate and help carryout spiritual, economic and social empowerment projects and activities on behalf of local church plants. Still in its formative stages, ECEF is researching start-up initiatives involving a Christian Counseling Clinic and a Community Center. Pray for God's blessing on the ECEF fundraising and foundational decisions that will be made in the months ahead.

Executive Director's Comments

It has been a busy, exciting and productive calendar year. I look forward in keeping you informed on MA activities and people on a monthly basis as we move through calendar 2014. Thank you for your comments, suggestions and support. Be sure to visit our website, <u>anabaino.org</u>.

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