

# Mission Anabaino Newsletter May 2014

Mission Anabaino is pleased to announce a nationwide search is underway for an Executive Director for our to-be-established Christian Counseling Center. The job posting and the Center's Concept description are on the MA website.

Please pray for a successful recruiting and engagement process for the Center's new Executive Director.

## **Local Churches**



Pastor Tolivar Wills reports:

- •CPC in the Hill had a very successful Joint Easter Worship Service with the two other churches that share their facility with over 160 in attendance.
- •The May 3rd Co-op Store was the largest and most successful ever.
- •The Mother's Day Craft Creation event was popular and well-attended by the church's young people
- A fun-filled, Hill church summer Outreach/ Fellowship activity calendar has been established including beach days, youth sport days and weekly cook-outs.

Tolivar asks for prayer for, (i) productive outreach and growing attendance in the church's worship and fellowship events and (ii) many in the Hill congregation dealing with employment issues and family relational and health problems.

Danbury's Christ the Shepherd church pastor, David Hutchinson, is pleased that his Sunday attendance base has been stable at 50. The church is ready and eager to begin receiving a larger group of Sunday visitors.



A variety of weekday morning discipleship meetings are well attended and include lively Scripture discussions.

A buildings and grounds group has been formed to successfully deal with various church maintenance issues.

A much needed revamping of the church's website should debut in the next 30 days.

David asks prayer for (i) effective outreach activities to create a steady stream of new visitors, (ii) adequate advance time weekly for sermon and worship preparation to create smoothly delivered Sunday services, (iii) a growing time, talent and treasure commitment from regular Sunday attenders.

#### Other:

Please pray for (i) a smooth transition for Andrew Holbrook and his family as deals with the many issues related to relocating to the greater New Haven area over the next 15 months (ii) productive on-going discussions with Local Church planter intern candidate, David Yoran and, (iii) the identification of another church planter intern candidate for calendar 2014.

## **Global Churches**

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Chris Robins in San Francisco is eager to share recent tangible answers to prayer, including fulfilled needs for living room furniture for in-home meetings, a vehicle for transportation and a new computer all of which "miraculously"

showed up the day after specific prayer for no cost!

Kyle Parker in Spokane reports core group worship is going well; they even had their first baptism through conversion a couple of weeks ago. Two



men in their group have stepped up for church leadership training and Kyle is talking with a "seasoned" pastor to join them in Spokane in the fall. He invites all of us to join his family and core group for a bunch of fellowship activities planned for this summer.

Both Chris and Kyle have requested prayer for continuing momentum related to the successful strengthening of core group formation and fundraising.

<u>Haiti:</u> With the help of the South Florida Presbytery, Mission Anabaino is in the midst of sorting out the issues related to successfully re-starting robust worship services at our sponsored New Hope Presbyterian Church in Mirebalais, Haiti.

Please pray for a thoughtful and lasting resolution, soon, to the outstanding questions that remain in the way of restarting worship services.

<u>Luke Potter</u>, our Global MNA Collaborator in South Bend, IN writes to say it has been a busy 12 weeks for him and his wife Jen, with the birth of now 10 week-old Jack, moving to a new neighborhood, Jen starting a nursing program, weekly/monthly small group Bible studies and prayer meetings, and EPC Assessment. Luke requests prayer for Jen's intense nursing program, core group growth, successful summer support raising, church planting oversight and coaching and the right public space for monthly worship services.

## In Other News

Please pray for continuing productive discussions for some form of collaboration/ support that are continuing with GLOBAL locations including Dan Herron Bloomington, IN and Brandon Addison.

Quote for the month:

"Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried." G.K. Chesterton

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