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A Year of Firsts

In Port Angeles, Washington

In April 2019, a very important date for missionary church planters Tim & Kathy Mattson, it marked the completion of their first year of ministry at Strait View Baptist Church, a CBM church plant in Port Angeles, Washington. As the Mattsons reflect on God’s work at Strait View, we are confident you will find their story to be inspiring and encouraging.

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Over a year ago, CIM Church planters Kurt and Lezlie Schiavo, knowing the power of NERF Guns, aimed to blow the doors of the local community open and gain attention for their church. Now, a NERF blast at a hat and NERF gun battle has changed the community ever since. What started as a way to get the community’s attention has became a new outreach for CIM Church. The NERF blast is not only a great way to get people involved in the church, but it has also brought the community together in a fun and educational way. The bomb squad and NERF gun team have been very successful in spreading the gospel and gathering new members for the church.

Love in Action

A young couple approached Pastor Eric Brown, CIM church planter at Heritage Baptist Church in Dubuque, Iowa, with an aggressive two-program plan to reach young families. The first element of the plan was to host a Valentine’s Day “Love” event targeting a local high school. One of the school’s counselors suggested an invitation to students. The couple was able to provide a young couple the opportunity to enjoy a Valentine’s date while having children provided in a safe, friendly environment. Dinner would be provided for the children and a gift basket would be shared. The second program would happen a few days after the event, with eight-week parenting classes titled “Art of Parenting.” All of this was designed to be an easy way to introduce interested parties to Heritage Baptist Church and to provide some resources for parents of young families.

While community response to these two programs filled with love was what we had hoped for, Eric shared this perspective: “Every point of contact Heritage Baptist Church has with our community of Dubuque that is accomplished in the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ is another building block for future ministry opportunities.”

Imagine that with time and perseverance both of these ministries will grow big by word of mouth. Families changed will impact others.

CIM Church planters, Ed & Cheryl Bunt, are always looking for ways to connect with people in their community of Champaign, Illinois, where they are invited to revitalize Calvary Baptist Church. Ed shares, “Most people only a garage sale can reach those who do not fall in the pews. But since our town has always had extra, we decided to hold a tree sale. We did it for fun! Church folks filled out fellowship room with good quality donations. Shoppers could choose whatever they needed as a gift. We did not ask for money, but we put out a donation box. Our goal was to see that everyone received information about our church and a card that clearly gives the Gospel. We talked to many people and have a handful of local families for follow up. Our goal is to be growing, thanks to people signing up for drawings for an area rug, a gift card, and a pizza. After the sale was over and cleaned up we sat down to enjoy some people worship. After our church group there shared how they had been blessed by this event. And one lady who has attended for a few months a friend of ours and decided to go to church. We ended with the blessing of finding $30 in our donation box which will be a gift to our missionaries.”

After more than 20 years of missionary service, CIM church planter Bruce & Betty Hanscom have spent the years of 2009 and moved to Bolivia, Peru through a local church. Bruce and Betty have done in the years since their harvest continue to live on faith and for the Lord. At Matapona Baptist Church, as leaders in various missionary projects, Betty is a member of the mission’s committee. Bruce serves as a deacon and uses his medical skills on the homestead each week of the week at the Napo Center Hospital and sunny basket living home. The couple also serves at the Highlands Community Church on Sunday mornings with a morning worship service to both men and women, and in Bible studies held on Wednesday evenings. However, they have chosen to become involved in people and to have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Bruce and Betty were also involved in the Highlands Community Church for eight years and members to the Lord and look at the man in his black on Sunday morning to have a service. The young woman who did not know anything about the gospel. Bruce explained it in this way before the service. They asked when she was getting out. She replied, “I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe God put me here, I’ve been witnessing to other people for a week now.”

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Over a year ago, CIBM church planters Kurt and Leticia Schreiber received a "NERF Blast!" as an outreach to the families of children who attend their Good News Church in two local elementary schools. The Good News Churches are an after-school snack ministry of Good News Baptist Church, a CIBM plant in Cape Coral, Florida. Because of the success of that year's event, the Schreiders held it again earlier this spring, this time with an open invitation to the community. More than 40 children and adults joined in two hours of "blasting" fun and heard about Jesus Christ as Kurt shared gospel tracts during the following week. One woman who attended this year's event commented, "[I]t was a great experience, the kids had so much fun...not just mine, I was hearing comments today today about what to much to Good News Baptist Church!"

CIBM missionaries Ed and Dorothy Woods have experienced a great number of good things in their ministry among international students in 3/4's York, New York. Using English as a Second Language (ESL) to introduce the gospel and non-English speaking people, God has brought up an important connection between Ed and Dorothy and their students that best described as an "informal visit". From far and from local and for all, these students find love and family through church services, Bible studies, and activities they share with Ed and Dorothy that are "like American Dad and Mom" or "Grandpa and Grandma."

"In turn, the Woods gain an understanding of Chinese culture, children, and grandparents. Recently, when saying goodbye to a couple, the two wept, stating, "I don't want to go home, I don't want to stay here."

Another sent an emotive letter of his excitement to match their wedding and travel beauty to his family. "Pho is a Vietnamese family. Pho is Amy, Carol, all the and end person...who teach us how to understand life and love and how our parents each other." Ed and Dorothy say that the love he speaks of is God's love shown by his people.

In April, God provided an opportunity for Dorothy and the ladies of her church to host a baby shower for two of their ESL families. Such parties are not traditional in China, so the event promised to be a real adventure for these expectant mothers. The desire of the ladies hosting the shower was that those who gathered to celebrate would "encounter again" from God's Word and see God's love practiced through the church. In the weeks following, two families happily sent Ed and Dorothy's ESL church. Both babies and moms are doing well. One of the new dads is bringing his 2 1/2 year old "big son" to Sunday School and church each week. Imagine how this little guy's world has changed! The new place, a new baby, a new language.

A young couple approached Pastor Eric Brown, CIBM church planter at heritage Baptist Church in Dubuque, Iowa, with an aggressive two-program plan to teach young families. The first element of the plan was a way to host a Valentine's Day breakfast event for a couple of local schools. One of the school included an invitation to the event in their monthly newsletter. A1 and tose 700 families, the concept was to provide a young couple the opportunity to enjoy a Valentine's day event while traveling families reached in a safe, friendly environment. Dinner would be provided for the children and a gift basket would be shared. The second program would be a gift basket of the first event. Eighty-five percent of the parents attended. All of this was designed to be an easy way to introduce interested parties to heritage Baptist Church and to provide some resources for parents of young families.

While community response to these two programs full of what was seeking, Eric shared this perspective: "Every program of contact heritage Baptist Church has been the purpose of our church that is accomplished in the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus. CIBM is another building block for future ministry opportunities."

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CIBM Church Planters, Ed & Cheryl Bunt, are always looking for ways to connect with people in their community of Fairview, Illinois. Where they are involved in reviving Calvary Baptist Church, Ed shares, "Most people only a garage sale behind those who do all the prep work. But once our town has chipped in, we decided to hold a free tea! We held us our church to fill out full day of good quality donations. Shoppers could have whatever they found as our gift. We did not ask for money, but we put out a donation box. Our goal was to see that everyone received information about our church and a treat that clearly gives the Gospel. We talked to many people. I believe God put me there. I've been witness to the Holy Spirit (age 2) coming off now." On a recent Sunday, New Kiwanis Club held a "fountain of life" breakfast for people who had ever been born. "We brought in food, "Kiwanis Club" explains how to have a "free breakfast". Ed and Dorothy stuck at the table and asked if they would like to sit together. Our church group then shared how they had been blessed by this event. And one lady who attended for a few months and everyone is coming to join our church. We ended with the blessing of finding $25 in our donation box which will be a gift for our missionaries!"
NERF Blast!

Headlines from the Front Lines!

Over a year ago, CIBM church planters Kurt and Lori Schroeder announced “NERF Blast!” as an outreach to the families of children who attend their Good News Church plant in two local elementary schools. The Good News Churches are an offshoot project of the Good News Baptist Church, a CIBM plant in Capsiden, Maryland. Because of the success of that year’s event, the Schroeders held it again earlier this spring, this time with an open invitation to the community. More than 45 children and adults joined in two hours of “blasting” fun and heard about Jesus Christ as Kurt shared his own salvation experience during the following week. One woman who attended this year’s event commented, “If I was a great experience; kids had so much fun...not just mine...I was hearing comments in the lobby, thank God so much to Good News Baptist Church!”

CIBM missionaries Ed and Dorothy Woods have experienced a great deal of joy in their ministry among internationals in Rockau, New York. Using English as a Second Language (ESL), to introduce the grocery-store-speaking people, God has brought up an unusual connection between Ed and Dorothy and their students that is best described as an “inspirational fixation.” From far and from family for, these students find love and family through their classes, Bible studies, and activities they share with Ed and Dorothy. Ed refers to them as “American Dad and Mom” or “Grandpa and Grandma.” In turn, the Woods gain an evangelizing family of Chinese children and grandchildren, a new family, when asking to come for a yearly NERF Blast! event. Ed and Dorothy say that the love he speaks is a God-love shown by his people.

A young couple approached Pastor Eric Bloom, CIBM church planter at Heritage Baptist Church in Duluth, Minnesota, with an aggressive two-year-plan to reach young families. The first element of the plan was to host a Valentine’s Day event targeting a local school. One of the school included an electronic invitation to the event in their monthly newsletter which is sent to 700 families. The concept was to provide a young couple the opportunity to enjoy a Valentine date while having children provided in a safe, friendly environment. Dinner would be provided for the children and a game/trivia would be shared. The second program would kick-off the first of eight week-long parenting class titled “The Art of Parenting.” All of this was designed to be an easy way to introduce interested parties to Heritage Baptist Church and to provide some resources for parents of young families.

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CIBM Church Planters, Ed & Cheryl Burr, are always looking for ways to connect with people in their community of Chatham, Illinois, where they are involved in reviving Calvary Baptist Church. Ed shares, “Most people only a garage sale saves those who did the most at work. But since our town has always had a few, we decided to hold a free blocks. Wow, was it fun! Church folks filled our fellowship room with good quality donations. Church could have whatever they needed at our gift. We did not ask for money, but we put out a donation box. Our goal was to see that everyone received information about our church and that clearly gives the Gospel. We talked to many people and many have a handful of local families for follow up. Our meeting is also growing, thanks to people signing up for drawings for an area rug, a gift basket, and a lawn mower. After the rain was over and cleaned up we set out to do the same thing at the church. The next church group then shared that they had been blessed by this effort. And one lady who has attended for a few months asked Ed if he would “come to our church to join us, church. We ended with the blessing of finding $105 in our donation box which will be a gift for our missionaries.”

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Bruce and Betty’s friends in those who are marvelously saved and continue to grow in their walk with Jesus. Betty says she feels “blessed.”

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—Shawn

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