

Church-Planting Team Leaders Checklist for tracking progress in new churches

New church project location _____

Worker in charge _____

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Coach who keeps this chart up to date _____

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Proclaim the Good News, Make Disciples and Start Daughter Churches

- Tell others about Jesus' death and resurrection, and also about what He has done for you. Luke 24:46-48; 2 Timothy 4:5.
 - Evangelize entire families and networks of friends, with the power that God promised. Deal with the head of a family first or as soon as possible.
 - Plan upbeat events that help new believers tell friends and relatives what Jesus has done for them.
- Receive and baptize the repentant; avoiding discouraging delay, Acts 2:38-41.
- Train disciples above all to obey Jesus' orders, Matthew 7:24-29; 28:18-20; John 14:15.
 - Let older children disciple and lead younger, serving as role models.
- Start daughter churches, Acts chapters 13 & 14.
 - Keep flocks multiplying in their normal, biblical way .
 - Send to neglected communities workers who can multiply churches, and hold them accountable.
 - Prepare workers to bond lovingly with people of a different society or culture.

Show Care and Comfort the Troubled

- Correct offences without condemning, Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5.
 - Correct believers' bad habits without grumbling, gossiping or condemning them.
 - Help persons and families with problems, pain or addictions trust in Jesus' gracious power.
 - Restore those who stray without delay, following the steps that Jesus prescribed.
 - Forgive, and staunch Satan's sneaky undercurrents of finicky criticism.

- ❑ Advise and reconcile troubled folk, *Philemon*.
 - Let courage and faith overcome feelings of guilt, fear and jealousies.
 - Face the world's hatred without letting it trigger despair and dismay.
 - Agree with one's spouse on prudent management of family finances and disciplining children.
- ❑ Watch over the flock, ward off apathy and "wolves", Acts 20:28-31; Titus 3:10-11.
 - Shun those who cause division or discourage others.

Pray, Intercede, and Wage Spiritual Warfare.

- ❑ Pray daily alone and with family, 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:10-18; Genesis 18:20-33.
 - Replace prayers to idols and images with prayer in Jesus' name.
- ❑ Pray for the sick, needy, misled & demonized, Ephesians 6:10-18; James 5:13-18.
 - Rely on the power of Jesus' name to heal and to discern and cast out evil spirits.
 - Wage spiritual warfare strategically, prepared always for martyrdom.

Give and Be a Good Neighbor to the Needy.

- ❑ Serve the needy, behave as model citizens, Luke 10:25-37; Acts 6:1-6; Galatians 6:9-10.
 - Deal with employers and employees with respect and fairness.
 - Help the poor advance economically without causing dependency.
 - Integrate benevolent development work with other vital ministries.
 - Train deacons to lead those who care for the needy and oppressed.
- ❑ Be stewards of your treasure, talent & time, Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 6:38.
 - Encourage believers to give cheerfully.
 - Verify a benevolence project before contributing to it; avoid frauds.

Worship as a Body; Take Time for Meaningful Fellowship.

- ❑ Worship, fellowship and break bread, Matthew 26:26-28; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:46; 20:7.
 - Obey New Testament "one another" commandss.
 - Let children take a serious part in worship and church life.
 - Maintain order during worship without discouraging spontaneity.
 - Experience the divine mystery of the bread and cup of Communion.
 - Build loving relationships between new and mature believers.
 - Include worship songs that one can recall and sing during the week.

- ❑ Develop interaction in and between flocks, Romans12:3-21; 1 Corinthians chapter 12.
 - Use spiritual gifts in small groups; heeding the “one another” commands.
 - Respect Christian leaders regardless of social and educational level.
 - Cooperate closely with other flocks in the area, and avoid luring away their members.

Let God Transform you into the Image of His Son.

- ❑ Be transformed by God’s Holy Spirit, Romans 12:1-2.
 - Live by faith without seeking constant signs from God to bolster it.
 - Explain original sin, its consequence for all, and why the risen Christ is our only hope for life.
 - Let the Holy Spirit sanctify, and cultivate “fruit of the Spirit,” Galatians 5:16-23.
 - Stop any gossip before it spreads..
 - Pound one’s ego down as often as it asserts itself, with God’s “hammer”.

Oversee Flocks and Organize Ministries.

- ❑ Agree with coworkers on objectives and plans, Philippians 2:2; Acts 15:22-31.
 - Keep church bylaws general, to adapt to new situations and to each flock’s level of maturity.
 - Agree on serious projects, so that they may be bound in heaven, as Jesus said.
- ❑ Let all members use their spiritual gifts, 1 Corinthians 12.
 - Have groups of limited size, to enhance interaction.
 - Let folks use God-given gifts freely, not to do only what pleases leaders.
 - All serve one another in practical ways, 1 Corinthians12; Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans12:3-16.
- ❑ Lead firmly as humble servants, not as autocrats, Matthew 20:25-28; 1 Peter5:1-4. .
 - Examine one’s motivation to lead and confess any self-importance.
 - Let willing believers help plan projects and do vital ministries.
 - Lead prayerfully and decisively without being bossy, sharing responsibilities with other leaders.
 - Prevent a clique secretly usurping control of a congregation.
- ❑ Assess progress in all tasks, Acts 20:28; James 1:22-25.
 - Evaluate results of service for the Lord, not merely efforts.
 - Focus on positive action, not squandering time on chronic problems.
 - Evaluate pastoral trainees’ fieldwork frequently and frankly.
 - Avoid focusing too exclusively on a pet ministry; balance the body.

Train and Mobilize Shepherding Elders.

- ❑ Apply the Word to equip believers for edifying ministry, 2 Timothy 3:16-17. .
 - Teach Bible doctrine along with practical Bible duty.
 - Discern crucial differences between the Old and New Covenants.
 - Preach what is currently needed, not merely what fits one's teaching style.
 - Serve as an example that your apprentices can easily imitate, of a dutiful shepherd.
- ❑ Train leaders of new flocks, Mark 3:14; Titus 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:2.
 - Extend mentoring chains as Paul required.
 - Provide pastoral training at all economic and educational levels.
 - Name shepherds according to the qualities that God requires, without requiring degrees where not needed.
- ❑ Follow God's order in the home, Ephesians 5:21 – 6:4.
 - Correct children with positive, consistent discipline, without anger.
 - Advise couples with bumpy relationships, and couples planning to wed.
 - Fulfill biblical duties of husbands, wives and children and deal decisively with roots of bitterness .