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Ministry & Missions

For those of you who have been following me on twitter (BruceAFord), I have been reading Bob Roberts Jr.. Bob is the founder and Senior Pastor of NorthWood Church in the Dallas metro area. About a month ago I went to a conference that they hosted to hear more about what they do - I was stunned to say the least. Through his leadership, NorthWood has planted 130 churches in the US. In addition to pastoring his church, Bob is an international speaker and focuses on the transformation of people, churches, communities, and the world! Bob has led NorthWood and other churches to get involved in international development projects which include building schools, clinics and hospitals, micro-businesses, water systems and exchange student programs. Bob is way outside the box when it comes to ministry & missions. In fact, I'm quite sure that Bob forgot where the box was a long time ago! If you want to be challenged, encouraged, and inspired, read his books. I'm still sorting out all of the applications for us as churches in Arizona!!

Bruce

Director's Corner



I hope you have been enjoying your summer...in spite of the heat! I am always amazed at how quickly June, July, and August fly by!! Between children's Camp, VBS, Mission Trips, Youth Camps, and vacation, the summer is sadly... over! The good news is...the summer is over!! Regular ministries and outreach ministries are starting up again, budgets are being prepared, and we are all thanking God that we have survived another summer!

From an associational perspective, the **Church Strengthening Team and the Leadership Development Team will be meeting at their regular times in August**, and the **Church Planting Team will meet September 10th**. The C.S. Team will begin working on the **Uplift Project** (Networking churches for revitalization), and the L.D. Team will begin their work on revamping their focus. The C.P. Team continues to be very active. We are currently involved in **14 church plants**, and have **just added a new one in the east valley** at the ASBC office. Our church planting efforts will continue to accelerate over the next several years, giving everyone an opportunity to be involved on a variety of levels. **There will never be a better time for your mission teams and members in general to be involved in local mission projects!** The next several years are going to be a very exciting time in our churches as we reach into **new communities, new people groups, and revitalize our churches in existing communities**. It's a great time to be a part of Central! Thanks for your ongoing support and mission involvement in the Kingdom of God!!

Bruce

Finances

In addition to the **general fund** (from which we fund our ministry requests), you may also want to consider giving to our church planting fund. **We are currently funding 14 church plants...** with four more on the way! Our church plants may also be a place where you want to send some of your mission teams for mission projects!!



**CASB is
looking for a
volunteer
receptionist...
flexible hours
free coffee,
internet...and
a great boss!**

Remodeling

Rio de Dios is one of our Hispanic church plants. They are meeting at the old Van Buren property (27th ave & Van Buren), which is in need of some improvements. The following is a list of some of their needs. Please contact Pastor Pina if you can help: 602.327.4807

- ◆ 6 toilets; 4 sinks; 50 sheets of drywall; 7 buckets of paint; 20 bags of cement; Tile for bathrooms.
- ◆ 10 Metal doors; Main entrance doors; metal fence; carpet for sanctuary; lighting
- ◆ Children's tables and chairs; dinning tables & chairs
- ◆ 300 chairs for sanctuary; sound system, bass & guitar amplifiers; drums



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About Us

Why do we exist? Central Association exists to resource churches as they seek to fulfill their unique, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission.

Central Association will seek to fulfill its purpose through three major priorities:

**CHURCH PLANTING
CHURCH STRENGTHENING
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

August

Emphasis: Student Evangelism

- 4 **Hispanic Conference, ASBC - Phx**
- 7 **Pastor's Lunch - Noon**
New Beginnings Baptist Church
12207 N. 112th Ave, Youngtown, 85363
* C.S. Team Requests - 11:30
- 10-11 **Church Planter Retreat, Chandler**
- 21 **C.S. Team, Uplift Project - 10:30, CASB**
- 25 **Discipleship Workshop, Noon**

September

Emphasis: State Missions

- 3 **Labor Day - Office Closed**
- 4 **C.S. Team, 11:30, FSBC Scottsdale**
- 4 **Pastor's Lunch, Noon, FSBC Scottsdale**
- 10 **Church Planting Team, 10 am, CASB**
- 16-23 **Week of Prayer for State Missions**
- 18 **Leadership Devel. Team, 10:30, CASB**
- 21-22 **Church Planter Basic Training, ASBC**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our **President**, our **military personnel**, our **civic leaders**

Health and family concerns

Chuck Gibson

Churches Seeking Pastors

Hillside

The Meadows

Church on Fillmore

New Church Planters
Jason & Mindy Griffin
Brian & Brooke Bowman
Ray & Sharon Lepage
Joe Knowles
Leon & Janice Sikes



July Birthdays!



- 1st - **Glen Ramey**
- 13th - **Allen Larm**
- 21st - **Roger Bradford**
- 31st - **Dennis Adams**

