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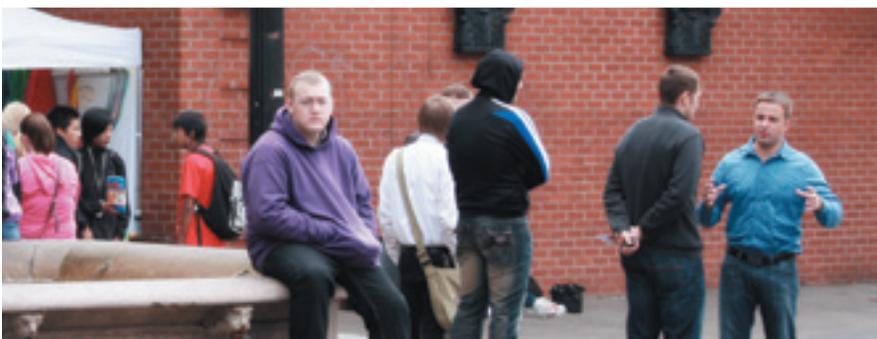
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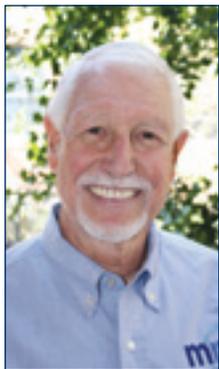
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From the **Coordinator**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit *Matthew 28:19*



DEAR FRIEND,
What an exciting time it is to live in our country! Every day, many of us are seeing new faces and hearing different languages spoken in our cities and towns. In the past decade, several large North American suburbs became minority majority, our Hispanic population grew to become the largest minority group in major cities and more immigrants and minorities are moving to small towns.

Our response as a denomination to these changes is crucial. The PCA has historically served middle and upper class Anglos in the southeastern region of the United States, but now PCA churches are calling upon MNA for assistance in sharing Christ with the new people groups of their parishes—many of whom are unchurched.

In this issue of *Multiply*, you'll learn about MNA church planting and outreach ministries serving the PCA across the United States and Canada to fulfill the call of the Great Commission, serving the people of every tongue, tribe and nation that God is bringing right to our doorsteps. We're excited to share our progress as we work hand-in-hand with PCA churches to develop ministries among the new people groups in our communities and to launch healthy, biblically solid churches in the underserved regions of our country.

Your prayers and support are essential to our efforts. As we labor together, our constant prayer is that God will strengthen and guide us as we make disciples of the nations who live among us. Please join me in that prayer and as you read, please consider how the Lord might use you to support the vital ministries of MNA.

In His Name,
Jim Bland, MNA Coordinator



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES

led by Stephanie Hubach

Special Needs Ministries seeks to educate and equip churches to minister among people with differing abilities. In 2011, Special Needs Ministries provided 27 educational presentations to churches and conferences and consultation to 77 PCA churches. The ministry was presented with the 2010 WIC Love Offering Gift of \$121,949.10, which provided for the distribution of Educational Gift Packs and training throughout the PCA.



▲ **Back row, left to right:** Ashley Belknap, Martie Kwasny, Stephanie Hubach, Joel Wallace, Dawn Clark, Ken Campbell. **Front row:** Kristen Harnly, Julie Fortna, Cathy Campbell (Special Needs Ministries)

▼ **Left to right:** Ann Powers (Church Planting Admin. Asst.); Patty Coiner, Sue Jakes (Special Needs Ministries)



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▲ Maria Garriott, Cristina Caires, Tami Resch, and Shari Thomas (Church Planting Spouses/Parakaleo Ministry)



CHURCH PLANTING SPOUSES/ PARAKALEO MINISTRY

led by Shari Thomas

Providing support to church planting spouses, Parakaleo added four networks in North America to make a total of nine; three additional networks are being planned. The ministry held five training events and published two books, *Beyond Duct Tape: Holding the Heart Together in a Life of Ministry* and *Parakaleo Leader Handbook*.



URBAN AND MERCY MINISTRIES

led by Randy Nabors

Formerly the pastor of New City Fellowship, Chattanooga TN, Randy begins serving full time with MNA as Urban and Mercy Ministries director in summer of this year. Last year, Randy and his staff led events that promoted minority leadership and provided training and support for ministering among communities where the PCA has not been traditionally involved.

► **Back row, left to right:** Stephen Lutz (Church Relations), Ted Powers (Church Planting Coord.), Fred Marsh (MNA Associate Coord.) **Front row:** Henry Koh (Korean Ministries Coord.), Wy Plummer (African American Ministries Coord.)



KOREAN MINISTRIES

led by Henry Koh

MNA Korean Ministries seeks to support first-generation Korean churches as well as recruit second-generation Koreans for church planting. Thanks in part to a strong Presbyterian presence in Korea, 186 PCA churches (about 10 percent) are Korean language churches, and 110 second-generation Koreans serve PCA churches.



MIDWEST CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY

led by Ted Powers

The vision is to see God, by His Spirit, through the cooperative prayers and efforts of the Midwest churches, ignite a powerful church planting and vitalization movement that impacts the region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and helps transform the face of the PCA. The region consists of 13 states and 70 million people, although less than 28 million attend church. It now has 206 PCA churches, including 37 mission churches and some 24,000 members. One of the more exciting developments has been the start of church plants and RUF campus ministries in several campus communities, including Minneapolis MN, Iowa City IA, East Lansing MI, W. Lafayette/Purdue IN, and soon, Bloomington, IN.



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The cultural landscape of North America is changing. Our country is experiencing a second wave of immigration, and many of the new

immigrants are choosing not to settle in cities as they have in the past, but in smaller towns. Middle and upper class Anglos, eager to experience urban life, are moving to large metro areas, pushing low-income minority groups into the suburbs.

MNA believes that God is giving the PCA a unique opportunity to respond to this transformation by planting, growing and multiplying biblically healthy churches through the development of intentional evangelism and outreach ministries to every people group in North America.

It is our desire to see God transform our denomination into a grassroots church planting culture. In fulfillment of this vision, it is our hope that:

PCA churches become houses of prayer for all the nations (Mark 11:7) and embrace a Great Commission vision. God's command to "make disciples of all nations" is a foundational commitment of both the PCA and MNA.

People from every ethnicity and people group in North America make professions for Christ. While it will be some time before minority groups become the majority in our country, many cities and towns are experiencing this change now. It is essential that we initiate ministries across cultural and ethnic lines to share Christ with our neighbors.

The PCA will impact the centers of influence in North America. God is blessing us with the resources to develop ministries in larger cities and towns that are ripe for planting churches in the reformed tradition.

PCA churches are planted in all regions of North America. MNA seeks to plant and grow healthy churches in the rocky soil of unchurched regions such as Canada, the Pacific Northwest and New England in addition to maintaining a strong presence in the southeastern part of the US.

As we labor, we pray that the Lord will continue to raise up church planters and ministry leaders who will advance His Kingdom so that many nations will join themselves to the Lord and will be His people (Zechariah 2:11).

MINISTRY UPDATES



CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRIES

led by Ted Powers



CHURCH PLANTER DEVELOPMENT

led by Jim Hatch

Church planting remains the core ministry of MNA, and for the past seven years, the PCA has placed a new church planter on the field at the rate of one per week. At least 50 church planters were placed in 2011, with nine church planting apprentices in apprenticeships. Nearly two-thirds of the candidates who participated in the Atlanta Assessment Centers last year chose to consider church planting—an increase of six percent from 2009. Jim continued his work on seminary campuses to develop student interest and increase the seminaries' effectiveness in developing church planters.

“Hispanic Americans now represent the largest and fastest growing people group in the United States.”
- Hernando Sáenz,
Hispanic American Ministries Coordinator

▼ Left to right: Hernando Saenz (Hispanic American Ministries), Randy Nabors (Urban and Mercy Ministries), Jim Hatch (Church Planter Development)



HISPANIC AMERICAN MINISTRIES

led by Hernando Sáenz

The number of Hispanic American mission churches and churches in the PCA increased from 32 to 33 last year: 16 Hispanic American men now serve in pastoral roles. Twenty-eight Hispanic American men serve as Teaching Elders and 22 Anglo Teaching Elders lead Hispanic American ministries. Plans for strengthening and growing Hispanic American ministry were presented and discussed at the Carpe Diem Conference in Spring 2012.





LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY PREPARATION

led by Brian Kelso

LAMP provides ordination training at local Learning Sites for men who, due to financial or time constraints, are not able to attend brick-and-mortar seminaries. In 2011, LAMP sites grew from 20 to 23, and the total number of students grew from 60 to 78. Spanish LAMP curriculum is being developed to encourage Hispanic leadership, with the first year's curriculum already complete.

▼ Brian Kelso (LAMP Director)



AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES

led by Wy Plummer

African American leadership continues to increase within the PCA, with two African American men ordained as teaching elders and two new mission churches led by African American pastors launched in 2011. Forty-two African American men currently serve as Teaching Elders.

“We want to see an indigenous reformed movement in the African American community that impacts culture throughout North America.”

- Wy Plummer,
African American Ministries Coordinator

▶ Left to right: Glen Pressley, Sherry Lanier, Curt Moore, Rick Lenz, Ann Bautista, Arklie Hooten, Keith Perry (Disaster Response Staff)



SHORT-TERM MISSIONS, DISASTER RESPONSE & SECONDCAREER

led by Arklie Hooten

Disaster support is now in place in every coastal county from Brownsville TX to the Delaware Bay. Assisted by 15 first responders and 20 disaster site managers, Disaster Response staff have increased to eight men and women, including Specialist for the S. Central Region Rick Lenz, Specialist for the S. Atlantic Region Glen Pressley and Admin. Asst. Ann Bautista. More than 8,000 volunteers served during 2011, which was the most deadly year for tornadoes in the US in 75 years, and construction is planned for a national disaster response warehouse on the property of Grace PCA in Dalton GA.



HAITIAN AMERICAN MINISTRIES

led by Dony St. Germain

Over 90 percent of the million-plus Haitian immigrants in America are unchurched. In an effort to increase indigenous leadership, Haitian American Ministries is training several Haitian men to be church planters. Three organized Haitian PCA churches and six mission churches are currently serving Haitians in the US.

▼ Dony St. Germain (Haitian Ministries)



NETWORK OF PORTUGUESE SPEAKING CHURCHES

led by Darcy Caires

Plans are underway to expand Portuguese-speaking churches to the Western region of the US, as currently all 15 churches and mission churches are in the East. Portuguese-speaking pastors, most of whom are Brazilian, number 12, and many second-generation Portuguese children in college are beginning to serve in churches.

▼ Darcy Caires (Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches)



MINISTRY TO STATE

led by Chuck Garriot

Ministry to State serves state, federal and international government workers, sharing the Gospel through regular Bible studies, prayer breakfasts and other forums. Three new Bible study groups have been formed in Washington DC, and Chuck's book, *Obama Prayer*, was distributed to all members of the House of Representatives.

▼ Chuck Garriott (Ministry to State)





NATIVE AMERICAN/ FIRST NATIONS MINISTRIES

led by Bruce Farrant

Native American/First Nations Ministries seeks to minister among the Native Americans of the US and the First Nations of Canada, only a small percentage of whom profess Christ. Developing relationships is key, and in October 2011 the third PCA Native American/First Nations Talking Circle, a conference that seeks to develop PCA involvement in Native American ministry, met in Denver.

▼ Bruce Farrant (Native American/First Nations Ministries)



WESTERN REGION CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY

led by Brad Bradley

Historically strong in the Southeast, the PCA is now experiencing encouraging growth in the Western US, with 246 churches, including 53 mission churches. Ten mission churches were launched in 2011 and five churches were organized as particular churches.

▼ Brad Bradley (Western Region Church Planting Ministry)



METANOIA PRISON MINISTRIES

led by Mark Casson

Metanoia trains indigenous leaders within our nation's prison system through evangelism, discipleship and reintegration of incarcerated men and women. In 2011, student correspondence increased from 235 to 318 with 256 instructors in 23 states. Mark led four prison conferences at PCA churches.

▼ Mark Casson, Shelly & Dion Marshall (Metanoia Prison Ministries)



“Reconciliation is long overdue. It is time to reach out to build relationships, to love our neighbors.”

- Bruce Farrant,
Native American/
First Nations Ministries Coordinator

“Pointing people in government to Christ is the ultimate agenda. It is a ministry of presence, and its success depends upon developing healthy relationships that the Lord provides.”

- Chuck Garriott,
Ministry to State Director



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

led by Nancy Booher

ESL Ministries has assisted in launching 130 of the 154 ESL ministries within the PCA, with 11 new schools begun in 2011. The schools have created opportunities to share the Gospel in Word and Deed among immigrant neighbors by helping them overcome language barriers while creating a platform to launch other ministries.

▼ Back row, left to right: Bill Nelson, Barbara Cober, Janet Pryor. Front row: Nancy Booher, Jan Nelson, Betty Howell, Judie McBride (ESL Ministries)



CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES

led by Doug Lee

In 2011, MNA Chaplain Ministries added 14 new chaplains and six chaplain candidates for a total of 300 men serving military and civilian organizations throughout North America. Chaplain Ministries is approved as charity #38370 within the Combined Federal Campaign, the largest workplace charity campaign in the US.

▼ Left to right: Gary Hitzfeld, Doug Lee, Ron Swafford (Chaplain Ministries)

