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Helping churches plant church-planting churches across the country

Growth Over Time

Recently our WCPA team returned to the Pacific Northwest to conduct "Preparing to Plant" training (see photo on next page). We trained six planting teams that launch within the next year! These are six "sapling" churches that we hope will thrive and bear much fruit. While we were in the Northwest, we visited our former home in Battle Ground, WA. On May 6, 2000, I planted a small sapling in the backyard. Later that day, my wife Elena, just over seven months pregnant, learned from the doctor that she had to deliver *that day* due to health complications. So, on May 6, Dean was born at five pounds. He was tiny, and so was the little tree. We named it "The Dean Tree" because it was planted the day he was born. We left the NW a couple years later when both Dean and his tree were still quite small. Dean hadn't been back since, until our trip last month. And as you can see from the photo, both Dean and his tree have grown a bit! (Dean is nearly six feet tall, and let me tell you that tree is really big now!)



The Apostle Paul said that *some plant and some water; but God causes the growth* (1 Corinthians 3:6). Our work is church **planting**. It is about seeds and **saplings**. We put them in the ground by faith. And our goal is to come back after many years and see *amazing growth that God produces*. We don't measure all our work in months, or even a few years. Sometimes it's measured in decades...or longer. Our hope and prayer is that the saplings that you are helping to plant now will grow abundantly and bear significant fruit... *changed lives through Jesus...* all over the United States and beyond. Here's a fun example.



South Bay Community Church (SBCC), Torrance, CA

On Sept 24, Elena and I returned to **South Bay Community Church** at the invitation of Founding Pastor Gary Shiohama, to celebrate 25 years of ministry! In 1992, when we were at **ShoreLife Church**, I had the privilege of coaching Gary with SBCC, which was at that time just 15 people.... just a sapling faithfully planted. Now, 25 years later, SBCC is a large, healthy, reproducing church that has touched hundreds, even thousands, of people in many parts of the world! That's the goal... *saplings grow up and bear fruit!*



“Preparing to Plant” Training

This is a photo of a recent “Preparing to Plant” gathering. This is a 3 day training intensive for church planting teams that we conduct several times each year. This training in Vancouver, WA represents six new churches...six saplings. May we be amazed to look at these churches many years from now and see what God has done!



RECENT TRAINING AND GATHERINGS

Apr 24-27	Greenhouse Training/Prepare to Plant - Billings MO
May 11-13	Greenhouse Training with Southeast Regional Team - Atlanta, GA
May 18	WCPA Team Coach Training
May 22-25	Church Planter Assessment - Canby, OR
June 15	WCPA Team Coach Training
Aug 12	Online Training Development Meeting - Colorado Springs, CO
Aug 14-18	Resonate New Workers Conference - Colorado Springs, CO
Aug 21-23	Preparing to Plant Training - Vancouver, WA
Sept 7	WCPA Team Coach Training
Sept 21	Arabic Family Welcome Centers Planning
Sept 24	South Bay Community Church – 25-year Celebration!
Sept 26-28	Williston Alliance Church - Plant visit with Joe and Carol Campbell
Oct 2-5	Exponential West - Irvine, CA
Nov 6-9	Assessment Center - Portland, OR
Nov 11-17	InterChange - National Gathering in Colorado Springs, CO
Nov 30	WCPA Coach Training
Dec 14	WCPA Coach Training
Ongoing	Planter Coaching, WCPA and National Team gatherings

UPCOMING TRAINING AND GATHERINGS

Jan 24-25	Peacemaking Coach Training
Feb 16-19	Florida Greenhouse Training, Daytona Beach, FL
Feb 25	Church Planting Sunday 2018, Nationwide
Mar 19-22	Greenhouse Training/Preparing to Plant, Temecula, CA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
**You are helping to accelerate church planting
and reach people throughout the West and beyond**

Dave Reynolds - WCPA Coordinator/National Church Multiplication Team Leader

