



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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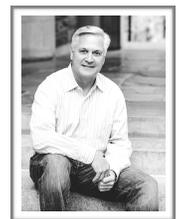
I recently brought the devotion for a Men's Prayer Breakfast at Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, TN. We were reminded and enjoyed together what God says in His Word about believers being eternally placed in Christ and sealed there by the Holy Spirit. We were encouraged by the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's children as they abide in Him Who is their life. A great time of question and answer went on for over an hour, even after the event! To God be the glory!

Also, it was a great joy to preach in Nevada for Pastor Michael Horner, who along with his family, planted a church in Las Vegas. They are faithfully serving the Lord in a city long known for being given over to Satan's world-system.

A portion of their dream for this church reads, *"We dream of being a catalyst to a multiplying church planting movement of God in the West and around the world."*



*New Thing Church*



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I wholeheartedly agree, if we are going to see men, women, boys, and girls come to Christ world-wide in our generation, it will of necessity be through the leadership of the Holy Spirit and through disciples who make disciples and churches who plant disciple-making churches.

***This is called spiritual multiplication!***

With this monthly newsletter we have included a chart which compares ***Spiritual Addition*** with ***Spiritual Multiplication***. Both are needed but Spiritual Multiplication by far reaches the most people across this earth.

*Compare the numerical results between  
Spiritual Addition and Spiritual Multiplication.*

<b>Spiritual Addition</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Spiritual Multiplication</b>
<i>(Reach 100 People for Christ Each Day)</i>		<i>(Win, Build &amp; Send One Person Every 6 Months)</i>
<b>(thousand) 36,000</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>72,000</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>108,000</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>144,000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>256</b>
<b>180,000</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,024 (thousand)</b>
<b>216,000</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,096</b>
<b>252,000</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16,384</b>
<b>288,000</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>65,536</b>
<b>324,000</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>262,144</b>
<b>360,000</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,048,576 (million)</b>
<b>396,000</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16,777,216</b>
<b>432,000</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>67,108,864</b>
<b>468,000</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>268,435,456</b>
<b>504,000</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,0736,741,824 (billion)</b>
<b>540,000</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,294,967,296</b>
<b>576,000</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17,179,867,184</b>

**One Person CAN Make a Difference!**

## ***God Wants YOU To Be That Person!***

There are an estimated 2 billion people on earth who have put their trust in the death of Jesus Christ for the eternal forgiveness of their sins. There are an estimated 5 billion people on earth who claim another religion or who believe there is no God. If we are going to reach these people in our generation, it will have to be a genuine Holy Spirit led spiritual awakening. To reach this many people, there will need to be a world-wide church planting movement.

The churches, out of necessity, will need to be simple and locally sustainable. In other words, it will be impossible for them to be sustainable if they are designed like churches here in America.

The reason, is that most people groups in the world are very poor, but praise God that does not keep them from coming together and forming a church right where they are even in poverty. It can be done and should be done! There needs to be a church for every 1,000 people on the face of the earth.

**Revelation 5:9** speaks of Jesus and tells us “... *for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*”

I want to ask you to pray with us as we plan to either plant a church or come alongside a church in Kenya, Africa. Through organized training, we want to encourage and equip the people there to be a church where leaders and members make disciples who make disciples.

This means a church whose focus is on:

**The Great Commandment** - “*You shall **love** the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.*” **Matthew 22:37**

**The Great Commission** - “*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ...*” **Matthew 28:19**

This means a church with a vision to multiply itself through souls saved and disciples made. This means a church with the mindset of ***Christ In Us For Others*** and ***Each One Reach One.***

In closing, please pray for me and six men as we distribute tracts to thousands of people who will be in downtown Memphis for the annual Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. These tracts (paper missionaries) also have included in them a sign-up coupon for a free through the mail Bible lesson!

Thank you for praying and giving. What we started in Kenya, Africa last year continues on even while we are asleep in America. The prisoners we ministered to are being disciplined. Each of those who are faithfully following through receives Bible lessons and a Bible of his very own. To God be the glory!!



Abiding above,

Handwritten signature of Chris S. Hodges

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Colossians 3:1-3