...and no one puts new wine into old wineskins...
“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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” - Matt. 28:19-20

"The Great Commission"

I have become convicted by the Great Commission that we must be intentional about reaching out and inviting persons into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Starting new churches embodies the Great Commission of Jesus to take his message to all people. Established churches play a vital role in fulfilling this call, but new church starts reach new people in ways established churches may not.

Studies show that churches established at least 10 to 15 years earlier gain 80 to 90 percent of new members through transfers from other churches and denominations. But 60 to 80 percent of new members in new church starts come from the unchurched.

Most new churches are reaching out to a completely different age, ethnic, or demographic group than our existing churches. Therefore, many more new churches are needed to reach them. Starting new churches is the most effective evangelism strategy in reaching unchurched people with “the love of God as experienced in the church of Jesus Christ”.

The Christian Church in Ohio has always had New Church Establishment as a priority. Our Regional Church has a rich tradition and history of involving established Disciples congregations in starting new churches. The “New Wineskins” initiative has proven to be an easy way for Disciples congregations to be involved in the mission of starting new churches. The “New Wineskins” offerings from congregations and individuals have enabled our Regional Church to launch 3 new church projects in 2013-2014.

May your prayers and involvement in supporting new church be your witness to making Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings,

Bill Edwards

Dr. William H. Edwards,
Regional Pastor & President
Gospel Reading Mark 2:13-22

Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

As he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples— for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” Jesus said to them, “The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.”

“No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”
Old Testament Reading  Hosea 2:14-20
Therefore, I will now allure her,
and bring her into the wilderness,
and speak tenderly to her.
From there I will give her vineyards,
and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.
There she shall respond as in the days of her youth,
as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.
On that day, says the Lord, you will call me, “My husband,” and no longer will you call me, “My Baal.” For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be mentioned by name no more. I will make for you a covenant on that day with the wild animals, the birds of the air, and the creeping things of the ground; and I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land; and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will take you for my wife forever; I will take you for my wife in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy. I will take you for my wife in faithfulness; and you shall know the Lord.

New Testament Reading  2 Corinthians 3:1-6
Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
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*Hymns can be found in the Chalice Hymnal*  
**Hymns can be found in the African-American Heritage Hymnal (AAHH)**
CALL TO WORSHIP
L: Jesus’ teaching touched a nerve as he went out to places where a crowd could gather
P: to expand the reach of the kingdom of God.
L: Today, new churches seek to touch a nerve as THEY reach out to people at their point of need
P: to expand the reach of the kingdom of God.
L: As WE come to worship this morning, we seek to relate to God in a heart-to-heart way
P: to expand the reach of the kingdom of God.
L: As we are touched by the Spirit, we’re empowered to look people in the eye and BE God’s love for them.
P: Open us to new ways to touch lives and lift hearts to expand the reach of the kingdom of God.

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER
God of all possibilities, of community and presence,
your Spirit moves in us and through us as we seek connection with you. Thank you for the blessing of your presence and for attuning us to your Spirit that we may be receptive to ways in which we can be bringers of your kingdom.
In Christ’s name we pray,
Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER
Gracious God of endless giving,
Jesus gave the gift of loving presence and of valuing people to lift them up to new life. As we offer our financial gifts this morning, we thank you for the ways in which they will help meet needs and touch hearts to help bring people into community, to bring them into your kingdom of love.
In Christ’s name we pray,
Amen.
LITTANY-A CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT
L: Jesus stepped outside of tradition to meet people at their point of need. Where did HE go and what did HE do
P: to expand the reach of the kingdom of God?
L: New churches today step outside of tradition to meet people at their point of need. Where do new churches go and what do they do
P: to expand the reach of the kingdom of God?
L: How can we step outside of tradition to meet people at their point of need? Where can we go and what can we do to expand the reach of the kingdom of God?
P: We will support new churches! We can contribute financially, hold new churches in prayer, attend a new church event and get acquainted, partner with a new church community.
L: We can do more as partners in the effort!
P: WE will help expand the reach of the kingdom of God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION
In what ways do I encounter people at their point of need? Do I take time to answer my child’s endless, “Why?” Do I listen with my heart to my spouse’s concerns? Do I try to understand why my coworker is upset or listen deep within to my own point of need? I can expand the reach of the kingdom of God!

BENEDICTION
Go now as partners with your brothers and sisters in Christ! As you encounter people at their point of need, BE the one who helps expand the reach of the kingdom of God!
Amen.
SERMON IDEAS

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED: STEPPING OUTSIDE OF TRADITION

What happens when you mix vinegar and baking soda together? That’s what you do to make a volcano erupt for a science project at school. When it foams up, it bubbles out over the top and down the sides and the kids stand up, wide-eyed so they can see better! What if you tried it inside of a small balloon? What if that small balloon had already been blown up with air so it was already stretched and then you deflated it and filled it with vinegar and baking soda? Would the foaming action split the balloon?

That is what fresh grape juice, poured into used, already-stretched skins would do. As the grape juice began to ferment into wine, the bubbles caused expansion and the used skins would burst. In Jesus’ time, new wine required new, unstretched skins.

Jesus knew that idea applied to ministry too. He considered some Jewish traditions to be like old wineskins- not much good for his effort to reach people in need or left out of community. He wanted to spread his message that the kingdom of God had come near. So, where did he go and what did he do to expand its reach? He stepped way outside of tradition and spent time with people that the locals didn’t want to be anywhere near! (You can explain why tax collectors were held in contempt, how Jesus repeatedly engaged with people whom society avoided and how he did not meet people’s expectations for one who lived a righteous and holy life.) By stepping outside of tradition, Jesus brought the kingdom of healing and relationship to people who, otherwise, would have been left out of community.

That is what our new churches are doing! They are reaching people who would not walk into a traditional church. For some people, church has never been part of their lives and they have no idea what happens in a church or what goes on in a worship service or how to behave in one. Some have been hurt by the church and have left. We have to reach out in nontraditional ways to touch a nerve in their lives. So, where do new churches go and what do they do to expand the reach of the kingdom of God? (See below for info on our new churches!)

So, how can YOU touch people at their point of need in your daily encounters to expand the reach of the kingdom of God?
COLORING OUTSIDE THE LINES

Have you ever watched a toddler color? He or she grabs a fat crayon and starts moving it back and forth across the page and scribbling around and around. If it is in a coloring book, he doesn’t care about staying in the lines. A toddler’s coordination isn’t ready for fine motor control and he hasn’t learned to restrict his efforts to the smaller box of others’ expectations. The printed picture doesn’t even matter! At this age, it’s not about making a pretty picture; it’s about the EXPERIENCE of running that crayon across the page and watching the color appear on the paper. He’s having a party with color and, oh it’s FUN to watch that color spread around on the page and MAKE MORE HAPPEN!

Google is a company that colors outside the lines and makes more happen! They step WAY outside of the tradition of how most companies operate! (Describe some of the kooky things that go on at Google to foster creativity and some of the innovative ideas and products that have come out of that.) This company steps outside of tradition to expand technology. Google’s coloring outside the lines has produced a creative explosion and a world-class company.

Jesus was one who had the guts to step outside of tradition in his day! He colored outside the lines all the time! He compared his ministry to putting new wine into new wineskins because everyone knew that the bubbling fermentation process causes expansion that would burst the already-stretched used skins. His nontraditional ways of relating to people were aimed at expanding the circle of forgiveness, love and community.

So, where did Jesus go and what did he do to expand the reach of the kingdom of God? It was well known in Jesus’ culture that tax collectors often collected more money than was due and pocketed the extra so, they were commonly considered dishonest. (You can explain how Jesus colored outside the lines by calling a tax collector and eating with him and his comrades. The term, “sinners” reflects the public attitude of contempt toward them. You can talk about how Jesus didn’t meet the public’s expectations of living a holy lifestyle because his disciples didn’t fast.) Yet, by Jesus’ reaching outside of the traditional behavioral expectations, people were being touched by forgiveness and heart-to-heart caring and being brought into community. The kingdom of God was expanding!

So, how can YOU color outside the lines to expand the kingdom? You can be an advocate for and supporter of new churches. You can give your full and caring attention when your spouse is frustrated or when your son or daughter storms in the back door. When a friend is going through a lot of stress, can you take time to talk? Can you give yourself a de-stressing time of calm and relaxation? So, take your crayons and color up a storm! Where can YOU go and what can YOU do to expand the reach of the kingdom of God?
SURPRISE! WE'RE MAKING FRIENDS!

Do you have books at home that you don’t read anymore because you are too old for them? What do you do with those books? Some people give them to their little brother or sister or give them away so someone else can read them. There was a report on the radio about a boy who did something different. Spencer had books in his room that he didn’t read anymore because he was too old for them. He was growing up. He thought that other kids might like to read them so his dad helped him set up a little book box with legs, a roof and a big door in front. It looks almost like a little doll house. They set it up in the front yard by the sidewalk. Spencer put the books in there with a sign on it that says, “LITTLE FREE LIBRARY: Take a book. Return a book.”

People in the neighborhood noticed the book box and have been borrowing the books. People up and down the street who have never met have been talking to each other about the Little Free Library! People who have lived there for years without knowing others on their street are meeting their neighbors and are getting to know each other— all because of Spencer’s Little Free Library! Spencer decided to do something in a different way than we usually do it and it got people talking to each other and making friends. Lots of good things are happening! Jesus did things in new ways so people would get to know each other, start caring about each other and begin helping each other. You, too, can be a friend to those around you, especially to the kids who don’t have many friends and need someone to be their friend. YOU can find a need and make something good happen!

LET’S BE FRIENDS!

Have you ever been outside or on the playground and you noticed someone who didn’t have anyone to play with? Maybe the other kids don’t want to play with him or her for some reason. How do you suppose he or she might feel about being left all alone or about not being wanted? Do you think he or she feels lonely or sad? Jesus liked to hang out with the people who were left all alone. Sometimes they were sick or blind or people didn’t like the kind of job they did. Jesus showed that he cared about them and he taught people to be a friend to them.

You can do what Jesus did and make good things happen! You can go over and talk to that kid who is alone and get to know him or her. You can be his or her friend. Or, if someone is saying bad things to one of the kids or is not treating him or her nicely, you can tell them to stop or tell an adult what is happening. That could be the best thing that happened in his or her whole week! YOU can be the one who makes good things happen, even if it is not what everyone else does—just by being a friend!
In Their Own Words
This year as congregations all across the region celebrate New Wineskins Sunday, the new church pastors wanted you to hear from them. Each of them, in their own way, answered the question of why new church was important. Additionally, they were asked if a congregation or individual was to give them $1,000 for the use of their project, what they would do...

Whether we admit it or not, I believe all of us are looking for a place to fit in and be loved. The Church should be the place where we find that unconditional acceptance; however, sometimes it drives us further away from our brothers, sisters and God. This is why new church, and specifically Second Chance, is so important to me. With a mission of uniting God’s children and restoring them into healthy relationships with God and neighbors by extending a second chance, we are here to create a safe place for people to work, grow, learn and challenge traditional faith structures to find meaning and love from our incredible God. The truth is, some people will never fit into established church structures but they still need what the Church has to offer. Without new church they may never find the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit. We want to be that second chance that changes lives forever!

With beginning a new ministry there are many challenges and unforeseen problems. If Second Chance received $1,000 this year we would be able to begin our mentoring program for students transitioning from elementary to middle school. This program would pair eight youth with an adult member who has been faithful in their chosen profession and are in some way giving back to the community. Over the course of a year participants would set goals, explore career paths that are underrepresented by minorities, increase their reading skills and engage in cultural activities that are fun and educational.

-Rev. Trayce Stewart, Second Chance Christian Church
I believe new church is important because it is critical to develop new faith communities, with many different opportunities for people to meet God and cultivate that personal relationship. In such a diverse world I feel we need to broaden our idea of what church can “look” like and “be” within our communities. In order for “church” to be a priority in people’s lives, we have to find what would make church relevant in their lives. What is relevant for one may not be to another. Therefore, I think as leaders of the church, we need to be willing to meet people where they are and build faith communities out of those needs.

If our new church project had an extra $1,000 we would start our own Camp Christian Scholarship fund to offer church support to assure all the children we work with would have the opportunity to attend this transformational program.

-Min. Wendy Taylor, The Delaware Project

New church is important to us because it is a ministry where we find ourselves being called. Our unique gifts for ministry, our ways of life and our eccentricities find a home in our new church project. We are constantly challenged and blessed by working with Fringe Community. And we are striving to move forward alongside God in a way we never imagined that is equal parts terrifying and exciting. We are called to follow Jesus’ example, love people as much as possible and share the Gospel and new church is a beautiful, life-giving way to live out that calling.

If our project had an extra thousand dollars we could set some aside for the Columbus Pride festival in June 2015. Having a tent with materials as well as marching in the parade this year cost us around 450 dollars. In addition to that we have been in discussion for many months with the college-age folks we meet with weekly at Ohio State about doing some sort of evangelism project. An extra thousand dollars could help us buy promotional materials for that as well as other things with our logo on it to establish our presence in the community: a tent, tablecloth, tarp, magnets, and shirts.

-Rev. Seth Stout & Rev. Ellen Huffman, Fringe
Mision Cristiana El Faro Discípulos de Cristo

If Mision Cristiana El Faro Discípulos de Cristo here in Lorain, Ohio, were blessed with an extra $1000 dollars, we would shout out some hallelujahs that would shake, not only our building, but God's Heavens! You see, we have been doing fund raisers to be able to pursue our vision of demolishing the old house we were able to purchase last year and build a place of worship. After we got over the initial shock and the excitement of receiving that financial blessing, I would seek God's guidance on how to make that thousand work for His Kingdom. I would use Mathew 25:14-30, the Lord’s parable of the talents, as a guideline divide the money among members and initiate a fund raising activity. Some would receive $5, $10, $20 etc. according to their ability. They would be instructed to put to use whatever talent God has given them and to multiply their portion in a certain amount of time. The church would then hold a big celebration called, "The Day of the Returns". That day each person would bring to the church the talent given to them and its fruit. That's what I would with a blessing of $1,000.

-Rev. Crucita Marrero, Mision Cristiana El Faro

Disciples Gathering

Working with a church is, at its core, building a community of faith. This type of construction is not that unlike traditional construction. So what’s the difference between building with an established church and building a new one? Helping an established congregation navigate change is like remodeling an existing home. If you want to adjust the lay out you have to spend time finding the “load bearing walls.” What can we revision and what absolutely cannot move? You work within the existing frame work of the community that has been built. It can be a beautiful thing. It can be a tricky thing, and those are not mutually exclusive. In new church you are building a new faith community. If you want an open lay out, you build that way from the beginning. I can’t really say which is more difficult, bringing down walls or building new foundations. They each present their own challenges, and they are both essential to building the body of Christ.

If Disciples Gathering had an extra $1,000 we would continue hosting our communal meals and donate more back to the source of so much of our support. But like our communal meals, and like in Jesus's own ministry, if we share our resources miracles are possible. We have made personal donations of clothing and groceries and diapers to individuals and local resource centers. Our spring diaper drive was a major success. We would like to do more to give voice to the voiceless and a hand up to those who need it most.

-Rev. Debbie Saxe and Min. Brian Saxe, Disciples Gathering
What Others Are Saying

All of our new churches are reaching people in some very creative ways. When asked about the impact of the project they work with or have experienced, here’s what they had to say...

Over the course of the past year my life has endured many changes. When I moved to Central Ohio I knew I would face many challenges but one experience I was most excited about was the opportunity to navigate a new fellowship. The task proved to be arduous and one of my greatest challenges. As I traveled from church to church questions like, "where do I belong?", and “what do I believe?” and "what do I have to offer?" began to surface. For the first time in my life I would be joining a church with my own volition.

Second Chance has reignited my desire to continuously grow spiritually in a deeper and more meaningful way. Here I am able to reflect on prior church experiences and provide input on what is needed to assist with my ever growing relationship with God. By God's grace and mercy every day we have the opportunity to start anew and with Second Chance that same opportunity exists.

-Kya Hatton

The opportunity to serve at the free store in Magnetic Springs was life changing. Never before had I served or volunteered in a setting where people had so little and gave so much. I had been very prejudiced toward Medicaid recipients in the past, or folks without jobs, etc. the poor or homeless. I couldn’t wrap my head around why this happens, never truly understanding that their needs are not only financial but spiritual and emotional. I witnessed miracle after miracle at the free store. The poor helping the poor. One elderly lady sticks out in my mind; she shopped for her neighbors as well as herself. She would visit with folks and if they mentioned they had a particular need she would try to fill that need without it creating a hardship on her. I also witnessed folks who were hungry for conversation, laughter and a sense of purpose even if it meant being cold. You see the free store in the winter can get quite nippy. But that cold air never stopped folks from shopping or helping load and
unload, fold and refold. I personally watched a young boy fill his pocket with a muffin when he could easily have filled his pocket with the cash in the donation box. He was truly hungry. My own needs were met when I realized how much more I was worth just by helping. I became a better person every time I helped with food or gave or received a hug. The free store provides a lot more than clothes or household goods. It provides hope, it restores your faith in God and mankind. It helps folks share not in how much they have but what they feel someone else may need. I look at those less fortunate than myself with a much better understanding than I ever had before. I now search my soul as to how I can help rather than criticize their situation. I just wanted to say thanks for opening my eyes to what God calls us to do as neighbors, as friends but mostly as Christians. I have been involved in church most of my life but it took the free store to make me truly feel like a servant of The Lord.

- Sherry Kepling

I joined Fringe: A Community Growing last year as an individual looking for something different, something deeper, and something innovative. Something that is really important that Fringe promotes and provides to me is knowledge about modern issues and situations. As a community of imperfect individuals, we are constantly learning and using information to make decisions about how to live every day. A great example of the promotion of relevant and accurate information I experienced through Fringe was listening to a speaker brought in to talk about sex trafficking. This person had worked with this modern issue for many years and had written a book about her experiences. She was very knowledgeable about the information being presented and was able to convey why this issue should be important to me. In terms of service, Fringe has been a great way for me to reach out to the hurting world surrounding me. I believe the best example of this is our knitting project. Fringe brings people together for a time of knitting scarves and discussion during the week and gives the scarves to people in need during the colder months. This has been a great ministry for me because it not only helps our less fortunate brothers and sisters I would have never come into contact with, but provides me with a community that nourishes my heart and fulfills the needs of others at the same time. Nourishing, challenging, and learning about ourselves is a big part of Fringe. In the winter, I attended a retreat at Camp Christian devoted to prayer and what that looks like. We explored several methods for praying which helped me discover in myself what felt comfortable, right, and helpful in terms of navigating my relationship with God.

-Bailey Davis
MISION CRISTIANA EL FARO DISCIPULOS DE CRISTO

I am deeply appreciative of Pastor Crucita's efforts in her ministry and personal attention to her group. She gives of herself more than 100%. Her attention to the spiritual as well as the basic needs are evident when I listen to some of congregant's expression of their experiences. Those most affected are the new in town. As a shepherd, she was quick in responding and recruiting women to pray with her during a crisis of a new young visiting mother, in the young mother's home.

-Magda Soto-Rivera

El Faro - Disciples of Christ, is a place where our families visit the Holy Christian Temple, where we experience the Spirit of God. We are brothers in Christ and love one another. As for me; I like El Faro because God gave me the gift of singing praises to Jesus and worship and to give thanks to my God for the gift God gave me. El Faro is the church I was looking for.

El Faro – Discípulos de Cristo, es un lugar donde nuestras familias visitan, el Santo Templo Cristiano, donde sentimos el Espíritu de Dios. Somos hermanos en Cristo y nos amamos unos a otros. De mi persona, me gusta el Faro porque dios me ha dado el regalo de cantar alabanzas para Jesús y adorarlo y le doy gracias a mi Dios por el don que me regalo. El faro es la iglesia que estaba buscando.

-Luis Marin Cruz

DISCIPLES GATHERING

Being part of the Disciples Gathering community has been a blessing in my life. Being able to discuss ideas and topics with fellow young adults has strengthened my faith by opening me up to new political movements, as well as my faith in God through outreach projects and group building. Our world is larger than the physical location we are in. We are able to discuss a wide variety of topics in a loving, respectful way. Additionally, being able to share with our home community of Westerville through service projects, we can bring that love of Christ to others outside of ourselves.

-Sandy Nagy

I grew up in a traditional church, full of wonderful people who took the “it takes a village” mentality seriously, particularly with providing a strong Christian foundation. Coming to Disciples Gathering, a radical new church start, has only allowed me to grow and build onto that foundation I started with. Because of the intimate setting, we’re able to hold in-depth discussions on the history of the church as well as pose philosophical questions I didn’t even know were up for debate within the church. We don’t shy away from uncomfortable topics that some might fear will shake faith but has only served to strengthen mine. I’ve learned that faith is not a static thing, but something that continues to grow as you learn about the different aspects that brought Christianity to us the way it is today. That has made me consider what our contribution to our faith today will mean for those in the future and that each action counts. Disciples Gathering opened a new door for me in my faith journey, a door that I hope everyone can find in their lives.

-Kacie Graham
New Wineskins is a three-year campaign of the Christian Church in Ohio to start five new churches in the Ohio region.

Plans are underway to start churches in
Second Chance Christian Church (Worthington)
Disciples Gathering (Westerville)
Fringe: A Community Growing (Short North)
NORTHWEST OHIO (Toledo area)
SOUTHWEST OHIO (Lebanon)

We can raise over $85,000 each year to energize new churches!
10 churches giving $2,000
10 churches giving $1,000
100 churches giving $500
50 churches giving $100
100 individuals giving $100

Each church can help:
Set an annual goal!
Make a commitment to collect a special offering in 2014 and 2015!

Jesus habitually stepped outside of tradition to meet people at their point of need, bringing them into love and community to expand the reach of the kingdom of God.
WE can continue the effort!

COVENANT OF PARTICIPATION

As the congregation of ____________________________ we commit to help where we can to contribute financially, hold new churches in prayer, attend a new church event and get acquainted and/or partner with a new church community.

WE will help expand the reach of the kingdom of God!
Odres Nuevos es una campaña de tres años de la Iglesia Cristiana en Ohio para iniciar cinco nuevas iglesias en la región de Ohio.

Ya existen planes para iniciar iglesias en
EL NOROESTE DE OHIO (área de Toledo)
EL SUROESTE DE OHIO (Lebanon)
OHIO CENTRAL (Worthington)
OHIO CENTRAL (Westerville)
OHIO CENTRAL (Columbus)

¡Podemos recaudar más de $85,000 al año para fortalecer nuevas iglesias!
10 iglesias aportando $2,000. cada una
10 iglesias aportando $1,000. cada una
100 iglesias aportando $500. cada una
50 iglesias aportando $100. cada una

Cada iglesia puede ayudar:
¡Establezca una meta anual!
¡Hacer un compromiso para levantar una ofrenda especial en el 2014 y 2015!

Jesús habitualmente salía de la tradición para encontrar a la gente en su punto de necesidad, restaurándoles en el amor e incluyéndoles en la comunidad para el alcance del reino de Dios.

¡PODEMOS CONTINUAR LA OBRA!

Como congregación de _____________________________________
nos comprometemos a ayudar en lo que podamos a través de:
CONTRIBUIR dineros, ORAR por las nuevas iglesias,
ASISTIR a un evento de una nueva iglesia y familiarizarnos con la gente allí,
y/o trabajar junto con la comunidad de una nueva iglesia.

¡Vamos a ayudar a extender el alcance del reino de Dios!