

I just returned from a trip to Colorado having met with over 40 church planters from across the nation. It was great to set down and hear the many things happening as different organizations work to start churches. The guest speaker has been a major contributor in planting over 2400 churches across the globe and he had some very challenging words for our group. His methods may be different than the way we do things but there were many ideas and thoughts that can be applied as we plant here in the northern plains.

I came away thinking, I need to do more to instill in the churches we plant and the churches we visit, the DNA of church planting! The vision of planting more churches to reach more people with the message of Jesus and His salvation must be our utmost goal! What can our board do better, what can our new churches do, but mostly what can I do to assure that we achieve our mission? These are things we will need to work on as we move forward planting churches.

Last month our churches celebrated another year of service to their communities and we look forward to the many great things they will do in the future. I had the opportunity to go to Bismarck and worship with Revive as they remembered the past 5 years and look to the future. North Point, Whitewater, and Real Life all celebrated milestones, with many more exciting things ahead in their bright futures.

I am looking forward to meeting with the group from Iowa, CEM in Sioux City, as they work on planting a new church there. NPEA joined in supporting that work and will continue to pray for them daily. We are still searching for a planter for Aberdeen, SD and hope to find the right fit soon. We are praying for more communities and for more to grab hold of the passion for planting in the northern plains. Our new planter care program has hit the ground running and also needs prayers.

One other exciting new announcement is the establishment of three NPEA scholarships to be awarded to Juniors at three of our Christian colleges. Scholarships are being set up at Nebraska Christian College, Summit and Ozark Christian College to be awarded to someone going into full time preaching ministry with hopes that they will consider church planting in their future.

The Eastern South Dakota Mission Gathering will be Oct. 14th at the Preston Church and will feature several missions from our area. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come early for a lunch starting at 5:00pm. This will be an opportunity to meet the new campus minister at SDSU, Chris Duncan.

Continue to pray for our church plants and for the planters who are on the front lines to daily share Christ's love. If you ever want to know more, please call 605-310-2026 or visit npea7.com.

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