



**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8**

The betrayal was over, the trial finished, Jesus had died and rose again; He had appeared before the disciples and had just left them with those final words. God’s plan for salvation was set in motion; ready for mankind to carry out to all the world. But if you were one of the disciples, you must have a million questions running through your mind. What? How? When? Where? A sense of losing your best friend, but yet gaining something unknown. Yet when the Holy Spirit came upon them, they knew exactly what to do and what to say!

Recorded for us in the book of Acts, we have a record of the greatest group of church planters ever to walk this earth. They took Jesus’ message that was inscribed in their hearts and poured it out to those who needed God’s love. They took that message and spread it throughout the known world. It wasn’t easy; it was full of trials and pain, struggles and joys, victories and defeats. Their drive and perseverance carried that message through the years and still, today, lives in the hearts of those who spread God’s word to those who need to hear it.

Today’s church planters face many of those challenges as they go into a community to launch a new church. They come from all walks of life, each different in their own ways, yet bonded by one common thread, a love for Jesus and a desire to share that with others.

This month, I am asking you to pray for church planters everywhere as they work for the Kingdom. For us here at NPEA, our list of church planters is growing. We wish to heap prayers on each of the families we have joined in their work.

First our established plants need continued prayers, at Spearfish, SD, Matt Branum and his family has led Northpoint Christian Church for 13 years. For 9 years, Adam Coop and family still leads the way for Whitewater Christian Church in Laramie, Derek Olsen and family heads up Revive Christian Church in Bismarck, ND, for the last 5 years, and Ryan Charest and family are in their third year at Real Life Christian Church in Sheridan, WY.

Pray for churches we helped start; special prayers for Carl Smith and his family as they lead Gateway Community Church in Mountain Home, WY. Continue to pray for a church body we helped plant in Boise, ID as they have merged with another church a few years back and sadly, please send prayers to the family of Ed Taylor who we helped plant Quest Church in the Chicago area as I just learned he died of a heart attack following double knee surgery last fall. The church has since closed.

Pray for new churches that are in various stages of startup. Keep Drew Hanson and family as they work to launch Rally Point Christian Church in Sioux City, IA, Willie Tryon and family as they work toward moving to Hastings, NE in June. Pray for a soon-to-be announced plant in Bozeman, MT. Continue prayers for the planter search for Aberdeen, SD.

Seeking to reach the Northern Plains!

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