



The Longs Peak Link

Resourcing Churches in North Colorado

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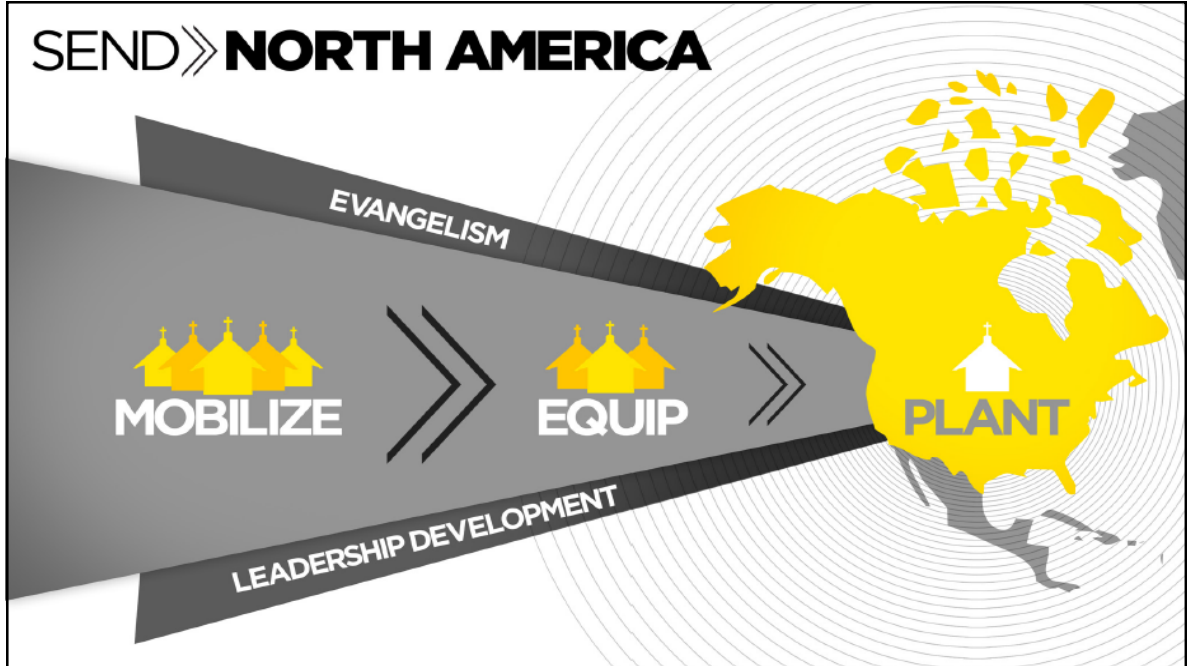
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The new or renewed emphasis by NAMB is for Church Planter Missionaries (i.e. Oscar and John) to be Church Planting Catalysts; that is to help MOBILIZE & EQUIP church planters and churches to PLANT gospel-seeding/sharing congregations. This is to be accomplished by engaging with existing churches helping them to be more EVANGELISTIC/MISSIONAL in reaching people in their community for Christ and by doing LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT with existing pastors.

We have shown that we can recruit new church planters to this area but what hasn't been seen is a lot of indigenous church planters raised up among our churches in Colorado to be called out to plant churches. We also haven't seen a lot of our existing pastors truly commit to leading their churches to help plant churches because many of our churches are struggling to reach new people for Christ themselves and to grow in a healthy manner.

Thinking Long Term

2011 EXECUTIVE BOARD

LPBA Executive Board Meeting
Derby Hill Baptist Church
Loveland

Monday ● April 25th ● 6 pm



Networking News

John Howeth

Back in the day, as I served as a Youth Pastor, I had to change my strategy in how I worked with youth and led our youth ministry. I learned that I could no longer merely focus our ministry on leading youth to Christ, discipling them and helping them find their mission in this world. I found that the most assured way for lasting change in our youth was to focus also on being a youth pastor to the Youth parents. I needed to lead them to Christ, disciple them and help these parents find their mission in the world.

It has been said that "churches plant churches" and to a degree, that is correct. Certainly associations or denominations don't or shouldn't plant churches. I believe that since everything rises and falls on leadership, more accurately, God called, healthy church planting leaders plant churches and yes, those planters come from

churches.

It has never been my desire for the LPBA to be the one who plants churches. My aim is to see God, the Lord of the harvest, thrust out healthy church planters into his harvest, first from our churches in Colorado and then from churches throughout North America.

Yet as I begin my 6th year as your Area or Associational Missionary, I must say that the learning curve has been steep in helping our existing churches truly get engaged in church planting.

Alas, I am returning to the lesson I learned as a Youth Pastor. I cannot merely focus on recruiting, developing, and coaching church planters. I must also focus on their "parents," the local church. And again, since everything rises and falls upon leadership, I will be focused on helping the pastors of our existing churches not only figure out what it means for their church to be

effective in reaching the unreached for Christ but also help them lead their churches to be thoroughly involved in raising up church planters and helping to support church planters...to be church planting churches.

Based on the new job description for jointly funded Associational Missionaries, now referred to as Church Planting Catalysts, (see front cover) my focus is first to our churches, but then to discovering the "coalition of the willing" of churches throughout America who are ready to be about church planting.

Back in 2006, in the Associational Assessment we did among our churches, a larger percentage of our churches said that church planting is important...that they valued church planting.

Peter M. Senge said in his book, *The Fifth Discipline*, "Core values are only helpful if they can be translated into concrete behaviors." I pray, this ascent to valuing church planting will be backed up in an actual behavior of church planting in our region.



**Seminar for Pastors
Orchards Baptist Church, Loveland
March 31st
10:30am-1:30pm**

Join other pastors to learn from a 40 year Veteran on issues of :


- leadership in evangelism and church conflict
- mobilizing lay leadership
- church administration

Contact John Howeth at: jhoweth@lpba.us



Guest Pastor
Dr. Hayes Wicker

VBS CLINIC



**Saturday, April 2nd
8:30am—12:15pm
Arapahoe Baptist Church
Centennial**



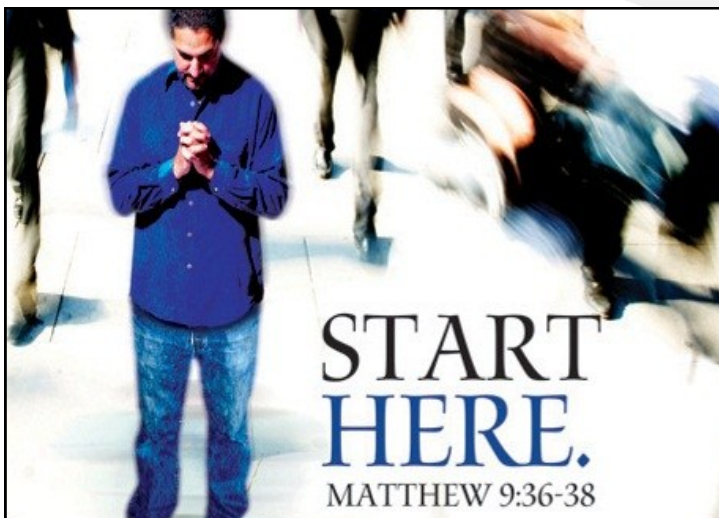
Wade Pacheco

We are so excited about what God has been doing this year. We have made a lot of changes in our ministry. It has been hard at times to go with the changes. The old phrase says, "make only 20% change in a year." We have gone beyond that to probably making about 40-50% change. Let me explain so that you have a better picture. First, God has given us some new staff people that have helped us to revitalize our ministry. It has been a transition to learn how to manage them as our ministry has expanded. Please pray for Josh, Sarah, Garrett & Alana as they transition to life in Colorado. They have come to understand that ministry here is much different than the culture in Texas. They have said that they used to put up a sign and people would show up. Here they set up a table with goodies and books to give away and they have only a handful of people stop by. That is frustrating for them. But that is the culture here in Colorado. Second, we have moved our meetings over to the CSU campus. That has been rewarding to see an increase in students coming to our meetings on Tuesday nights. Third, we are using our property to help a new church start. Insideout Church (spelled intentionally that way) has taken the garage we were meeting in and renovated the inside of it. The place looks great. They are having their first service on Thursday, March 10. They are intentionally reaching the unchurched college students around the CSU campus. So as you can see there are major changes in the way we are doing ministry here at the Fort Collins Christian Challenge.

The 50-60% that has remained the same is our Tuesday night meetings, the Wednesday lunch, the Thursday night Bible study, an emphasis on one-on-one discipleship (currently we have 12 students being discipled), and our push for missions.

This Spring Break we are going up to Chadron, NE and the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We will be there March 12-17. We will be helping to start a college group on the Chadron College campus. A church, Grace Baptist Fellowship, has been trying to get a ministry planted there on the campus. We will be hanging out on the campus giving away free books and goodies. We will also be on the Indian reservation helping a small church there minister to the Lakota Sioux. The people there live in poverty. There is a high rate of suicide among teenagers and a 70% or higher rate of alcoholism. Please pray for us as we try to help those who are already working there with these precious people.

Please pray for us as we continue to change the way we have been doing things. We want to be good stewards of the little resources (currently a monthly budget of \$400/month) God gives to us. Please pray for Gary Clyma as he ministers at Front Range Community College. He goes there 4 days a week and hangs out at tables with students. He has built a rapport with non-believers. They have come to trust him in the midst of their different lifestyles. Please pray for me as I try to be a better leader of the Fort Collins Christian Challenge, learning to manage our expanded staff. Thanks for your support in so many ways.



Continue to pray for
THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Interested in exploring a Doctor of Ministry Degree?

Jim Wilson from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary will be in town and is willing to buy lunch for those interested in exploring a Doctor of Ministry degree

Wednesday, April 6th @ 11:30
The Egg & I
Loveland

Golden Gate
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**UPCOMING EVENTS ON
THE CALENDAR...**

- 3/31 Shepherding with Skilled Hands
- 4/2 VBS Clinic @ Arapahoe
- 4/6 Luncheon with Jim Wilson of Golden Gate for DMIN @ The Egg & I
- 4/17 Palm Sunday
- 4/24 Easter
- 4/25 Executive Board Meeting @ Derby Hill



MARCH

- 6 rani wheat
- 15 david sutton
- 17 conley shelander
- 23 joye ross

APRIL

- 1 wade pacheco
- 3 steve kilgore
- 5 david legg
- 6 alan reed
- 7 rick cagle
- 12 sherron kilgore
- 25 cliff stewart
- 27 ashley reed
- 30 duane trimble



The purpose of the LPBA is to resource and network churches and ministries together as they make disciples of their world through gospel saturation and fulfill their distinct, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission.

Featured in this issue...

- ***Pastor Seminar @ Orchards Baptist on March 31***
- ***VBS Clinic***
- ***Exploring DMIN with Jim Wilson***
- ***Annie Armstrong Easter Offering***
- ***LPBA Executive Board Meeting***



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