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A Word from the Director

Welcome to the new semester! By now, I am certain you have overcome your syllabi shock and are starting to settle into a weekly routine. I know it is hard to believe, but Lord willing, final exams will be here before we know it. Hang in there!

If you are new to campus this fall, I want to send a greeting to you as well. I am thankful that you are here at Southern for your educational experience. Each semester, the Church Planting Center publishes a monthly newsletter informing our campus (and beyond) of matters related to North American missions.

In this month's newsletter, we read about the church planting experience of Josh Price. Josh served this past summer as an intern in New York, working primarily with West African peoples. Each year, several of our students are involved in similar church planting internships. If you are interested in finding out more information regarding such a great opportunity for hands-on training in North America, please contact us.

This newsletter also contains several links to media sources related to the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force and the Southern Baptist Convention. You need to be in the know about what is happening in your convention. These are very important days, and many significant matters are presently taking place in the Convention. We have listed these links here to help you stay informed.

As always, I hope you will take advantage of the various events offered through the Church Planting Center this semester.

I will conclude this month's article with a reminder to us all of what the Lord desires:

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8, ESV).

Until next time...

J. D.

Future Training:

BRUNCH FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CANADIAN NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

Speaker: Jeff Christopherson
September 16th, 10:00-11:00 AM
Legacy 310
RSVP: September 4th

GREAT COMMISSION EMPHASIS WEEK October 19th-23rd

BRUNCH FELLOWSHIP WITH THE NEW ENGLAND BAPTIST CONVENTION

Speaker: Steve Neger
November 18th, 10:00-11:00 AM
Legacy 310
RSVP: November 5th

CHURCH PLANTING FAMILY BANQUET

December 4th, 6:00-8:00 PM,
President's Reception Room
RSVP: November 23rd

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Student Profile: Josh Price

Name(s)

My name is Josh Price, and my wife and I worked with Chris Clayman's ministry called West African Outreach.



Where did you serve as a church planting intern?

We lived and served primarily in the Harlem area of New York City, but we also did some ministry in the Bronx.

What were some of your responsibilities as an intern?

Chris had already developed relationships with many of the West Africans in Harlem. So, I was able to focus on one person he had met that spoke English fairly well and start a weekly Bible study with him. This summer, we also started a Bible-based, English as a Second Language (ESL) class that was specifically designed for West African Muslims. This class became one of my primary on-going responsibilities. I was also responsible for helping out with the volunteer groups that would come during the summer.

What was the greatest blessing you received from your church planting work?

It was a great blessing to see some of my West African friends grow in their desire to better understand the Bible.

How did your internship affect your understanding of North American missions?

I had always thought of North American missions as primarily ministering to people of a similar culture as myself. However, as I worked with West African Muslims who only spoke English as a third or fourth language, I was reminded of the need to reach the nations here in this country.

What did the Lord teach you through your church planting internship?

The Lord reminded me that I need to be intentional with everything I do. Where I buy groceries, who I ask directions from, and how I go about my daily routine needs to be done with an eternal perspective, always looking to see how I can reveal Christ to those I come in contact with.

NAMB Resource Link:

<http://www.churchplantingvillage.net/>

To view previous issues of the Church Planting Newsletter and additional resources from the Church Planting Center, visit:

<http://www.sbts.edu/churchplanting>

“Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you”
2 Thessalonians 3:1 NASB

10 Links on the Great Commission Resurgence and the Southern Baptist Convention

There has been a great deal of recent conversation regarding a Great Commission resurgence and the Southern Baptist Convention. We wanted to include this section to provide you with some of the latest information on this important topic.

1. Video of Dr. Mohler addressing the future of the Southern Baptist Convention at the President's Forum on August 19th: <http://www.sbts.edu/resources/lectures/presidents-forum/video-the-presidents-forum-on-the-future-of-the-southern-baptist-convention/>
2. Dr. Danny Akin, President of Southeastern Seminary, shares 12 values that can aid in changing the Southern Baptist convention in his manuscript "Axioms for a Great Commission Resurgence": <http://apps.sebts.edu/president/?p=1037>
3. Learn more about the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force and sign up to commit to pray for such a resurgence: <http://www.pray4gcr.com/>
4. Baptist Press article "Great Commission Task Force Quizzed on Range of Topics" covers questions asked during the Task Force's "listening session": <http://www.baptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?id=31153>
5. Baptist Press article "SBC President Hunt Urges 'Personal Great Commission Resurgence,'" contains portions of President Hunt's speech at the task force "listening session": <http://www.baptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?id=31154>
6. The Great Commission Resurgence task force's interest in gaining support for their work is explained in the Baptist Press article "GCR Task Force Calls for Input, Prayer": <http://www.baptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?id=31155>
7. Chairman of the Great Commission Task Force, Ronnie Floyd, encourages Southern Baptists to truly examine the Southern Baptist Convention: <http://www.baptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?id=31145>
8. The Baptist Press article "Mohler: SBC Must be Willing to Change or Face Decline" summarizes Dr. Mohler's President's Forum address on the future of the Southern Baptist Convention: <http://www.baptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?id=31110>
9. The Baptist Press profiles the members of the Great Commission Resurgence task force: <http://www.baptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?id=31069>
10. Chairman Ronnie Floyd discusses his feelings about the first Great Commission Resurgence meeting in the Baptist Press article "GCR Task Force Chairman Encouraged, Burdened After Group's Initial Meeting": <http://www.baptistpress.org/bpnews.asp?id=31068>