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A Word from the Director

Students,

I hope you are doing well. Now that the semester is off to a good start, I wanted to get this first newsletter of 2010 into your inbox.

In this edition, you will hear from a recent SBTS graduate who is working among Arabic speakers. "Annie" has been working with a state convention and association in the Southeast as a Nehemiah Church Planter. The Lord recently blessed the work with five people being baptized.

You will also want to stay up-to-date with the various activities the Church Planting Center schedules each semester. Terry Dorsett from Vermont is planning to be on campus in the near future. If you are interested in going to one of the least evangelical areas of the United States as a missionary, you will want to talk with Terry.

The Church Planting Center is here to serve you. If there is anything we can do to assist you in your calling, please feel free to contact us anytime. We would also love to talk with you about serving in North America as a church planting intern for 10-13 weeks, or as a Nehemiah Church Planter, for two years while you complete your degree.

May the Lord continue to bless you through your studies and ministry involvement this semester.

Take care,
J. D.

Future Training:

MEETINGS WITH THE VERMONT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Friday, March 4th

Please call the Church Planting Center to make an appointment with Terry Dorsett.

MISSIONS WEEK

March 22-26

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

Dr. Payne's blog:

<http://www.jdpayne.org>

"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

Church Planting Intern: Annie

Location

Southeastern United States

When did you graduate from Southern?

December 2009

Primary responsibilities

Nehemiah Church Planter among Arabic speakers

Ministry Description

To promote and enable effective cross-cultural ministry and church planting in my state with a particular focus on Arabic speakers. The vision is to cultivate an environment conducive for a church planting movement among the Arabic speaking people groups represented in the state.

How did your church planting training at Southern help you in preparation for your work on the field?

For many years I was passionately involved in cross-cultural ministry, even working overseas for two years, but it was not until I was at Southern that the Lord gave me a clear vision for helping to plant churches. Through doing an internship and my classes, I came to realize that, as a believer, not only am I called to make disciples but also to help plant churches. Biblical church planting is simply evangelism that results in new churches; that is something that even I, as a single woman, can do through the power of Christ. Now I am taking what I have learned in the classroom and through my internship and putting it into practice to reach Arabic speakers for Christ and to see Arabic-speaking churches planted right here in the United States.

What is the greatest blessing received since you have been involved in church planting?

One of the biggest highlights would have to be seeing five Arab believers baptized in 2009!! And now I am getting to be a part of discipling these believers and helping to train them to be leaders among their own people. I can't think of anything I would rather be doing!

What advice would you give to those who are wondering if God is calling them to be involved in church planting?

Start right now getting involved in some way in church planting! Get your hands dirty and seek out godly mentorship. Be open to how the Lord might want to direct you. It may be to do something you never imagined!

Regarding church planting, what counsel would you give to those who are called to serve in established churches?

Planting new churches is something that all believers and all churches should be a part of in some way. If God is calling you to serve in an established church, then you have an important role to play. You can lead your church members in praying for new church plants, in evangelism that leads to new disciples, and maybe even in starting a new church!