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## A Word from the Director

Along with this newsletter comes the end of another semester here at Southern. In this newsletter we are doing things somewhat differently. We have decided to share with you words from one of our Nehemiah Church Planters and from a team of church planting interns who traveled the great distance to the Northwest Territories of Canada last summer. I believe you will be blessed to hear of their work for the kingdom.

We also turn our attention to Nebraska. Omaha is our area of focus this month. If you are considering missionary service in the heartland, let me encourage you to consider this important city.

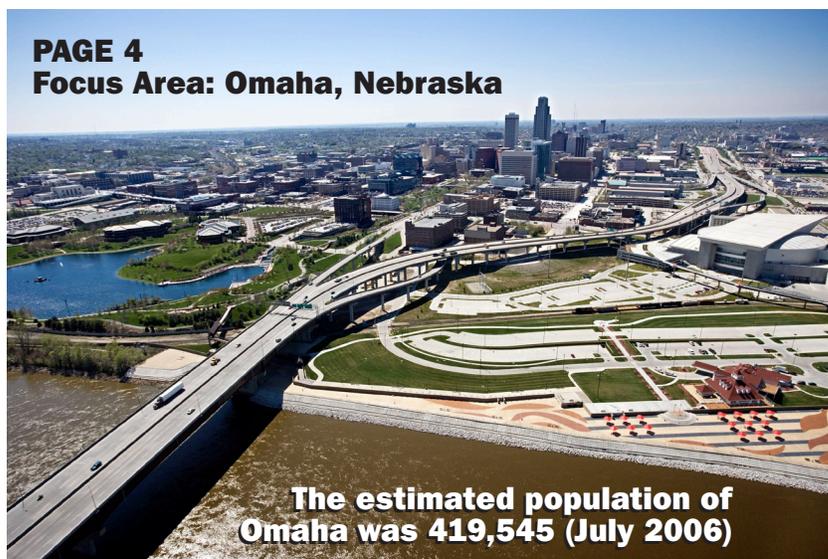
As students leave from Southern this semester to various points of North America and other continents, please remember them in your prayers. We have students traveling to many places to serve as missionaries. Hopefully, in the fall and spring of next year, we'll get to hear from them in our future newsletters.

I pray that you will have an excellent summer. As always, if the Church Planting Center can be of any service to you or your church, please let us know. Until the fall. . .

Take care,

J. D.

## PAGE 4 Focus Area: Omaha, Nebraska



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## Church Planter Profile: Daryl Floyd

### **Names**

Daryl Floyd  
Dinah  
Mary Kathryn Floyd  
Andrew James Floyd

### **Location**

Spokane, Washington

### **When did you graduate from Southern?**

I graduated from Southern Seminary in June 2006.



### **Please briefly describe your ministry.**

The Crossing - Spokane is a church that plants other churches. Its focus is to create, cultivate, and continue communities of Christ followers as they journey from unbelief to full devotion to Him.

### **What are some of your primary responsibilities in your ministry?**

My primary responsibility is to further the kingdom of Christ on earth by planting multiplying churches.

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

My experiences at Southern Seminary were very valuable in that they showed me the biblical support for church planting and many different models and church planting methods that folks are using all over the world. Emphasis was also on practical and experiential learning in church planting.

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

The people that the Lord has provided for us to journey with have been a great blessing to us. They come from various stages on their journey with Christ, and it is amazing to see them grow deeper and share Christ relationally with their friends, neighbors, and relatives.

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

Do not go alone! Go in groups of two or three as it was shown to us from Scripture. Church planting can be a very lonely and discouraging endeavor and can cause a great deal of stress for you and your family. You need another person to journey with you for encouragement and your own sanity.

If you are a student at Southern Seminary or Boyce College and are interested in getting hands-on experience serving as a church planting intern, contact the Church Planting Center ([churchplanting@sbts.edu](mailto:churchplanting@sbts.edu)). There are several church planting internships available across North America throughout 2008.

## Church Planter Profile: Northwest Territories Intern Group

### Names

Amanda Moore, Derek and Whitney Jones, Aaron Grant

### Where did you serve as church planting interns?

Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, Canada

### What were some of your responsibilities as interns?

We surveyed and built relationships with the First Nations People and gathered practical information for future church planters.



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

We walked away understanding the need for people all over Canada to hear the gospel and be discipled. We know how to better pray for this nation.

### How did your internships affect your understanding of North American missions?

We now have a better understanding of the extreme physical and spiritual needs of this North American people group. There is an unimaginable number of lost people in our surrounding areas that need to hear the gospel.

### What did the Lord teach you through your church planting internships?

The Lord taught us that he is the ultimate provider, comforter, and sovereign God. He is the one that draws people to Himself. He will bring you closer to Him and show you his incredible character when you are in His will.

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## Future Training:

MAY 9TH

### CHURCH PLANTING FAMILY BANQUET

Where: The Southern Baptist  
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Heritage Hall

When: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Cost: FREE

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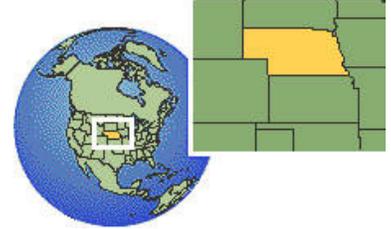
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## Focus Area: Omaha, Nebraska

- Omaha is the corporate headquarters for all of Nebraska's Fortune 500 Companies.
- Nebraska is the 15th largest state in geography with 76,872 square miles.
- The estimated population of Omaha was 419,545 (July 2006).
- Omaha's ethnic composition:
  - White Non-Hispanic (75.4%)
  - Black (13.3%)
  - Hispanic (7.5%)
  - Two or more races (1.9%)
  - American Indian (1.2%)
- The Eastern Nebraska Baptist Association (ENBA):
  - Covers a 25 county area
  - Worships in 6 different languages
  - Ministers on three Native American Reservations
- In the ENBA area, Southern Baptists make up 1.1% of the population.
- ENBA's church starting strategy includes:
  - Praying for passion for church starting in our existing churches
  - Praying for laborers and leaders to be raised up for and from the harvest
  - Recruiting prayer partners, short term mission volunteers, mentors, co-sponsors, and team leaders
  - Equipping church planters through assessments, basic training, networks, and intentional mentoring



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## Some resources you may find helpful for the journey...

Charles L. Chaney, *The Birth of Missions in America*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 1976. pgs. 338.

Though out of print, this is one resource that I recommend to those on mission in North America. Chaney's work is one of few resources addressing the history of missions in America. Drawing from primary source material, Chaney attempts to show the Puritan/evangelical connection to both missions in America and to other countries. The purpose of this work is to reveal the theological foundation supporting missionary activity that was globally influential and preceded William Carey's influence by many years.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

The Library of Congress website provides a webpage called "Country Studies." This site offers links to various country studies, country profiles, and a search tool.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>

The Portals to the World website provides links to electronic resources from around the world. The alphabetic index of countries provides business, economic, cultural, and educational information on each country.

<http://www.nationmaster.com/index.php>

NationMaster.com. A very large resource that compiles national data from CIA World Factbook, United Nations, World Health Organization, World Bank, World Resources Institute, UNESCO, UNICEF, and OECD.

[http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/en/research/origin\\_e.htm](http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/en/research/origin_e.htm)

Country of Origin research from the Canadian government

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## Did you know this about NAMB?

### Historical timeline -- part IV ([www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net))

**1997** - In the covenant, the work of the Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board, and Radio and Television Commission was combined in order to reach North America for Christ. The name of the new agency would be North American Mission Board.

**1997** - The North American Mission Board (NAMB) becomes a reality, and Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Reccord becomes the first president.

**1998** - The Nehemiah Project, which provides a professor of church planting on each Southern Baptist seminary campus to can engage and recruit church planters, is initiated.

**2000** - The NET, an evangelism tool to help people share their faith, is introduced. Strategic Focus Cities initiatives begin, with a focus on Chicago and Phoenix.

**2001** - NAMB leads unprecedented disaster relief response following September 11, 2001, attack in New York City.

**2002** - NAMB leads in concentrated ministry and evangelism efforts at 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

**2003** - Mission Service Corps celebrates 25 years of placing people in volunteer mission positions throughout the United States and Canada; World Changers participants grows to more than 25,000.

**2004** - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering exceeds \$50 million in 2004.

**2006** - Roy Fish named interim president. Annie Armstrong Easter Offering surpasses its \$56 million goal by almost \$2 million for the first time in decades.

**2007** - Geoff Hammond unanimously elected president by NAMB Board of Trustees.

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