

Orchard Group Announces a New President

Orchard Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Brent Storms as President, beginning July 1, 2009. He has also been made the newest member of the Orchard Group Board of Trustees. Brent will assume the responsibilities of Chief Executive Officer starting July 1, 2011.

Brent is a graduate of Ozark Christian College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. From 1999 until 2005 he served as the founding minister of Harbor of Hope Christian Church near Boston, Massachusetts. Brent began working with Orchard Group in 2004, serving as Managing Director.

Brent, his wife Rhesa, and their children Braden and Elana moved to Manhattan in May of 2007, to establish the first New York City office in the history of Orchard Group. Brent has also been preaching regularly at Forefront Christian Church, and Rhesa has worked in worship ministry in Manhattan. As of this July, Rhesa will be on staff with Church of the Incarnation, a new Orchard Group plant on the west side of Manhattan.

Brent will be the fourth President in the 61-year history of Orchard Group (formerly known as the "Go Ye" Chapel Mission.) Elmer Kile served from 1948 through 1967. Charles Faust served from 1968 through 1989, and Paul Williams has served as President and CEO since 1989.

As President, Brent will share leadership with Paul Williams for the next two years. After that time Brent will accept responsibility for directing all facets of the ministry.



Brent Storms with his wife Rhesa
and their two children Braden and Elana.



Paul Williams with his wife Cathryn.

This June Paul and Cathy Williams completed thirty years of ministry with Orchard Group. In the 1980s Paul helped plant churches in Brooklyn and New Jersey, as well as direct development for the "Go Ye" Chapel Mission. In the twenty years since Paul became President and CEO in 1989, the ministry has grown from a budget of \$250,000 to \$2.1 million a year. They have expanded from serving only the New York City area to serving the entire Northeast. And new churches have gone from averaging 50 at 5 years of age to averaging almost 500 at 5 years of age. After passing the baton of leadership, Paul will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

We are thankful for the work God has done through all of the principal leaders of Orchard Group, and we look forward to seeing our church planting ministry grow to yet new heights of service under the able direction of Brent Storms.



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