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# New Look, New Name, Same Mission

## Brent Storms

**"Hey, why did 'Go Ye' Chapel Mission change its name?"** I've probably heard that question a hundred times in the past twelve months. Since I agreed last summer to accept the role of Managing Director of the organization, I'm asked about the name change quite a bit. Usually it's being asked by people who love what our organization has been doing for so many years.

I've found that there are plenty of **'Go Ye' Chapel**

people in churches across the country with a deep appreciation for the men and women who have served in the Northeast as a part of 'Go Ye' Chapel Mission. They know that for over 55 years this organization has been faithfully spreading the good news about Jesus with the people of New York City, Long Island and throughout the Northeast. Many of them have supported the work, prayed for specific churches, and even volunteered time in service in the region. They want to know, because they care so much: Why did 'Go Ye' Chapel Mission change its name?

I don't get tired of hearing the question, because I love the opportunity to share the story!

At one time, 'Go Ye' Chapel Mission actually owned a chapel-on-wheels. We took the chapel from one neighborhood to the next in the New York metro area, using the interest it generated as an opportunity to tell people about Jesus. It was a symbolic, but strategic, way of living out the Great Commission – "Go ye therefore, and teach the nations" (KJV).

We don't own a chapel-on-wheels any longer. Over time, our strategies have changed. Now, we use teams of people to plant high-impact churches – churches that share the good news about Jesus with the people of the New York metropolitan area and throughout the Northeast. While all of our churches are born with the Great Commission as a central feature of their DNA, most of them now use the NIV, or another more recent translation, rather than the KJV. We don't own a chapel. We don't often use the KJV.

On more than one level, 'Go Ye' Chapel Mission just didn't seem to describe our organization very well any more.

So how do we pick a name that captures our vision and mission? We started brainstorming. What is our dream? What do we want to accomplish?

We want to keep our focus on New York City. It's the most influential city in our region, even our country. It's one of the most influential cities in the world. Education, politics, finance, media, arts – you name the area, the influence of New York City approaches or tops any other city in the world. We want to make sure that impacting the New York City metro area stays at the center of our focus. **We want to make a difference in the "Big Apple" – the city that makes a difference around the world.**

Few cities are more international in flavor than New York City. In fact, cities and suburbs throughout the Northeast are packed with people from hundreds of different nations. In a very real way, the nations are coming to us! Revelation 22:2 paints a vivid picture of the tree of life, bearing fruit every month. "The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." We envision a time when hundreds or thousands of churches throughout the Northeast will bear fruit in every season, like trees whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

## Mission



Brent Storms  
Managing Director  
and COO

## is now Orchard Group Church Planting.

60 million people live in the Northeastern United States. **One in five Americans lives between Boston, New York and Washington, DC. In order for us to radically impact this region, we'll want to see something like 6,000 churches planted.** That would give our region as many Christian Churches and Churches of Christ as a state like Indiana (1 church / 10,000 residents). We think this region deserves it! One organization can't do this alone. **The only way we can imagine this happening is to plant churches that plant churches. If that happens, before long, we'll be living in the middle of an orchard of churches – bearing fruit and bringing healing to the nations!**

**So, we wanted a name that highlighted our focus on the Big Apple, captured our desire to see fruit-bearing churches that bring healing to the nations, and emphasized our effort to impact the planting of thousands of churches. We couldn't think of a better image than an orchard.** Granted, "group" isn't a very creative or inspiring word, but the image of an orchard of churches bearing fruit in New York and the Northeast gets our blood pumping. That's the common vision that groups us together.

'Go Ye' Chapel Mission is now Orchard Group Church Planting.

As you'll find as you read through the following pages, we're seeing the talented teams leading the new churches we're helping to start doing exactly what we hoped they'd do. They're bearing fruit. They're bringing healing to the nations. They're planting the seeds that will lead to many more new churches in the coming years. 🍏

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# Church! of Park Slope

**Brad Canning**

Brooklyn, NY

Jesus and his disciples were walking through Samaria on their way from Judea to Galilee, and decided to stop in a town called Sychar. Jesus was tired. He had been walking through rough country and decided to rest. John tells us that they were at a significantly historical sight, where Jacob had given Joseph some land and a well. The disciples had gone into town to buy groceries, and Jesus was now alone at the well.

John tells us it was about the 6th hour, the middle of the day, when a Samaritan woman came to draw water. This was an unusual time of day to draw water. We can speculate that she had either slept in, hadn't anticipated doing that extra load of laundry, or came in the heat of the day to avoid people. I would guess it was the people thing.

Jesus is thirsty, and at a deep well with no way to draw water. So he asks the Samaritan woman if she would get him a drink. John tells us that Jews don't talk to Samaritans, and as we find out later from the disciples' reaction, it wasn't culturally appropriate for a man to talk to a woman in public. **But neither religious tradition nor culture ever got Jesus off his game.**

Jesus came to change lives, and he did it through relationships. He loved people who were spiritually thirsty, and history shows that the world is radically different because of his influence.

Our church plant's mission is to build a body of believers that blurs the line between church and community through relationships that share Jesus' love, resulting in changed lives that will change the world. We believe that Jesus wants us to reach out to the people of Park Slope, Brooklyn primarily through surprising relationships.

Park Slope is 3 miles east and a 12 minute subway ride from downtown Manhattan. There are more than 60,000 residents in less than 2 square miles. Park Slope is filled with young families, old couples, and young artists and activists. There are 31,000 people between the ages of 20 and 45. These people and their families are our primary focus.

One of the challenges of New York City is finding ways to grow deep relationships. How do we get to know people who see hundreds, maybe thousands, of faces daily? **How do we help our neighbors get to know us and our God? One way we plan to do this is to open a coffee shop in Park Slope at the same time we begin our public worship service. The coffee shop will help us become a part of this community, and help us get to know our neighbors.** This coffee shop will give people a place to meet Jesus' followers and make new friends.

## Building relationships

# 31

## ways...in a coffee shop!

- a postcard writing night
- tutoring students from a local school
- providing a weekly story time for kids
- hosting Lamaze classes
- leading a book club
- and many others.



Brad Canning and the Park Slope Team.

## ...blurring the line between church and community

As a team, we came up with a list of 31 cool things we want to do at “Church! of Park Slope.” This list includes sponsoring a postcard writing night, tutoring students from a local school, providing a weekly story time for kids, hosting Lamaze classes, leading a book club, and many others. A lot of these plans require a public space. The coffee shop will be that space. While the

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shop is open there will be a room for hosting outreach events and groups. We will also use this space as an office and a temporary place for worship as we start “Church! of Park Slope.” This coffee shop will help us begin relationships that will influence our neighbors and this community.

resulting in changed lives that will

I have read John chapter 4 and the events at Jacob’s Well numerous times. And each time I am amazed by how Jesus relates and shows love to this unnamed woman. I love how natural his conversation is and how he blurred the lines.

change the world.

He moved her present reality to God’s hope filled reality like a master. Our desire is to design a well. Our prayer is that God will make it a place where relationships go deep and new friends meet Jesus.

The Park Slope neighborhood and lower Manhattan  
This pre-9/11 photo will help you locate the World Trade Center Towers, now “Ground Zero”.



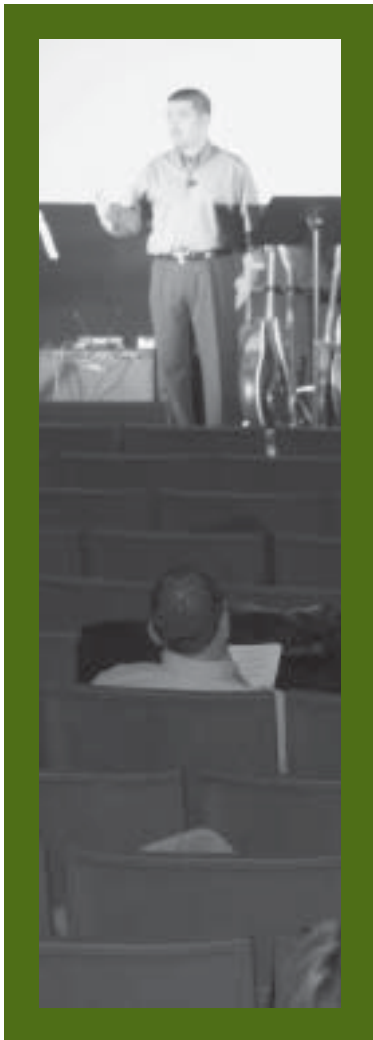
# Discovery Christian Church

Toney Salva

Pittsburgh (Cranberry Township, PA)

## Passion Changes Everything

Discovery Christian Church in Cranberry Township, PA (a suburb of Pittsburgh) is just over 6 months old. We held our first service on September 21st, 2003 in a local movie theater. On that exciting fall day we had 309 people in attendance. The last several months have been a great joy as we have seen 15 baptisms and countless stories of changed lives. Most of the 225 people that we have averaged on Sunday morning are in their 20's and 30's. Many are skeptical of the church as an establishment. But these people are also very hungry for truth – hungry for an encounter with God.



When we began to hear the buzz about the new Mel Gibson film, *The Passion of The Christ* in late January, we knew that it was going to create an abundance of questions in the minds of the people attending our new church.

Because we meet in a movie theater for services on Sunday morning, we decided to show the film to our congregation. As we got closer to the date of the showing, many people were asking to bring friends (The “un-churched” and baby Christians often do not understand that this is fundamental to the mission of the church and always feel the need to ask for permission).

We decided to print up 1500 invite cards for people to give to their friends. After two weeks, they had all been given away. Seeing this huge response, we decided to offer the movie for free to the community. We began to publicize via newspaper and community billboards. We ran two full-page ads in the local paper prior to the movie and were completely overwhelmed with phone calls from people wanting to see the movie for free.

On Sunday morning, February 29th, 819 people came through the doors of our theater to see the movie. Two local TV stations did stories on our “free gift” to the community and many people now know us as the church that meets in the movie theater.

The movie was obviously powerful, but for us it was much more. In this movie, we were able to learn a valuable lesson. First, that people are starving for the story of Christ. They are starving for a story that moves them and is communicated in a way that they will understand. And second, we learned that we need to find a new way to communicate the message of Christ that meets the needs of our very visual culture.

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Following the movie we had over 100 visitors come back to the theater for our series “Encounter the Christ”. We have averaged nearly 300 in the last month. We have seen, to date, 9 more decisions for Christ and dozens of seekers join in discussion groups that meet at homes in the area. Many are struggling with what is true, struggling with who Jesus is and was, and wrestling with the right response to their encounter with the Christ.

One of our discussion groups is made up of young adults in their mid 20’s. A few weeks ago we discussed the question, “What is truth?” The answers from this post-modern group were not surprising, but they were all very subjective. And when posed with the question, “Is the Bible accurate and reliable?” The answers were much more concrete. “NO.” Not one of the 15 young adults believes that the Bible is accurate or reliable. However, they continue to come back, drawn by the “passion” they saw portrayed in the movie, looking for answers to their questions, and learning something new every week.

I am not alarmed by their lack of belief. But I am encouraged by their drive to understand. They are not willing to just believe something they saw in a movie, but they want to know if this is true. And as one young adult put it, “Because if it is true, it changes everything.”

As a church, we need to do a better job of connecting with current culture. **We need to do a better job of communicating with a new generation – a generation that is very visual and skeptical.**

The Passion of The Christ was the single most vivid depiction of the love of Christ ever presented. But it was not the words that made the impact, it was what we saw and experienced. Language in our culture has ceased to have the impact it once had. We need to learn from this film that people are open and even hungry for a new way to hear the old story.

Our ability to connect with the next generation is dependent on our ability to combine the good news about Jesus with the best communication techniques available. If we can do that, “it changes everything”. 🍎

# Christ's Church of the Valley

**Frank Chiapperino**

Philadelphia (Collegeville, PA)

## A Snapshot of Recent Events

Many of you are familiar with the much needed church plant that took place in October of 2000, Christ's Church of the Valley. Many exciting things have taken place over the past few months and there continues to be an electrifying vision that is cast for the future.

### 40 Days Of Purpose

At the start of 2004 we knew we were in store for a big move of God as we took our church through Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven Life." Our people had no idea what they were in for when they began asking God, "Why am I here? What do you want me to do with my life?" By asking God some key questions, we had people changing careers, changing lifestyles, and making commitments they had never made before in their life, including commitments to evangelism. Our Sunday morning attendance numbers continued to grow through the winter. Specifically, our average weekly attendance during January was 639. This told us it was time to take action on building a home for our church family, but that wasn't going to help our need for space on Sunday mornings. By March our "Build the Vision" campaign for the building project was in full swing and attendance still continued to grow. Both our 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services were above 80% capacity. On one occasion our lead usher stated, "We only have 12 seats left!"

**"Christ's Church of the Valley has grown from a handful of people meeting in my family room to hundreds of people celebrating together every weekend."**

Brian Jones, Pastor



Wherever you are on your journey...there's a place for you here. Welcome home.



## Christ's Church of the Valley

helping people  
make life work.



A Prayer Walk on the land for our new facility

### Launch of a Third Sunday Service

Due to the growth, our ministry team and volunteers were faced with the tremendous task of starting a third Sunday morning service. One doesn't really think of all the complexities involved with such a task until the time comes to make it happen! An entire new volunteer base had to be established for our Valley Kids' program, greeters, hospitality, Resource Center, and ushers, while current key volunteer positions had to be presented with the "big ask" to serve three services now instead of two. In addition to the new service positions being filled, CCV attendees had to be recruited to specifically attend the early 8:30 a.m. service to open up seats for new visitors in the two later services.

It was a wonderful experience to witness our church come together and let God work through each of us, no matter how small the contribution. We are now able to reach even more people in this area through our actions to make this service happen. As a result, the attendance average since starting three services is 734, and many more will continue to be reached with the gospel message!

### Build the Vision Campaign

The people representing Jesus here at CCV have caught the vision and acted upon it not only with service but also with their finances. On March 21, 2004, as a church family, together we committed over \$1,560,000.00 to build our new church home in Collegeville, PA. You can view the details of this facility and keep up to date on the excitement taking place for Jesus at CCV by visiting our website: [www.moviechurch.com](http://www.moviechurch.com).

Thanks you so much for your consistent support for Orchard Group Church Planting. We couldn't be here without your support!

# Journey's Crossing

Mark Wilkinson

Washington D.C. (Gaithersburg, MD)

## Our Mission Field



“The mission field has come to America and it’s knocking on our door.”

There are some weeks when I wish I had planted this church in Africa.

It’s not that things are that bad here outside of Washington D.C. It is hard and it’s taking a lot of work but that’s not what this is all about. Mostly it’s about how God has blessed us and what He is doing through this young church that causes me to make such a wish.

Let me explain. I get real excited to share how hundreds of folks are coming on Sundays and how many folks are being baptized each month. I love to talk about the families that are being reunited and how kids and teens are coming to Christ and witnessing with their friends at school. It really pumps me up when I get to tell about the diversity of our crowd and the many different people groups and languages that are represented in our worship services and small groups.

But I’m often afraid to share all those details. Here’s why. Because inevitably it leads to the same question again and again, “Why should we keep supporting this church plant? It sounds like you should be supporting us! Maybe we should send our dollars somewhere that needs it more.”

That’s when I want to say, “You wouldn’t say that if we were in Africa.”

If we were in Africa, you would be excited about the lives that are being challenged and changed. You’d be amazed at the number of folks who are coming to Christ and the work that is being done in the poor communities and with the needy. You’d say things like, “That’s the kind of missions we need to support – they sure are getting the job done!”

But something happens to us when we hear about new churches planted here in the States. Somehow they don’t qualify as a legitimate mission-field. I assume it’s just confusion but several hundred attendees on Sunday morning in a new church on the East coast isn’t the same as an established church back some other parts of the country. Our thinking has got to change. We have to begin to see that much of our own nation has quickly become every bit as much of a mission field as many other places in the world. Especially in the Northeast.

Within a twenty minute drive from the movie theater where we hold worship services, there are two and half million people that are unchurched. They come from every corner of the globe and speak dozens and dozens of languages. In our county school system alone 120 different languages are spoken.

Recently we had a birthday party for one of my daughters and she invited 12 other girls. To look around the table as she blew out her candles you



would have thought she had invited half the delegates from the United Nations. Here were twelve of my daughter's best friends and their families had come here from at least ten different nations. (Now that three of my girls are teenagers now you should see the names that show up on our telephone's caller ID!)

This Easter one of the conversations that was the most meaningful to me was in response to my high school daughter, Leah asking how she should explain Easter to her friends. She said, "Dad, my friends want to know what this American holiday is all about!"

Every month at Journey's Crossing we have what we call "Starting Point Cafe." This is a monthly orientation time with coffee and snacks that we offer to all newcomers at Journey's Crossing so we can share the good news and introduce them to our church. Let me introduce you to a few of our recent attendees.

To my left was a young, African-American lady who recently married a young man from the Middle East. Neither has been in church for most of their adult lives.

Across from me was a couple—newly married in their fifties. He was raised Episcopalian but had drifted from church and was now ready to make that a part of his new marriage. His wife echoed a similar story but concluded by sharing that she is a felon currently on parole.

To my right sat a young lady in her twenties who shared that she has been in recovery from alcohol and drugs for the past eleven years. She had been exploring Witchcraft but that left her empty. She now wants a relationship with Jesus and though plagued with doubts feels comfortable here to explore her faith.

But there are even more: A young Chinese gal who longs to make new friends, a couple of African-American single moms cautiously healing from a cult. A couple of guys in their early thirties who, although raised Catholic, haven't been to church in years, and a young mom who says she is only here because her neighbors four year old told her what he was learning in our children's program.

So imagine a movie theatre filled with people like this on Sunday mornings and you'll understand why churches like ours in places like this depend on the prayers and support of more stable churches and Christians. It's hard to believe that right here in America there is such a need, but it's real.

There are literally millions, up and down the coastline of the Northeastern United States, who are curious seekers who would love to have a safe place like Journey's Crossing where they can asked questions, study and discover how much God still loves the world.

Take it from me and my wife – we both grew up as missionary kids overseas - The mission field has come to America and it's knocking on our door. And we didn't have to go to Africa to figure that out! 🍎



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# Mosaic Manhattan

Dustin Bagby

Manhattan, NY

## You Can Learn a Lot in a Year!

On March 14th Mosaic Manhattan celebrated a one year anniversary. In the last year we have seen 10 baptisms, an average attendance of 175 people and much life change take place in Lower Manhattan.

As a representative of the Orchard Group I've been working with Mosaic Manhattan as a church planting resident who will be planting another Christian Church in New York City within the next 3-5 years. So what have I learned after the first year in the Big Apple?

**In the last year God has shown me how He works creatively in ways outside of the "church" doors.** Many people who have visited and established roots at Mosaic initially came to a Sunday service because of meeting members while they were engaging culture through the arts.



At Mosaic we encourage people to use the gifts God has given them in our city. If you are a musician, perform in the clubs on the weekend, if you are a comedian, work the comedy clubs during the week, if you are an athlete, join a league and play with a random group of people, not the church league. We want people to be using their gifts "out there" not just in the small confines of our auditorium walls.

## "...intentionally taking good news

**I find most of Jesus' teachings are about going and harvesting and very little about sitting back at an event and hoping people will attend.** For most people of this generation, church on Sunday will most likely not be the first point of contact. So we need to start asking ourselves some strategic questions: Who can I invite to a movie tonight? Who can I invite to a rock show? Who can I meet with before or after work?

The relationships we're building through contacts like these are leading people into an encounter with God and the transformation that follows. I'm thrilled to be a part of a church that is intentionally taking good news to the world, rather than waiting around for the world to come to church.





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# A Tribute to Byron Lambert

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Byron C. Lambert on March 16, 2004. Byron was a long-time friend of the “Go Ye” Chapel Mission (Orchard Group) and he will be greatly missed from our Board of Directors.

Since Paul Williams was the keynote speaker for the New Mexico Christian Convention at the time of Byron’s death, Bill Hammond, Chairman of the Board, represented Orchard Group at the funeral in Centerville, Indiana. At the service he read the following tribute penned by Paul on the day after Byron’s passing.

“Byron made me a better Christian, a better leader, a better father, a better man.”

To The Family of Dr. Byron Lambert,

We sat in his living room on Perry Street in the quiet village of Hagerstown, Indiana. The sun had already set. The late winter air was sweet with the smells of approaching spring.

We conversed about the incarnational nature of the Gospel. Scripture is marvelous, I said, but when I’m struggling through the dark night I want to see Jesus, and touch him. I want God to be present to me in flesh and blood. As he had done so many times before, Dr. Lambert listened intently before responding to my desert experience. “The Lord’s Supper is for just such dark nights,” he said. “It is true food and true drink.” He spoke of the joy and strength he found in communion. We sat quietly for a few moments. It was our last evening together, just nine days before his passing.

The death of Dr. Byron Lambert is a hard blow for all those associated with Orchard Group Church Planting (formerly the “Go Ye” Chapel Mission.) Byron recently returned to our board after more than a decade away. He had a great passion for the people of New York and the Northeast, and he provided a never-ending source of encouragement as we worked to plant growing churches in our region. Byron was always gracious, thoughtful, and patient. He often sat quietly through most of a meeting, before summarizing in a way that left everyone speechless.

I was struck by how mentally sharp he was during our last visit. As always I had to measure my words exactly. I did not want to challenge his impeccable logic. I soaked in his thoughts, as I had done for twenty-eight years. I left a better man than when I arrived. That was the great truth. Byron made me a better Christian, a better leader, a better father, a better man.

My faith might have died a quiet death were it not for Dr. Lambert. Others told me what to think. He taught me how to think. Others talked and seldom listened. Byron listened and when he spoke, he spoke in love.

I know of no other human being more righteous than Byron Lambert. To me, there was no one on earth who looked more like Jesus. He understood the serious flaws of the church, yet he loved her still. He understood the serious flaws in my own person, yet he loved me still.

John Dunne said the death of any man diminishes me. The death of Byron Lambert leaves me with a deeply diminished heart. That is until I rest in the truth that Byron taught me – that death is not the final word, and that we will joyfully converse again on the far side of time.

Paul S. Williams



# 2003 Financial Information

## New Churches for New York and the Northeast

Orchard Group maintains a General Fund, Revolving Fund, and separate accounts for each church planted. The Revolving Fund provides interest-free start-up loans for new churches.

## Churches Supported

During 2003, the Orchard Group helped a total of 11 churches through service on management teams, providing administrative services, or direct church planting support through the General Fund, Revolving Fund, or project specific funds. (\*Church Planting Services)

- Antioch Christian Church, Mamaroneck, NY
- Bethesda Christian Church, Kearney, NJ
- Christ's Church of the Valley, Philadelphia, PA
- Crossroads Christian Church, Brooklyn, NY
- Discovery Christian Church, Cranberry, PA
- Harbor of Hope Christian Church, Lowell, MA
- Journey's Crossing Christian Church, Gaithersburg, MD
- Long Island Project, Riverhead, NY\*
- Mosaic Manhattan, Manhattan, NY
- Park Slope Project, Brooklyn, NY
- Waters Edge Christian Church, New Tampa, FL\*

In addition, the Orchard Group assisted with two national church planting retreats/conventions and church planting assessment centers. The mission also acted as the treasury for the National New Church Conference and Double Vision Ministries, Inc.

## How Your Dollars Were Used

At Orchard Group Church Planting, we always strive to be financially responsible. For the tenth year in a row, the organization was able to end in the black. Our General Fund income for 2003 was \$539,174.80. Our General Fund expenses totaled \$534,142.25. We also again ended the year under budget in the General Fund of the ministry. Our balance as of 12/31/03 was \$10,709.01 in the General Fund.

The organization maintains a General Fund, and restricted funds for each of the churches financially supported by the organization. The total income to all funds during 2003 was \$1,640,493.86. Of that amount, a total of \$244,263.07 was used for fund raising and fund raising administration, or 14.9% of our total income. As a religious non-profit organization receiving no income other than gift income, any figure under 25% is generally considered acceptable for fund raising costs. The Orchard Group percentage over the past eleven years has been 13.6%. We are very pleased to be able to maintain such a low fundraising to ministry expense ratio. It is an indication of our efforts to be frugal and responsible, while planting new churches as aggressively as possible. 🍎

# Six New Brazilian Churches.

**Claudio Divino**

Sidney Pessoa  
pastors the new  
Brazilian church in  
White Plains, NY.



**The Antioch Christian Church, a church that was planted by Orchard Group is now starting new ethnic churches in the New York metropolitan area.** They are partnering in a new project called Antioch Project III that will plant six (6) new churches. The work has already started in Kearny, NJ, and White Plains, NY. Other areas that are being considered as targets for the new ethnic churches are: Newark, NJ; Bridgeport, CT; Astoria, NY; and Mount Vernon, NY.

The ethnic church planters are all pastors from the Antioch Christian church. The expectations are high and I know that God has a great plan for us in there. The Antioch Christian Church has already reached back to Brazil and started the process of planting sixteen (16) new churches. Pastor Samuel Bezerra is a strong leader in Brazil, and is using his leadership and contacts to plant new Christian Church congregations. One of the major areas where the Antioch Christian Church is reaching in Brazil is the Sao Paulo metropolitan area [18 million people].

God has used our vision in the past and will do it again. Now it is the time for both Orchard Group and Antioch Christian Church to move even further with even more audacious plans for the Kingdom of God, the Antioch III Project. God has brought the world together in the New York metro area, and now is the time to reach these newcomers with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the message of the Gospel, that God is raising peoples from all nations, tribes, and languages to worship and bring glory to His name.



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