

Macedonia Partnership Overview



A Vision | Goal

Mobilize at least 375 church – to – church partnerships for personal evangelism among 2.3 million lost people in five counties in St. Louis and Kansas City.

A Plan | Strategy

God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) focuses on personal evangelism during 2016-2017 and starting new small groups and churches in 2018-20. Models are being developed in 2015. Three year partnerships focus on our state's two SEND Cities – St. Louis and Kansas City. They are intended to intentionally communicate the Gospel, follow-up with new believers, and develop new small groups and new church plants that multiply.

SENDING: Sending churches should commit to at least four trips per year for the duration of the partnership. Volunteers would seek to lead at least five people come to faith in Christ and on average 1.1 be baptized during the partnership. Volunteers would be trained in personal evangelism and follow-up—at home and in the cities. This is an evangelism partnership meaning that while servant evangelism projects like construction, painting, etc., may be included, the focus is on evangelizing and helping new believers grasp what their new faith means. Sending churches may mobilize others to help them. This may mean that another church may help occasionally, but not be recognized as a sending church.

RECEIVING: Receiving churches are to set the strategy to collaborate with the sending churches. Each receiving church has a goal of partnering with five to seven churches. Receiving churches work alongside the volunteers from the sending churches. Receiving churches do not rely upon financial contributions to do evangelism on behalf of the sending churches. Receiving churches may baptize new believers into their own fellowship or strategically begin a new church plant around the new believers and others from their own congregation.

ENGAGING: In some situations, engaging churches will start a new work without relating directly to a receiving church. This is a type of sending church that will work with the association or SEND City Coordinators to identify a people group or strategic place in which to begin from the ground up with no local help expected. Engaging churches may mobilize assistance from other churches and in that role will serve as what a receiving church typically would do.

A Timeline | 2015-2017

2015: August to December: Production of tools, training materials, models, and campaign promotion

2016-17: January to April: Campaign Rollout / Training 22,700 MBC personal evangelizers

Yearlong: Social Media Campaign – to encourage believers and to climatize the lost

April-May: Precision Harvest campaign with offer, clustering, and follow-up

Summer: Engage Peoples and start small groups that can start new churches

Fall 2016 to 2017: Celebrate baptisms, nurturing new small groups into new churches, and evaluation

2018-2020: Starting new small groups and new churches that multiply

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