



Pentecost Sunday 2011

Disciples Church Partners:

On behalf of a grateful church I want to thank you in advance for your support of the new church movement. More than 12 years ago, Rev. Richard Hamm wrote in his book *20/20 Vision*, that he envisioned the creation of more than 1,000 new Disciples churches between 2001 and 2020. Many thought that this was an unachievable objective.

At Pentecost in 2011, we Disciples stand just beyond the halfway point towards our 2020 goal. I am pleased to report that the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has started more than 692 new congregations since 2001, reaching more than 42,000 new Disciples.

One of the most recent church plants is in Prosper, Texas, where the North Texas Area of the Southwest Region has called Doug Kriz, along with his wife Meredith and two small children, to Prosper to gather a yet-to-be named community of faith. We ask your church to pray for the Kriz family and all of our new church planters as they live out their mission to help bring people in relationship with Christ.

The Pentecost Offering is evenly divided between the region where the offering was taken and New Church Ministry. The offering is used to directly support starting new congregations and funds the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of our new church planters in the first two years of their new plant. We invite you to join us in expanding the new church movement by supporting these courageous leaders through prayer and financial assistance.

Shalom,

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