

Planning Strategically to Accomplish the Vision

We (the GGF), by God's strength and fully believing it is His desire, will work to develop healthy, culturally relevant, reproducing churches with visionary leaders that will partner to plant 10 of the same. (Defined on Definition Page see Jan 19, 2015 email from GGF)

This vision was derived from "Themes we believed God wanted:" (1) Church Plants, (2) Young Leaders, (3) Cultural Relevance, and (4) Intentional Cooperation/Partnership (Defined on October 16, 2014 Council Meeting, and clarified more in November 13, 2014 meeting.)

Core Values were presented in 2nd iteration at Jan 6, 2015 Meeting as the context which makes us GGF: (1) Bible Centered, (2) Grace Theology, (3) Grace Living, (4) Missional, and (5) Partnership.

The Descriptive details by year to reach the destination and achieve the 2020 Vision (1st draft from Dec 4, 2014 Council Meeting)

REVISION '15/'16

2015: "Develop/Strategy/Educate/Evaluate"

- Church planting experts to teach, train, and make aware to all the need and process
- Conduct church planting evaluations in each of our regions
- Working with regional churches toward growth and change in their area
- Identify individuals and churches willing and ready to plant churches*
- Vision casting sermons delivered all over the nation by leadership
- Identify proven church planting methods used by others to plant churches in the States
- GGF staff person solely focused on implementing the vision
- Identify a face/spokesperson for GGF vision (aimed to communicate to next generation)
- A fund to help finance church plants/develop a church resource pool
- Development of existing churches*

IDENTIFICATION '16

2016:

- Hire additional full time staff that will focus on church planting and cultivating
- Study made and models identified for successful church planting
- Several interns doing their internship in brand new church planting situations
- GBC pastoral students must be trained to be church planters
- Create multi-media ad campaign to promote vision
- Send 5 people to church planting school (new and current leaders)
- Churches challenged to begin plans (Multi staffed churches/declining churches)
- Train existing pastors to think transitionally to the next generation
- Regional leaders and churches agree on a location for a church plant and have action plan

Have 2 churches planted that fit our definition of healthy

EMPOWERMENT/EXPERIMENTATION '17

2017:

- Young leaders sent to “team” with leader or existing church for planting
- Staff director hired to lead efforts
- Translate Grace literature to other key languages
- Distribute and learn from “The Voice” (IFCA on church planting to all leaders)

2018:

- Create repeatable curriculum to help existing churches cultivate healthiness
- Inroads into corporate America that lead to matching gifts

2019:

- Plant a coffeehouse church/business in a college town
- Starting charter schools to make inroads into the inner city
- Have 5 churches planted that fit our definition of healthy

2020:

- Churches partnering to plant 10 churches which are reflective of their community
- Churches that are reproducing healthy churches
- Trained planters
- An overall heart for outreach