

## Report from CE National

*CE National's purpose is to be a catalyst for all believers to be trained and mobilized to be "on mission." This is done by impacting the rising generation, reaching neglected people, and equipping biblical leadership.*

### 1 CE National in 2014

- a. Two Operation Barnabas teams which will serve in the East.
- b. An Operation Barnabas International team that will go to the Philippines.
- c. A City Life team will travel in California.
- d. Momentum is planned for Chicago.
- e. We have other programs such as Day Away, North of 55, Super Wednesdays and The National Institute. In 2013 we had 500 adults attend the four Day Aways, had more than 100 different church leaders attend the Super Wednesday events and we have about 100 in The National Institute youth ministry program.
- f. In addition to other effective speakers, we have Mark Lowery, Gordon MacDonald, Sean McDowell, Clayton King, and Dan Allan scheduled for our events and programs in 2014.
- g. Plans are coming together for CELS for Youth Workers (CE Leadership Summit). This is our annual leadership training opportunity, to be held in March at the Russell Center with Randy Rainwater from Grace Fellowship Church in Snellville, GA. There were 60 youth workers from in and outside the FGBC who attended in 2013.
- h. Momentum has grown to where almost 30% of the youth and churches are coming from beyond the FGBC. We call it FGBC Plus.

### 2 Urban Hope

- a. Annually 1200 people are trained in outreach through the programs at Urban Hope.
- b. Colleges that regularly come for training are Cedarville, Lancaster Bible College, Grace, and organizations include Campus Crusade (CRU), Navigators and others.
- c. Programs for the children include Camp Conquest, Kingdom Kids, and R.O.C.K (Reaching Our Community Kids—youth). We are running about 150 children in Kingdom Kids on Sunday afternoons, which is in addition to the regular Sunday services. We have almost 100 teenagers each weekend at ROCK and 70 plus children and adults went to camp this past August.
- d. We are prayerfully asking God to help us reach the Kensington community for Christ. We see the community being impacted as we have now gone to two services on Sunday. With one service at 10:00 and one at 1:00 we serve a lunch in between and have about 200 each week in the church services. Over 100 come each Tuesday evening for Family Bible Studies. Prayer groups meet daily to pray for the lost people in the community. We are seeing adults pray to receive Christ each Sunday! Incredible life change!! God is the One to be praised!
- e. There are sleeping accommodations for 80 people in the dorms. These are filled most weekends and many weeks as people come to learn how to start and develop conversations with non-believers. We have additional accommodations for pastors who want to learn how to connect cross-culturally.

### 3 New Ministries for Church Leaders

- a. Besides working with consulting and coaching church leaders in developing effective strategies (with Ed Short) we are starting a new program that will launch in a couple of months. This will be a new, strong program of church resources and growth for pastors and church leaders. We are blessed to announce that Knute Larson has agreed to work closely with CE National in strengthening these leadership ministries. He is in constant communication with CE.
  - b. The Super Wednesdays (offered four times a year) are bringing increased numbers of pastors to be enriched in church ministries. CE and Grace work closely in these training sessions at the Russell Center.
  - c. Our newly installed (December 2013) technology in the Russell Center will help us be more effective in the years ahead in doing seminars, classes and workshops.
  - d. We have a beautiful retreat setting at the Life Application Center in Winona Lake. Pastors, church leaders and others are welcome to come and take advantage of our facilities.
  - e. The Lending Library is being used by about 120 churches across America and around the world. We have over 1100 patrons on file with about a quarter of them active on a regular basis.
- 4 The National Institute trains almost 100 students each year in how to be effective youth workers for church ministries inside and outside the United States.
  - 5 We have a new cooperative with Grace College that is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2014. It is the Urban Studies Program. It is designed to help train young adults to know how to reach, teach, disciple and equip people to work with the overlooked in our metropolitan areas of the United States and the world.
  - 6 We are restarting the short term program called TIME—Training In Ministry Experiences—that allows us to train people to live ON MISSION. We have plans for teams both inside and outside the United States. We had GREAT success with our first team of 11 that went to the Dominican Republic this year.
  - 7 We are calling our young people to be sold out to Jesus. Praise God for a heart that desires to see young adults who will be challenged to follow the Lord. New initiatives are being developed to train these young adults to know the Word and stay committed to living out the faith.
  - 8 We are seeing positive increases in:
    - a. Personal Bible study using the On Track Devotions.
    - b. More adults seeing the need for stretching spiritually in the areas of prayer, ministry, leaving a legacy, and mentoring younger people.
    - c. People who are embracing the ONE concept and reaching their ONE person for Christ and discipleship.
  - 9 We are using the existing technology to do more things with social media, our websites and more. We are redesigning our web presence and expanding our social media avenues to reach more people. We have also just updated our media capabilities at the Russell Center and improved our ability to serve classes and the community.

CE National is looking forward to a year where more people are reached for Christ, believers will be encouraged and ministries will be accomplished. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with the FGBC and beyond. We pray God's richest blessings on each organization and church that is working together for the cause of knowing Christ and making Him know.