

GO2 Ministry Report to Fellowship Council January 28, 2011

GO2 Ministries continues to pursue the “Springboard Initiative: A Decade of Multiplication - 2010-2020” as our primary strategic emphasis. The strategy calls for GO2 to partner in 1,765 “Circles of Grace” across the United States with churches, individuals, or organizations who together can catalyze a multiplication movement of church planting in the USA. . Our primary initiatives in each of the circles in conjunction with our partners is built around the Charis document. Therefore, we have initiatives in leadership development, church planting, and integrated ministries both within the circles and among people groups emerging from the circles.

Presently, GO2 is actively engaged in strengthening the financial foundations of the ministry in order to have the necessary resources to pursue a national agenda. Our primary thrust for 2011 and 2012 will be to secure prayer and strategic partnerships for each of the circles. A new page premiering soon on our website will allow our supporters and partners to keep updated on the number of adopted circles and the progress of ministry being made in each circle. Our two primary goals remain 1) to see 2-3 new churches started and established in each “Circle of Grace” by the year 2020 AD and 2) to partner with 70 strategic “apostolic” leaders to work in and among these circles.

Our prayer is to announce this Summer at the 2011 FGBC Celebration that our first fifty Grace Brethren Churches have signed on to be Springboard partners. Additionally, we continue to work on the act1v8 social publishing network and its design and testing in order to provide strategic support to evangelism and outreach among our partners. Presently, act1v8 is being formally developed and tested by the engineering department of Messiah College with whom we have a strategic partnership. We are prayerful that many other Christian campuses will test the product in the Spring of 2011 and that it will have a broad public release in September of this year.

GO2 staffing has changed to reflect our Strategy and to be more in line with the Charis document. Subsequently, we are announcing that Jim Snavelly has been reassigned from Director of Assessments to Director of Church Planting and that Dru Dodson has joined the GO2 team as Director of Integrated Ministries. While Jim is no stranger to our ranks, Dru joins us from Arkansas where he has served as Pastor of Lake Valley Church in Hot Springs, a church he founded and has pastored for the past 15 years. Dru brings significant experience from the marketplace as well, having been a business owner and engineering consultant before attending seminary. We will soon be announcing a new Director of Leadership Training and a host of new leadership resources being developed for release and use beginning in 2011.

Our immediate short term goal is to finalize our Circle of Grace partnerships by the end of 2013. Mid-term goals are to initiate a host of new church plants by 2014, once we have identified, trained, and released new church planters using act1v8 and our strategic partnerships and resources. Our long terms goals are to be certain that we are connecting with the people groups found in America’s cities and to begin church planting and leadership development among these people groups in our country by the year 2020 as a second wave of the Springboard strategy.

Thank you for praying and supporting the work of church planting in the USA, the world’s fifth largest mission field.

Sincerely,
Tim Boal
Executive Director