

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

Connecting the Body of Christ across cultural lines to express and advance of the Kingdom of God in the city, region and world

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Inspiration/Training/Consulting Offerings 2009

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All of the offerings below can be tailored as a sermon, training seminar or as a longer-term consulting plan.

Reaching the World in and from Our Own Backyard

God has brought the nations to our doorstep, providing both opportunities and resources to reach the world in and from our own backyard.

Moving from Mono-cultural Ministry to Intercultural Ministry

Considering the essential elements and possibilities of moving from mono-cultural ministry to intercultural ministry

The Great Omission: Recovering Samaria Ministry (Near-by Cross-cultural Ministry)

The "Great Omission" of the Great Commission is Samaria Ministry (near-by cross-cultural ministry). Considering ways to recover Samaria Ministry by following Jesus' example when he went to Samaria

Integrating Diaspora Missions* into Your World Missions Program

Identifying, understanding and integrating grassroots Diaspora Missions Networks as part of your world missions program*

Kingdom Bridges from the City, to the Region, to the World

Seeing and applying God's Kingdom Bridges as outlined in Acts 1:8, Romans 1:8 & I Thessalonians 1:8

Pathways to Personal & Corporate Transformation: A Systems Approach

Bringing change to a local church, denomination or organization requires wisdom and skill. Using a systems approach to help understand the pathways for personal and corporate change

Elements of Kingdom Partnership Necessary for Advancing the Gospel

Revisiting the biblical elements of Kingdom partnership necessary to advance the Gospel near and far

Forums for Ministry to Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims by Christ-followers who come from Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim Nations

Learn from those who were Buddhists, Hindus and Muslims but are now Christ-followers

Networking with the Nations in our Nation

Is there a country or people group your church or ministry wants to do ministry in? Why not link up with a local Christian leader or church who is from that nation/people group? Network for learning and possible partnership

Starting a Ministry to reach out to the Diaspora† People in Your Community

Considering ways to minister to Immigrants and Refugees in your community through opening up a church-based immigration clinic, offering ESL classes and other services.

**"Diaspora Missions" is missions ministry initiated by Diaspora (Immigrants, Refugees) Christians here in the U.S. back to their homeland or to other nations where they have some affinity*

†"Diaspora" refers to people who have been scattered from their homeland by force of circumstances or by choice. The term refers to immigrants, refugees and internationals.



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Partner Testimonies – Intercultural Ministries FY 2008

Dear Dr. Detwiler, I would like to thank you so much for what you have done the last three years with me personally and for our church as a whole. You have stretched my ministry beyond the local-church mentality to the kingdom-mentality and gave me the opportunity to present the vision of our church from a platform that I never dreamed of. I can't thank you enough. Without you, I wouldn't be able to do what we are doing right now together as partners.

--Khaled Ghobrial, Senior Pastor, Arabic Evangelical Baptist Church, Boston

Gregg was the first to raise my awareness of the need for ministry to the immigrant population (the Diaspora) in the Boston Metro. He has continued to have a significant influence on my thinking especially as we have proceeded in hiring a full-time Immigration Advocate as part of our Pastoral Staff. Gregg has provided valuable insight and counsel as we embarked upon this direction. He also proved of assistance in our endeavors to forge a strong partnership with another local Brazilian congregation in reaching that growing population segment of our area. I deeply appreciate the way Gregg has pioneered this needy and under-represented "Diaspora" and has continued to speak on their behalf. The groundwork he laid in his DMin dissertation and the on-going "connecting" service he provides is proving to be an indispensable part of ministry in our urban setting.

--Rev. Steve Antin, Senior Pastor, North Shore Assembly of God, Malden

I would like to commend the work of Gregg Detwiler through Intercultural Ministries. I have known Gregg and the work of his ministry for a few years. During this past year, Gregg has been instrumental in helping to prepare my church for the development an immigration clinic. I am on staff at North Shore Assembly of God in Malden, Ma. I was in a meeting with Gregg and Pastor Steve Antin a few months ago when Pastor Steve gave testimony of how thankful he is that Gregg had planted and watered the seeds of intercultural ministry in our church. Pastor Steve went on to say that through his ministry, Gregg has helped to reshape and broaden the scope of our ministry. Through my relationship with Gregg, I was able to meet with Rev. Bob Wise, the Superintendent of the Southern New England District of the Assemblies of God, concerning the accessibility of immigration legal advocacy throughout the District. Beyond the local and district, the fruit of Intercultural Ministry has a national and international impact, as Gregg is working to bring together missionaries here in the U.S. who manage ministries in their Diaspora for the purpose of information sharing on methods and strategies that work, as well as the difficulties of long distance ministry. I am on the Board of Directors of the Doorway to Peace ministry in Southern Haiti and find this information sharing is crucial. I would describe Gregg's work as being on the cutting edge of bringing people together for unity and the furtherance of Kingdom work.

--Marlane Codair, Immigration Advocate, North Shore Assembly of God

I have worked with Gregg the last two plus years on various efforts like the ILC, and Vision casting for the ethnic America networks 2010 Boston conference. Through these I could see his strong passions, and abilities to lead in multicultural ministry efforts. I recommended, and Gregg preached at our church, Redeemer Community Church in Wellesley, that was terrific in giving the congregation a greater vision of all God is doing here multi culturally. I still use examples from his sermon in speaking. Additionally, I asked Gregg and he spoke at our 2009 annual ISI Thanksgiving International Thanksgiving conference, he did a great job. From the 120+ students attending, we had 11 students indicate decisions for the Lord and a great many more begin seeking. It is apparent Gregg is gifted, and very capable in this ministry calling. I am thankful for him.

--Rev. Bill Coolbaugh, ISI Greater Boston Area Director, Chairman of the Coalition for Boston International Students & Scholars

Getting pastors involved in any event is critical, but it is often hard to achieve. I would like to point out that getting pastors engaged in your work it is a miracle, itself! I was inspired by witnessing God working through your leadership! Nobody should have any doubts that you were anointed for this task! Your ability to understand the pastor's concerns and your willingness to be a blessing finding ways to address these concerns made it possible for me (and I believe for many others) to feel that we are finally being heard! The value of your initiative is beyond any human measurements.

I personally believe that your work is breaking many stereotypes and isolations throughout the city. Your humble heart is an inspiration. I have been learning with you about excellence, while serving God.

To have had the opportunity to experience the American culture in a "safe" environment broke in many of us (including within me) many cultural barriers. Finally, frustration is no longer there. There is a sense of accomplishment throughout the board! What many leaders always expected and hoped for was made possible and available thanks to your courage and great work! Dialogue among leaders is taking place. I am a better neighbor. My neighbors and I are no longer afraid of one another! It is the result of many opportunities you have provide to us all throughout the city. The meetings, events, conferences, groups, etc have created a way for leaders to be exposed to one another. Now there is a feeling that many neighbors out there are wholeheartedly endorsing and supporting other leaders in ministry.

--Rev. Dr. Regina Pinto-Moura, Co-pastor, Shalom International Baptist Community, Somerville

Dear Gregg, I would like to share my testimony and how your life and ILC have influenced my involvement in missions. I came to Boston in early 90's for my higher studies. Those years I have been primarily involved in the counseling ministry and was supporting the mission of the local Indian Church in Waltham. However, in 2002, Pastor Bethel Johnson asked me to attend the Boston Intercultural Leadership Consultation. Though there were many godly interventions in my life, I would say with great confidence that the ILC changed my traditional perspective to a kingdom perspective. Since then, I have been earnestly seeking and praying for God's will for my life.

In early 2003, I made my second mission trip to Gujarat (one of the most persecuted states in India). I gave all I had saved in the bank until then to establish a church and training center there. In 2006, in obedience to God's call to expand the missions, I launched the mission support in Gujarat by sponsoring 50 Bible college students and 40 orphans (www.agapepartners.org). A great harvest is going on in Gujarat at the present moment. My vision for the next three years is to establish a Bible Training Center in Gujarat to train 1000 natives; Support 100 pastors in South Gujarat; Build three Mercy Homes for tribal children; Establish three youth counseling and support centers to treat drug addiction and to promote Aids awareness; and start Sunday Schools in 500 churches. I am hoping that as time and resources permit, we could go together to India for a mission trip to witness what God is doing in that region.

In December, 2007, I started bible study group in Nashua (NH) to bring the good news of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ to the South Asian community in that area. I appreciate your timely counsel in this regard. It's really challenging and tough. Please pray for this ministry.

I really appreciate your recent initiatives specially the ILC and the new opportunity given to me to serve with the Ethnic America planning team. I pray that the intercultural ministry that you are pioneering will open the hearts of many Christians to evangelize and disciple in their own people groups. May God richly bless you and your family as you serve Him faithfully.

--Thomas Idiculla, PhD, Agape Partners International, Reflecting God's Love for the Nations

