

**Embrace Baltimore
A Strategic Focus City**

If not us...

If not you...

Who?

If not now...

When?

*Thinking about starting a church?
Not sure where you should start?
Love the city?
Want to be part of a movement of
God in North America that touches
the world?
Email us at: tbush@lyntys.net*



Making New Disciples... Growing Disciples... Congregating Disciples

Church Starting

Pick up any paper or open any news website, and you are likely to see a story about Baltimore. Housing, HIV/AIDS, Education, Crime, Sports, Arts, Healthcare, and many other subjects keep this great city in the news. Sadly, many of the articles tell stories of tragedy and the need for redemption and justice.

Baltimore was Annie Armstrong's hometown, but it is no longer a center of missions mobilization. It has become a city needing missions.

Embrace Baltimore has the mission to start vibrant churches that will reproduce and extend throughout this metro and to the peoples of the world. With God's favor we are seeing advance. Ten new works have already begun in 2008, but we need you. Come partner with us. Together, we can find a way, even in tough financial times, to reach this city.

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Many think of church starting as slick videos, colorful mailers, and a gathering of folks that left other churches for one reason or another. While we use videos, send mailers, and connect with Christians no longer attending any church, church starting in Baltimore focuses on something more important. We believe that church starting begins with making new disciples. To be sure, we believe it is important to congregate and worship. We also believe it is right and important to invite neighbors that are not followers of Christ to attend our worship services. Our primary efforts, however, are to take the gospel to our neighbors. We spend most of our time in our neighborhoods and in our communities where we love our neighbors and invite them to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

There are never enough resources, but a way always exists to be on mission where God is working. For such a time as this, God has given us favor to make disciples and start new churches in Baltimore. Join us. Partner with a church starter. Fall in love with the peoples of Baltimore. Begin by praying for a church starter and one of the many neighborhoods or ethnic peoples of this city.

Sample of Baltimore Church Starts

Send an email or call one of the church starters today!

Captivate Christian Church

Tally Wilgis is the lead starter of this new church to be launched in September 2009. To be located just outside the city, this new church will make disciples and lead them to serve the peoples of Baltimore, especially those in the inner city. Tally is a proven church starter and will focus on the areas of Towson, Timonium, Luthersville, Cockeysville, and Hunt Valley. Towson University, Maryland's second largest university, is located in Tally's focus area. Contact Tally at (757) 572-1626 or tally.wilgis@gmail.com. See his website at www.thebaltimoreproject.com.

Morgan State Area Church

Aaron Pankey is the lead starter of this new church to be launched in September 2009. Aaron will launch this African-American church in the area of the prestigious Morgan State University. Aaron is a proven church starter and is already developing a plan to partner with other church starters to launch 10-20 additional church starts in the next 10 years. Contact Aaron at (240) 460-2289 or aaronandmalita@yahoo.com.

Hispanic Church & Church Starting Center

Isaac Moncada Rengifo is the lead starter of this new church to be launched in 2009. It will be located in the Eastern Avenue area of Baltimore, which is quickly becoming the center of the Hispanic community. He is a proven church starter, and in partnership with the state convention, Isaac will simultaneously launch a Hispanic church starting center. Hispanic church starters will serve as apprentices and prepare to start churches throughout the region. Contact Isaac at (443) 622-7914 or imoncadarengifo@hotmail.com.

The Garden Community

Joel Kurz is the lead starter of this new church to be launched in the spring of 2009. It will be located in the Mt. Vernon, Bolton Hill neighborhoods of Baltimore. Joel is an extraordinary people person and has already connected with many in his neighborhood. This church will focus on home fellowships that gather regularly for corporate worship. Contact Joel at (410) 924-3161 or joel@thegardenbaltimore.com. See his website at www.thegardenbaltimore.com.

You can partner by . . .

— Adopting a church starter.

— Falling in love with the people a church starter is reaching.

— Praying regularly for a church starter and his family.

— Inviting a church starter to attend your annual missions celebration. Consider paying his expenses.

— Giving your VBS offering to support a church start.

— Sending a missions team to help a church starter with a strategic event.

— Helping a church starter connect with other churches that could partner with him.

— Financially contributing to a church starting effort for 2-3 years.

— Calling a church starter once a month and praying for him.

— Leading a group in your church to "own" a partnership with a church starter. For example, the small groups for people 45-65 could adopt a church starter for 3 years.