

2015, A Love That Does Answers the Call! "I am my brother's keeper"

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. 1 John 2:6 (NLT)

A LOVE that DOES *reproduces itself*.

Center Point Church is expanding to Richland Hills, Texas. We are starting another CPC in Richland Hills, Texas.

CPCRH

Why?

It is <u>"The Way" of Christ</u> and His Followers.

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

Paul made three church planting journeys. First was in Acts 13-14; the second in Acts 15:35-18:22; and the third in Acts 18:23-21:17. He planted 20 churches which in turn started other churches.

For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere... 1 Thessalonians 1:8 (ESV)

It is the Biblical form of advancing the Gospel.

For not only has the **word of the Lord** sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere... 1 Thessalonians 1:8 (ESV)

It inspires other <u>churches.</u>

For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 1 Thessalonians 1:8 (ESV)

SO WHAT IS MY PLACE IN ANSWERING THE CALL?

#1 PRAY. (30 x 30) (Matthew 9:38)

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Matthew 9:38 (NIV)

#2 GO. (Matthew 28:19)

...And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem (home town), throughout Judea (surrounding towns), in Samaria (In adversarial people groups), and to the ends of the earth (foreign countries). Acts 1:8 (NLT)

- #1 Go to <u>CPCRH</u> and serve.
- #2 Go on mini-mission trips. (SWAT mission teams)
- #3 Get up and Go and <u>replace</u> those who have left.

#3 <u>GIVE.</u> For one year, willfully and sacrificially give above and beyond your tithe. (Matthew 6:19-20)

Going deeper on your own. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-8. Think about what Paul said to the Thessalonians. Locate the city of Thessalonica on a Bible map. Now look at the regions known as Macedonia and Achaia. As Paul traveled through the different cities of these regions, the Gospel and reputation of the church in Thessalonica was known. How do you think that happened? Now look at a map of Fort Worth. If you traveled throughout the coffee shops of the city do you think the Gospel, and our reputation, would be known? Why, or why not? What could we do to help spread His Gospel as a church? What would you be willing to do?