RENEWAL & RELATIONSHIPS
building an effective missions program

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MISSIONS 101: THE BASICS
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MISSIONS 102: CASE STUDY
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
IGLESIA LUTERANA SAN PEDRO,
AND
SENBETE CONGREGATION, ETHIOPIA

BUILDING MISSION PARTNERSHIPS
Make the decision to do missions!

- NALC & CORE redefine “missions”
- Bethel Lutheran Church of Noblesville, IN joins the NALC and CORE.
- Pastor Doug Gast decides to form Missions Committee.
- Missions Committee chooses $B^3$ theme.
Investigate the possibilities!

- Missions Committee meets and reviews current and potential missions.
- CORE and NALC websites and newsletters highlight a mission church called San Pedro in Miami, Florida.
- A member of the committee, who speaks Spanish, makes contact with Pastor Eddy Perez of San Pedro to explore forming a mission partnership.
- Pastor Doug goes to Ethiopia – a life-changing experience! Connects with the Senbete Congregation.
Seek out missions that you can be passionate about!

- Selected missions that “name the name.”
- Leaders, it starts with you!
- Missions Fair informs and excites
- Missions brochure informs
- 4th Sunday each month is mission focus
- Ethiopian dinner and picture slide show
- Congregation members react positively to missions and mission plans.
- Connections are made!
Start the relationship!

• Pastor Eddy Perez comes to speak at the Heartland Mission District Convocation and to preach at Bethel.

• Pastor Eddy stays with Pastor Doug and a personal relationship grows.

• Members of Bethel meet and hear Pastor Eddy preach – defining moment!

• Pastors Doug and Gobena get to know each other through email.
Invest Time, Talents, and Treasure!

- Budgeting – be intentional and visionary
- Recruit people with a mission heart
- Try to match resources with needs
- Some examples of investing
Open the lines of communication and build them up!

- Regular communication between pastors.
- Contact between members.
- Standing invitation to visit each other.
- Bethel and Senbete – regular communication between pastors and missions committee.
- Bethel and San Pedro - visits and participation
- Pastor Doug preaches at San Pedro
- San Pedro congregation communications its appreciation for support.
Name the Name of Jesus!

• Pray for each other!
• Cards, stickers, and information on the church.
• Anything you send, bless it!
Stay the course!

- Commit to a long-term relationship to help each other and to preach the Gospel!
- Pray and try things!
- “You are entering the mission field!”
B³ - Blessings Beyond Bethel

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