

To God be the Glory Marc Bigelow, President



It has been almost two years now since Stadia came into being. We are amazed at what God is doing: He has allowed churches to start in thirty-five communities in nine states across America; in that time He has provided over sixty planting couples to attend our Training LABs; and during the past twelve months He has brought invitations for Stadia to be part of several conferences and consultations with our brothers and sisters in the cappella Church of Christ.

The road ahead is filled with exciting possibilities. If the Lord wills, by the end of 2007 an additional 150 churches will be planted, and by the end of the decade, well over one hundred churches will be planted each year. We believe that over the next twenty-one years God is going to allow thousands of new churches to emerge across North America.

Please join us in praying:

- ▶ That every church planting organization will plant at a faith-filled capacity
 - ▶ That every healthy church of every size will give birth to a daughter church
 - ▶ That every Bible college and seminary will raise up hundreds of church planters (it's going to take 11,000 or more new preachers and staff)
 - ▶ That thousands of God's people will rise to the challenge and become launch team members for new churches
 - ▶ That generosity will flow from God's people into God's mission of planting churches
- That **1,000,000,000 people** will come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Rise up Christian Churches and Churches of Christ! God is calling us to be ready when He brings revival to America. He is calling us to be His people for a new generation.



Stadia: New Church Strategies

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It's interactive, it's fun, it's **not** scientific. When you visit us online at www.stadia.cc be sure to scroll down and vote in our current online poll. You can view results in real time, but you can only vote once per poll, so vote carefully! Be sure to check back often – new questions are posted regularly. Our site also features Stadia news, events, a discussion forum and contact information for all staff and church planters.

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Stadia Church Plant Ministers In Fallujah



When church planter Scott Julian launched SeaPointe Christian Church in San Clemente, California, he hoped the church would someday grow to have regional impact. Now SeaPointe is less than six months old and already ministering to people as far away as Fallujah, Iraq!

Like many other church planters, Scott sent out a series of promotional postcards to local homes in the weeks leading up to the Grand Opening of SeaPointe. San Clemente is a 75-year old coastal community, but rapid home construction in the past three years has drawn thousands of young, well-to-do families to the city. SeaPointe's promotional mailings targeted those young families, so Scott and his team were caught by surprise when nearly half of the attendees on Grand Opening Sunday were Marine families from nearby Camp Pendleton.

"We didn't expect to reach the military families, but Camp Pendleton is just a few miles away," Scott says, "and only one other church that I know of is reaching out to them." Since that first Sunday the Marine

families have been among SeaPointe's most faithful, although many of the families attend without their husbands and fathers – who are stationed in Iraq.

SeaPointe's ministry has met a growing spiritual need on the base – where the single weekly chapel service offers no classes for children or youth – by preparing care packages for soldiers stationed overseas and by planning activities like "SeaPointe Night" at the Anaheim Angels game. On Memorial Day weekend the church held a special service to honor their military families, inviting current and retired servicemen to attend church in their uniforms.

Now Scott is giving his sermon CDs away for free in order to reach the Marines in Iraq with the gospel. "It's an amazing thing," he marvels, "to hear a wife say that she wants to send a CD to her husband in Fallujah so he can 'go to church' with his family."

More churches, more often, in more places...so that more people are saved. That's what Stadia is all about!



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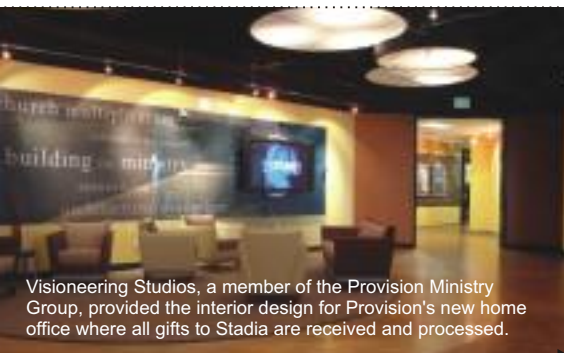
CGC and Stadia: A Growing Partnership

Continent of Great Cities (CGC) is a missionary church-planting organization whose primary focus is to reach Spanish-speaking and Portuguese-speaking urban communities of South America. CGC sends missionary teams to reach the lost and forms them into vibrant churches of worshipping believers. When opportunities arise, they also develop teams to evangelize and plant churches in U.S. cities where there are large numbers of Spanish and Portuguese speaking immigrants.

Recently, three leaders from CGC spent several hours meeting with us to learn more about the Stadia model of church planting. They were particularly interested in our methods of assessment, training and planter care in order to strengthen their existing programs in these vital areas.

What makes CGC unique is their affiliation with a cappella churches of Christ. Opportunities for independent Christian churches and a cappella churches of Christ to work together are presenting themselves in ways that have never been seen before. Now we see God using the ministry of church planting to build bridges within the Restoration Movement. Jesus prayed that we "be brought to complete unity," and we rejoice that God is allowing us to lay aside our differences so that we may focus on our common task of reaching lost people for Jesus.

Our New Address!



Visioneering Studios, a member of the Provision Ministry Group, provided the interior design for Provision's new home office where all gifts to Stadia are received and processed.

Last year we formed a new parent company, Provision Ministry Group, in partnership with our sister ministries Church Development Fund (CDF) and Visioneering Studios. Those sister ministries are headquartered in Southern California, where our donations are received and processed. The Southern California office recently relocated from Anaheim to the city of Irvine, and as a result all gifts to Stadia should now be sent to this new address (above).

The new Provision office is a spacious, highly-functional facility where our staff can provide you with the highest quality of service. Provision is hosting an Open House at the new location on Saturday, August 7 from 1:00 to 4:00pm; if you plan to be in Southern California on that date, we invite you to attend.

For directions, or for more information, call 1-800-233-3880.



EVENTS CALENDAR

- ▶ July 19 – 22: Assessment LAB
- ▶ August 16 – 20: Church Planting LAB
- ▶ August 21: People Driven Software Training with Mark Kitts
- ▶ September 18: Guitar Workshop
- ▶ September 30: "10 Ways to Improve Your Preaching" Seminar with Brian Mavis
- ▶ October 9: Worship LAB

All events will be held at Stadia's national headquarters in Vacaville, California.

For more information on any of these events, please contact Diane Collins at 707.446.6232 or dcollins@stadia.cc

The Harvest is Plentiful...

"The population of Heaven just grew again!"



From the Southwest Region

The Lord of the Harvest is raising up an increasing number of workers to plant churches! At a recent Assessment LAB in Mesa, Arizona, we met four gifted couples who want to plant churches. Three of these couples are set to begin immediately, and the fourth couple appears to be ready to start a new church in just a few years. All of these couples are excited about planting churches in the rapidly-growing Southwest region, where new communities continue to spring up and grow at an amazing pace.

If God continues to provide church planters, we believe that as many as eleven new churches could be birthed in our region next year. So we are stepping forward in faith, eager to see what He might do to help us make this vision a reality.

In the midst of our planning, we must never lose sight of the primary reason we plant churches: to reach lost people. Just today I received an e-mail from one of our church planters saying that two more people in his church had been baptized into Christ. Hallelujah! The population of heaven just grew again! That goal is what drives this ministry of church multiplication.

Bruce White
Southwest Regional Director

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With Gratitude and Expectation

From the Southeast Region

I'm writing this article with a deep sense of gratitude to the Lord and Stadia for affording me one of the most fulfilling (and fun) opportunities in my life thus far. It has been a profound privilege for me to serve the cause of church planting as part of the Stadia: New Church Strategies team. As the Regional Director of the Southeast, it has been my joy to be a part of the church planting movement in the Southeast and to see new church-planting leaders respond to God's call. I am pleased to announce that Tom Jones has agreed to accept the Regional Director's position and believe that he will take Stadia Southeast to the next level. I look forward to supporting Stadia through my ministry at Heritage Christian Church in a new role as Special Advisor to the Director.

I'm extremely confident that under Tom's leadership, this team – which includes top-notch planters, coaches, mentors and advisors – will soar to new heights. I look forward to seeing what the Lord will do through each of the new churches that have been (or soon will be) birthed in the Southeast. May the Lord continue to bless this effort to 'fill up Heaven' from stadia to stadia!

Greg Marksberry

A New Name, a New Face

From the Sierra Pacific Region

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Leeper as the Regional Director for the Sierra Pacific region (formerly the Northern California region). Mark has been serving as the Associate Director of that region since September 2003, with a primary focus on church planter care.

Mark's experience in church planting began shortly after graduating from Ozark Bible College when he planted a church in Miami, OK in 1975. After moving back to his home state of California, the churches where Mark served (San Jose, Castro Valley, and Napa) planted two daughter churches and assisted in planting two other churches in partnership with Stadia (at that time under the banner of NCEA). Mark also served on the NCEA board of directors and has been involved in coaching and mentoring several church planters. His wife Karen continues to be involved in systematic care and mentoring of church planters' wives.

In the coming year, Mark's goal is to deploy church planters in up to twelve new cities in the Sierra Pacific Region – perhaps even more as God provides the planters and the resources. Please pray for Mark as he leads this fast-growing region.