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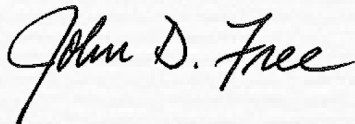
CHURCHES PLANTING CHURCHES

The Emperor Claudius expelled the Jews and Jewish Christians from Rome in A.D. 49 because rioting was taking place over a certain individual named “Chrestus”. Historians believe that this “Chrestus” was a misspelling of “Christus” which is Latin for Christ. We can conclude that the church in Rome was engaging the culture in the capitol city of the empire less than twenty years after the resurrection. Historically speaking this is phenomenal! The Jews and Jewish Christians were allowed to return to Rome, ironically under Nero, who would turn out to be a great persecutor of the church. History does not record how Rome was evangelized nor any specific evangelistic outreach by the early church. More than likely, Jews who had believed the gospel under Peter’s preaching at Pentecost had returned to Rome and started the church there. Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome hoping to establish credibility with the church(es) that were there hoping to make Rome a base of operation for his evangelistic outreach to Spain, much like he had used Antioch as a base of operations for outreach in the east. History has recorded for us that early on Christians had a heart for spreading the gospel and making disciples who would establish churches.

As many of you know, Currey Creek desires to be a global church planting church. There have been several articles written in denominational publications applauding our efforts and accomplishments as a church planting church and for this we are grateful. However, what I find troubling is that Currey Creek is seen as exceptional rather than normative. What ought to be normative in our day is churches planting churches around the world. Why? Because the New Testament pattern has always been that churches start other churches to propagate the good news that Jesus Christ has come to save sinners!

I am so excited that Currey Creek is planting Bergheim Christian Fellowship (BCF) and partnering to plant churches in Syracuse, New York and Kochi, India. For several years now, the Lord has burdened my heart for a church in Bergheim that would flourish and be a faithful gospel witness. So, when Eric Cate approached me about being the founding pastor of a church in Bergheim there is no way that I could say “no” to what I perceived to be God’s activity. Jason (Syracuse) has planted churches in Alaska, Texas, and now Syracuse. It is in his blood and I have no doubt that the Lord will use him there. Ben and Benoi are trying to reach a shame-based, legalistic culture in a city that is multi-national and very influential globally. Pray for each of these ministries and their pastors. May God be glorified!

In Christ,



John



Bergheim Christian Fellowship | Bergheim, Texas

As Currey Creek's second church plant, Eric and Karen Cate are being sent out to plant a church in the Bergheim area between Boerne and Bulverde. It is the belief of Currey Creek leadership that this quickly growing area is in need of a church that will serve the community, engaging it with the Gospel as it grows. Eric and Karen have been members of Currey Creek since 2011 and have volunteered in many roles. Eric joined the executive team as a staff member in 2016 overseeing finance and operations, missions, worship and production, and the connections ministries. They are excited to see what God has in store for BCF and how He will use this church to engage the culture for Christ's kingdom.



Grace City Church | Kochi, India

Through Currey Creek's relationship with Redeemer Dubai church in the U.A.E., we learned of a church planting partnership opportunity in southern India. One of Redeemer's elders has answered the call of God on his heart to return to his roots and plant a church in the Kerala district of southern India. Grace City Church has been launched with two pastors, Binoi Samuel and Benjamin George (a Texas A&M graduate). Both Binoi and Ben are from India and together with their families have launched Grace in the quickly growing city of Kochi. Their goal is to grow a healthy Gospel believing, grace-filled church that will serve as a base for training pastors and planting churches throughout India. We are excited to be a partner in this exciting work and look forward to seeing what God does in this region of the world to make disciples and plant more churches.



Radiant Church | Syracuse, New York

Currey Creek became acquainted with Jason Lankford during the process of sending out Jared Patrick and The Bridge Fellowship. Jason was part of the Southern Baptist Convention assessment team that evaluated Jared for their support. He is a church planter at heart, having planted in Alaska before coming to work for the SBTC and has been called to plant again. Jason and his family have been training under The Salt Network's church planting program in Ames, IA and have prayerfully identified Syracuse, NY as their location for planting Radiant Church along with a core group being sent out from Salt. Currey Creek is excited to be a part of this church plant that will target Syracuse University as well as the various communities in the city as God leads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCF INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, March 6th

For anyone interested in learning more about Currey Creek's next church plant, Bergheim Christian Fellowship, please plan to attend the informational meeting on March 6th in the upstairs gathering space. Registration is encouraged. curreycreek.com/missions/plant.

BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, March 20th

Creek Kids will be hosting Baby Dedication during both services. A reception will be held between services for families and their guests to attend. Please visit curreycreek.com/kids to register your child.

FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, March 26th
4:00 - 6:00pm

Join your Currey Creek Family at Joshua Springs Park and Preserve for the annual Creek Kids Family Picnic. Creek Kids will provide the food for everyone. Please bring lawn chairs, fishing poles, sports equipment and a dessert to share. The picnic will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. For more information please visit curreycreek.com/kids.

HOLY WEEK

Come worship with us at Currey Creek!

- **Palm Sunday**
April 10th
Services: 9AM & 10:30AM
(Nursery and Creek Kids offered at both services)
- **Good Friday**
April 15th
Service: 5:30PM (Nursery Only)
- **Easter in Boerne, Church on the Square**
April 17th
Service: 9:30AM (No Childcare)

Holy Week Devotionals available online at curreycreek.com/easter

CAMP WINIWACA

June 18-22nd

Middle School Upstream will be heading to Camp Buckner from June 18-22 in Burnett, TX for a week of worship, teaching, fellowship and fun. Camp Winiwaca will be an unforgettable week! Check out curreycreek.com/camp for more information and a highlight video from camp last year.

Mar. 6



BERGHEIM
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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Baby Dedication



Mar. 26



Apr. 17

