



PastorCare

West Michigan
Helping Pastors Soar

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From Hopelessness to Hopefulness

God answers prayer!!! Our team has been praying for the last year for a great harvest of souls to come to know Him. It's the first time that we have planted a church with prayer as the only so called program, yet it's actually a prayer ministry.

The latest statistic in our community is that 43% are un-churched or de-churched as some like to call it. So we began to pray. We did not pass out flyers in the neighborhoods or in store fronts. We did not put on a cultural concert as we have in the past. All we did was pray — and God showed up as he is true to His Holy Word.



We launched Celebration Community Church in Holland, Michigan on March 23, 2014 — and God showed up. The total attendance was 162 from the community and 10 people from our mother church for a grand total of 172. God filled our nets to the brim when we didn't even know if one would come. Fifteen people gave their lives to the Lord with many more to come.



We became a house of prayer in one week of existence. It takes some churches years to learn this. Thank God that we are right where God wants us to be.

I have learned a big lesson in all of this. God is Faithful and He will do great and mighty things when his people pray.

All of this takes me back to seven years ago when Dr. John Smith from PastorCare was there for me. I had suffered a very, very, harsh and painful departure from a Church that I pastored. My family was broken and I saw absolutely no way that I would ever see even one person come to Christ through my ministry.

John Smith saw the best in me when everyone else around me could only see the worst. Dr. Smith and PastorCare were there to help me through the healing process and to make sure I would recover in a healthy and most excellent way.



Joe and Jackie Ortega January 7, 2012

Please know that without the help of my mentor and friend John Smith and PastorCare, I would be at a totally different place right now. Probably still working for Delta Airlines and running away from my calling. Dr. Smith recognized that God was not done with Jackie and I yet and he offered true brotherhood of faith and a Christ ordained forgiveness for me and my family.

Dr. Smith married Jackie and me over two years ago. He was the only man who at the beginning of this process believed in me.



Pastor John with Pastor Joe and Jackie Ortega March 23, 2014

To God be the Glory and please know that John Smith and PastorCare played a part in the fact that I am back and very usefully in the Kingdom when some were saying maybe I should call it quits.

I will forever be grateful to Pastor Smith and this great organization.

Pastor Joe Ortega



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