

Mission Anabaino Newsletter March - April 2014

Mission Anabaino's calendar year has started of with a flurry of activity on a number of fronts.

Mission Anabaino (MA) is pleased to announce two new additions to our church planting family:



J Kyle Parker, his wife Gretchen, son Jackson, 10, and daughter Molly, 8, have been selected, effective immediately, to become part of the MA collaborative Global Church Plant site network residing in Spokane, Washington. For over ten years Kyle has been engaged in a number of campus-related and pastoral assignments, coming to Spokane in 2013 from Eugene, Oregon where he had pastored a church since 2006. Please pray for the ministry of Kyle and his family as they strengthen their core

group precedent to establishing their church as the home base for further church plants in the Greater Spokane area over time.

Andrew Holbrook, his wife Lauren, daughter Haddie, 2, and daughter Evelynn, 6 months, have enthusiastically accepted the invitation to become part of the MA Greater New Haven Church Planter intern movement taking the field in August 2015. For over ten years Andrew has been actively engaged with Campus Outreach in the Charlotte, North Carolina area where, as an Assistant Pastor at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, North Carolina he currently is Regional Director for six college campuses, 29 staff, 175 student leaders and 600 students. Please pray for Andrew and his family as they prepare for



disengaging from their important responsibilities in North Carolina and begin the moving process to join us in the New Haven area.

Local Churches



Pastor Tolivar Wills reports that CPC in the Hill is gearing up for an exciting Easter outreach celebration engaging the entire congregation. Tolivar has asked for prayer for various members of the Hill congregation currently dealing with difficult medical and family issues.

Christ the Shepherd Church in Danbury has enjoyed encouraging Sunday attendance throughout the winter months according to Pastor David Hutchinson with good turnouts for teaching, discipleship and



fellowship events. Please pray for continued attendance growth in weekly worship services, and deepening spiritual growth for the congregation through home study, discipleship and Bible Study groups.

Global Churches

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There is no new information on the local disagreements that are impeding efforts to restart Sunday worship at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Mirebalais, Haiti. We expect an update before our next newsletter. Please pray for a swift, God-glorifying resolution to the disagreements and a resurgence of the worship ministries of the church.

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Pastor Chris Robins in San Francisco asks prayer for steady progress in securing the necessary financial support and strengthening the core group necessary for a successful church plant.

Elm City Empowerment Foundation

ECEF is actively engaged in an effort to identify and engage a qualified Executive Director for its to-be-established Greater New Haven Christian Counseling Center. Please pray for God's guidance and discernment in this important search.

In Other News

Successful trips to Westminster Seminary campuses (CA and PA) has produced a number of preliminary leads for Greater New Haven Church Planter Intern candidates for follow-up. Please pray for wisdom and discernment in MA's evaluation of potential applicants.

From C. S. Lewis' Weight of Glory: "Never, in peace or war, commit your virtue or happiness to the future. Happy work is best done by the man who takes his long term plans somewhat lightly and works from moment to moment 'as to the Lord'. It is only our daily bread that we are encouraged to ask for."

Please contact MA Executive Director, <u>Charles Olcott</u> with any MA comments or questions. See you next month!

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