

The Ohio Report

Statewide Mission News for the Grace Brethren Movement of Churches



Coaching is becoming a widely used practice of discipling others, helping them to stay on track with the mission that God has given them. It is a very effective way of drawing out of a leader what God is putting in his heart to do and encouraging him to be steadfast in his mission.

The Northwest Chapel is utilizing the practice of coaching as it develops people to reach their Kingdom potential. The church sponsored an all day coach training seminar for their leaders and asked the Boehms (Ron & Chery) to be their trainers. Though it was a cold, icy day in Columbus, about 20 came out for the training.

The day was broken up into five sessions:

1. What is coaching?
2. What is good listening?
3. How to ask good questions.
4. The Nuts & Bolts of the coaching experience.
5. Where do we go from here?

Attendees were given plenty of opportunity to interact and actually practiced coaching one another.

We look forward to seeing how God uses this training to help raise up leaders for the church.

-- Ron Boehm

Why Ohio?

Why should we put man-power, energy, resources, and prayer into developing new churches in Ohio? Consider the following:

★ There are over 11 million souls in the state, and 8 of 10 are NOT in any church of any kind on any given Sunday.

★ For every three members of the Grace Brethren Fellowship nationally, one lives in Ohio.

★ The Grace Brethren Churches in Ohio are strong, averaging 300+ (the national GBC average is 135). Our leadership pool is very strong and we should tap it and encourage it towards the work of starting new churches for the NEXT generation.

★ God is doing something in our state as evidenced by the vision or our leaders and the passion in many to see new works started. Should we not follow His Spirit?

Visit our web site at www.visionohio.org for more information about what we are doing and how you might get involved.

-Ron Boehm-

VO Senior Missionary

TONY WEBB ON COACHING

“Coaching is such a powerful tool! It is always amazing to see the Holy Spirit move in a church planter's heart and see him come up with key and critical thinking on a chosen topic through the asking of key questions. We are so privileged to have a relationship with so many exceptionally sharp men God is using to plant churches. Their team building and



contact making work is great. To sit down with these men in a coaching relationship is very rewarding.”

At present Ron Boehm is coaching six, Tony three, Ned Denlinger two, and Clancy Cruise one. Many are using CoachNet as a tool, which has greatly increased our effectiveness. Pray for this good work.

Movement Work



What a joy to travel to Eastern PA with the VO Staff (Nathan Wells, Martin Guerena, Terry Hofecker and Ron Boehm) and interact on so many wonderful topics. After arriving at Camp Conquest and getting settled, the new day came and we had the

privilege to interact with a group of about 20 North Atlantic Fellowship pastors. It was such a pleasure to get to know some better, and others for the very first time. To hear their hearts and see their expressions of passion for the harvest was great. May God continue to bless those men as they work in the harvest there! May God give to them a church planting movement in their region!

—Tony Webb

Pray

1) Pray for the VO Staff - as we continue to work in a covenant community, that God would continue to bless our time together and allow us to continue to grow in Him more, together.

2) Beg God for more workers in the harvest! And, as you find out their names, give them to us!

3) Ask God to encourage our church planters, their wives and families. May God allow them to see how powerful and necessary the work is they are doing!

Exponential



Last April several church planters from the midwest went to the Exponential Conference in Orlando, FL – the largest church-planting conference ever (about 2500).

This year we are hoping to take advantage of the same conference, which is featuring Erwin McManus, Tim Keller, Francis Chan, Dave Ferguson, Hugh Halter and many others.

Exponential is April 21-23, with pre-conference sessions starting on Monday the 20th. For more information go to www.exponentialconference.org or give Ron a call (330.467.6123).

A benevolent donor is contributing \$1,500 to recover registration fees for our group, but action must be taken soon. For details contact Ron by phone or email (rboehm@visionohio.org).

The VisionOhio Web Site



You can visit our web site, www.visionohio.org, and have access to a lot more information about us and the Ohio church plants currently in progress.

Our home page gives links to information about where to start if you are interested in ...

- planting a new church
- future training opportunities

- where to begin if you are in need of a church planter assessment, and
- how to find a coach.

Other sections on our site feature:

- The current church plants in Ohio; we give you pictures, some basic contact information and a brief status report.
- Current news reports.
- Prayer requests.
- Explanation about VisionOhio and how to contact any of us who are involved.
- Support - specific details about giving.

If you get a chance to visit our site, please sign our guest book on the home page and give us your comments. We would love to hear from you.

— Ron Boehm