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KEN & ERIN KAUFFMAN

Ken and Erin, members of Emporia Nazarene, are heading to the Dominican Republic to work with AJ and Chelsea Fry. Their role will be to help facilitate the construction of the Nazarene Center of Missionary Formation. The purpose of the Center of



Missionary Formation is to be a catalyst in training new missionaries to reach people in the city. They will be assisting this effort by helping host Work and Witness teams that come to partner in construction of the new training facility. The Kauffman's begin their one year of service this June. If you would like them to speak at your church, please contact them at kansakenerin@gmail.com or 620-794-3950.

To make a tax deductible gift to Ken & Erin:

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RUSTY & DIANE ROBBINS

Rusty and Diane have been serving the Lord as Nazarene missionaries since 2008 with JESUS Film Harvest Partners in Olathe, Kansas. They have been reassigned to the Eurasia Region with

Rusty as the JESUS Film Coordinator in South Asia within the 10/40 window. Their assignment change has happened quickly as they need to travel to the region on May 1. Rusty and Diane have been in several churches within the Kansas District over the last 10 years, even speaking at one of our Kansas District Children's Mission Retreats.

To make a tax deductible gift to Rusty and Diane:

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"Today we celebrate a significant expansion of the news service at the Global Ministry Center," said Frank Moore, general editor for the Church of the Nazarene. "We invite the nearly 450,000 Spanish-speaking Nazarenes scattered around the world to read news features and transformation stories through God's power. I pray that this step forward will strengthen the faith of our readers and encourage them as they work together in God's mission to the world."

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Each week, NCN News provides a window into the Church of the Nazarene's ministry around the world.

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CHURCH PLANTING

By **Jeremiah Wood**

Lead Pastor of PAX City Church

PRAYER

What once was a thriving church of 200+ people had dissolved away over the course of fourteen years to only forty members. Many would say it was the pastor who was at fault. Others would complain of the worship style. Some simply believed that the glory days were over and closing the doors of the church was all but imminent.

Out of the forty that remained, there was a remnant that believed there was still more that God had for them. So, they prayed.

Becoming a church that plants other churches is an overwhelming and incredibly intimidating thought. But it doesn't have to be. The way we navigate through the waves and the winds of multiplication is learning where to start.

DCPI (Dynamic Church Planting International) has a principle called "The Power Principle." It states that, "Prayer is the indispensable source of God's power and wisdom." Now, I can look throughout the course of my life and when I prayed, my prayers were characterized by things like begging, bargaining, and even awkward silence, but rarely power and wisdom. To begin the process of multiplication, we must start with prayer that produces nothing less than power and wisdom.

In his book, SHIFT, Daron Brown gives three very specific ways to focus our prayers that they produce the power and wisdom we need to fulfill God's call on our church.

PRAY FIRST: When we pray first, we are putting our faith in God first. Unfortunately, it has been common place to problem solve, strategize, and have many, many, many meetings to find answers when we should have just prayed. Praying first is saying to God, "We want your will and your way in this matter above all else."

PRAY MUCH: The more we pray the more prayer becomes a second nature. Scripture tells us to ask, seek, and knock as well as to seek the Lord with all our hearts. This is a continuous progressive state that paints the picture of someone pressing in until they get the answer they have been looking for. Praying much is the prayer life that avails much.

PRAY FORWARD: Praying forward means praying toward those things that align with God's vision for your church. A few years ago, we were planting a church and we were prayer walking through the community. Our prayer was simple, "God, we thank you that you are going to fill our church with these people and they are going to experience the new life that only you can give. Thank you for it, Jesus." We prayed forward and God delivered.

So what happened to that church of forty people? God answered their prayers with power and wisdom and within two years they grew to over 400 people, planted four new churches, and saw over half a dozen people respond to the call to go into the ministry.