

God's Moving in Church Planting... Even in Covid, just as this thing hit, we had multiple church plants about to launch. We wondered, what could God do with churches unable to gather in person? It's been amazing to watch. Things we did not imagine, sprung up. From radically increased online church attendance, to significantly increased community engagement, it's been wonderful to see the God inspired creativity. Here are a few highlights:

- A church launched in a parking lot with social distancing
- Church plants having even greater attendance online than they did in person and some reaching beyond their regional borders
- Plants taking some of their financial resources and giving to community people in need
- Church members having increased neighborhood impact through social distancing neighborhood gatherings
- Plants connecting to their members through surprise door drop gifts, fun online activities, and Zoom Bible studies
- Churches creating limited resource "supply packages" and getting them to people in need
- Church plant members creating neighborhood online care communities
- Planters connecting with each other and encouraging each other in Zoom meetings
- A ministry outreach to Muslims
- Church plants reaching out to first responders through making more comfortable mask provisions
- More church members being actively engaged in community ministry
- We see churches reaching INTO their community more than ever before

Nothing stops our God from building His Church! The CDC was recently asked what the church could do in response to Covid. The answer was basically to say *love your neighbors* and that's what we're seeing arise in this time.

Praising God for His Faithfulness,

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