



NCN's Language Ministries Newsletter

An update from your Language Ministries Team Leader

Winter 2009

Upcoming Events

◆ *Conversational English Workshop—ESL Teacher Training*

⇒ Saturday, February 21 and 28
Reston Bible Church
Registration Deadline Feb. 18
Go to:
NorthStarChurchNetwork.org
for registration form or call
NorthStar's office to request a
form.

◆ *Culto Unido (Hispanic Joint Service)*

⇒ Sunday, April 12
5:30 pm

◆ *Ministers and Administrative Professionals Appreciation Luncheon*

⇒ For all Ministers and
Administrative Professionals
(Secretaries)
Monday, April 27
Parkwood Baptist Church
8726 Braddock Rd, Annandale
RSVP by April 21 to Mary Beth
Inman, 703-941-6822 or by
email.

2009 Is Here

Our Lord is at work in and through His churches, fulfilling His Great Commission. New congregations are being birthed, fresh ministry ventures are being started, exciting mission activity is being launched. As you read the information below, please pray for each situation and for your possible part (and your church's) in that gospel enterprise. It is a privilege and joy to serve your church and work together with you. Thanks for reading. Feel free to contact me with questions or ideas. II Corinthians 11:28.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

Greg

Did You Know?

The NorthStar Church Network family worships in English, Arabic, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Twi (Ghanaian), Liberian, Amharic (Ethiopian), Cambodian, Portuguese (Brazilian), Tagalog (Filipino), Tigrinya (Eritrean). There are 58 "language congregations" in our association family.

What Is Our Lord Up To?

*Chandra Poudel is a pastor from Nepal and starting a congregation in Arlington to reach the 100,000 Nepali-speaking people who live in the greater capital area. If you or your church are interested in helping to sponsor this new work financially, please contact Greg Loewer.

* "Retired" Pastor Charlie Chilton is seeking to help start a new Filipino congregation in the Gainesville area. Want to learn how you can help? 540-972-9497.

*Received into membership of NorthStar Church Network at the Annual Meeting: Vietnamese Bible Baptist Church—Ho Chi Hieu, pastor (Manassas); Ethiopian Covenant Gospel Church—Tefaye Haile, pastor (Clarendon); New Horizon (Korean-English) Community Church—J.C. Moon, pastor (Fairfax). Received by watchcare: Doldan Korean Baptist Church—Oh Bong Yong, pastor (Centreville). The Doldan church is seeking a new location and would like to rent space at an existing church. For more information, 703-609-2231.

*On several nights in December, NorthStar staff and various association churches, including Jerusalem Korean Baptist Church, provided and served meals for residents and other homeless persons at the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter. For more information, contact NorthStar's Sue Stanley. If your church would like to schedule specific dates for providing one or more meals, call the Bailey's Shelter staff in charge, Thornell Hancock, 703-820-7621.

English Ministry Pastors Needed

Various Korean-American congregations are expanding their ministries and are seeking a part-time Pastor for English Ministries to preach in English worship services and lead discipleship training for youth and young adults. Applicants do not need to speak Korean. For more information, contact Greg Loewer.

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If you would like to inform churches of language events, please contact NorthStar Church Network: 703-941-6822

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Starting a Mission Congregation

If your church is prayerfully considering the start of new work, in English or for any other language group, NorthStar can help. We can provide guidance, resources, and suggestions, both in person and in print. Call the NCN office or email Greg Loewer. The Holy Spirit is moving among the churches. What is He saying to you and yours?

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Space Needed

Several congregations are needing to relocate. If your church might be interested in exploring a partnership for shared building use, contact Greg Loewer for a list of seeking churches, along with samples of partnership covenants, rental agreements, and suggestions.

Financial Contributions to NorthStar

Thanks to all who give to support NorthStar ministries. Our 2008 records show that 22 of NorthStar's 58 language congregations/churches contributed to the mission work of our association during the year. Language contributions to NorthStar's General Budget totaled \$23,763.

If your congregation would like to contribute financially, the church may send checks payable to NorthStar Church Network. Each time a donation is received, NorthStar sends back to the church a receipt, a contribution form for the next gift, and a mailing envelope. If your church needs any of these, please call the NorthStar office for assistance. We desire to use your mission dollars in the most effective, God-honoring way for His Kingdom.

John Leland Center for Theological Studies (Arlington, VA)

Did you know that cost for a course can be as little as \$125. With scholarships from NorthStar Church Network, the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, and Leland, students can take classes in the Diploma Program for a very low cost. This semester's classes, held at the Arlington Campus (facilities of The Church At Clarendon):

English:

Formation for Ministry – Monday, 6:30 pm – 9:20 pm (Arlington, VA)

Introduction to New Testament – Thursday, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm (Arlington, VA)

Español:

Introducción al Nuevo Testamento – Jueves, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm (Arlington, VA)

For more information, contact NorthStar's liaison to Leland, Rev. Tom Lynch:

tlynch@JohnLelandCenter.edu

Church With Space to Rent

Antioch Korean Baptist Church (Lincolnia Road, Alexandria) is interested in offering its facilities to a congregation needing to rent space on Sunday afternoons and/or evenings. For more information contact Pastor Samuel Lee, 703-256-3761.



NCN Language Ministries Tip:

When approached about sharing worship/education/fellowship space in your church facilities, don't say, "You want us to let them use our building?!" Instead, prayerfully consider potentials along these lines: "Lord, this is Your building, Your Kingdom resource. What would You have us do for the sake of Your Great Commission?" There still may be reasons for declining an opportunity. Just be sure they are God's reasons.

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