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Dare to Dream



An outward focus has long been emphasized at CrossPoint Alliance Church in Akron, Ohio, especially with Tim Feather at the helm, former Alliance missionary to Thailand. However, when the church's Dream Incentive Grant proposal was accepted to boost outreach to local internationals, the harvest came right to their front door.

Bruce Lyman and his family moved to Akron to plant a church in 2006. Only 15 months later, the church closed its doors. Pastor Bruce wondered why God brought his family to Ohio, if not to plant a church, and he accepted a teaching position with a nearby Christian school. The school began taking short-term mission trips, and the Lyman family volunteered in an English

as a Second Language (ESL) program. Soon, teaching ESL became Pastor Bruce's passion. In February 2014, he launched an ESL program at CrossPoint to reach the thousands of internationals in a three-mile radius of the church.

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funding to help small to mid-size churches potentially realize an otherwise unattainable ministry 'dream.'" When the program was announced at General Council, Pastor Tim immediately thought of their ESL program.

"Our vision for ESL is to be able to provide the most excellent teaching of English that we can and, in the process, provide other activities to build relationships with our students so they will give their lives to Christ," Pastor Bruce shares.

With the objective to build the local church, the Dream Incentive Grant "...value(s) criteria such as outward focus, community service, and multicultural involvement..." CrossPoint's ESL program was a perfect fit. Funds from the grant enabled the church to hire Pastor Bruce part-time to administrate the program and lead an ESL leadership team.

Staffed by dozens of CrossPoint volunteers, the program now serves hundreds of nearby internationals from 42 different nations. Beginning, intermediate, and advanced ESL classes are all available free of charge — students only pay for books. Additional classes in painting, cooking, jewelry making, Bible, and citizenship offer students more opportunities to practice their English and provide volunteers with opportunities to foster relationships with the goal of sharing the gospel. "We are always looking for ways to mention Jesus," Pastor Bruce explains. "If we don't include Christianity in the lesson, they won't think it means anything to us."

Other churches in the area have recognized the need that CrossPoint's ESL program is meeting. Pastor Bruce is regularly approached with opportunities to encourage other churches and even other districts to begin similar programs. "Because of the Dream Grant, I feel a responsibility to share this vision with anyone I can."



Pastor Bruce can recount a myriad of stories of individual lives touched with the gospel as a result of the ESL program equipped by the Dream Incentive Grant. Donations to the program are needed to enable the Alliance to help other churches fulfill their ministry dreams. Please consider this option for your Kingdom investment and partner with Alliance churches to reach the nations. Your tax-deductible donation can be made by check to: The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Attn: Donor Services, 8595 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920. Please write "Dream Incentive Grant" in the memo portion of your check.

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President's Corner

Sharing with Larry McCooey



GENEROUS GIVING: THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

Dear Fellow Investors and Friends,

My last article for *Builders* explored the idea of starting with the fact that God owns 100% of everything, and then determining what He wants us to do with what He has entrusted to us. This time, I'd like to propose a few ideas to guide our thinking as we work at discerning our individual responses:

- God has made us in His image. Since He is generous, we ought to be generous to reflect His nature as He intended.
- God is pleased when we give generously, cheerfully, and with the right motives, like a loving father is glad when his children unselfishly share.
- We are strongly challenged to sacrificial generosity as Christ's disciples.

- The needs and opportunities are great, and there is much to do. Our U.S. Alliance president, John Stumbo, said in his recent video blog (available at www.cmalliance.org/video/watch/34093), "Money is not the fuel of missions. The Holy Spirit is the fuel of missions, but we (The Alliance) need full financial participation for us to be able to send the teams and do the work that God's called us to do." He then calls us to prayer, generosity, and passion to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

I hope you find these thoughts useful as you consider this aspect of your journey.

As always, thank you for seeing the value of investing in ADF part of the 100% He's entrusted to you.

To quote our Alliance president once again, "...We'll know when we're done when Jesus comes back."

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