# Church-Planting Team Leaders Checklist for tracking progress in new churches

# New church project location \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Proclaim the Good News, Make Disciples and Start Daughter Churches

* Tell others about Jesus’ death and resurrection, and also about what He has done for you.   
  Luke 24:46-48; 2 Timothy 4:5.
* Evangelize entire families and networks of friends, with the power that God promised.  
  Deal with the head of a family first or as soon as possible.
* Plan upbeat events that help new believers tell friends and relatives what Jesus has done for them.
* Receive and baptize the repentant; avoiding discouraging delay, Acts 2:38-41*.*
* Train disciples above all to obey Jesus’ orders, Matthew 7:24-29; 28:18-20; John 14:15*.*
* Let older children disciple and lead younger, serving as role models.
* Start daughter churches, Acts chapters 13 & 14.
* Keep flocks multiplying in their normal, biblical way .
* Send to neglected communities workers who can multiply churches, and hold them accountable.
* Prepare workers to bond lovingly with people of a different society or culture.

Show Care and Comfort the Troubled

* Correct offences without condemning, Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5.
* Correct believers’ bad habits without grumbling, gossiping or condemning them.
* Help persons and families with problems, pain or addictions trust in Jesus’ gracious power.
* Restore those who stray without delay, following the steps that Jesus prescribed.
* Forgive, and staunch Satan’s sneaky undercurrents of finicky criticism.
* Advise and reconcile troubled folk, *Philemon.*
* Let courage and faith overcome feelings of guilt, fear and jealousies.
* Face the world’s hatred without letting it trigger despair and dismay.
* Agree with one’s spouse on prudent management of family finances and disciplining children.
* Watch over the flock, ward off apathy and “wolves”, Acts 20:28-31; Titus 3:10-11.
* Shun those who cause division or discourage others.

Pray, Intercede, and Wage Spiritual Warfare.

* Pray daily alone and with family, 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:10-18; Genesis 18:20-33.
* Replace prayers to idols and images with prayer in Jesus’ name.
* Pray for the sick, needy, misled & demonized, Ephesians 6:10-18; James 5:13-18.
* Rely on the power of Jesus’ name to heal and to discern and cast out evil spirits.
* Wage spiritual warfare strategically, prepared always for martyrdom.

Give and Be a Good Neighbor to the Needy.

* Serve the needy, behave as model citizens, Luke 10:25-37; Acts 6:1-6; Galatians 6:9-10.
* Deal with employers and employees with respect and fairness.
* Help the poor advance economically without causing dependency.
* Integrate benevolent development work with other vital ministries.
* Train deacons to lead those who care for the needy and oppressed.
* Be stewards of your treasure, talent & time, Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 6:38.
* Encourage believers to give cheerfully.
* Verify a benevolence project before contributing to it; avoid frauds.

Worship as a Body; Take Time for Meaningful Fellowship.

* Worship, fellowship and break bread, Matthew 26:26-28; Hebrews10:25; Acts 2:46; 20:7*.*
* Obey New Testament “one another” commandss.
* Let children take a serious part in worship and church life.
* Maintain order during worship without discouraging spontaneity.
* Experience the divine mystery of the bread and cup of Communion.
* Build loving relationships between new and mature believers.
* Include worship songs that one can recall and sing during the week.
* Develop interaction in and between flocks, Romans12:3-21; 1 Corinthians chapter 12.
* Use spiritual gifts in small groups; heeding the “one another” commands.
* Respect Christian leaders regardless of social and educational level.
* Cooperate closely with other flocks in the area, and avoid luring away their members.

Let God Transform you into the Image of His Son.

* Be transformed by God’s Holy Spirit, Romans 12:1-2.
* Live by faith without seeking constant signs from God to bolster it.
* Explain original sin, its consequence for all, and why the risen Christ is our only hope for life.
* Let the Holy Spirit sanctify, and cultivate “fruit of the Spirit,” Galatians 5:16-23.
* Stop any gossip before it spreads..
* Pound one’s ego down as often as it asserts itself, with God’s “hammer”.

Oversee Flocks and Organize Ministries.

* Agree with coworkers on objectives and plans, Philippians 2:2; Acts 15:22-31.
* Keep church bylaws general, to adapt to new situations and to each flock’s level of maturity.
* Agree on serious projects, so that they may be bound in heaven, as Jesus said.
* Let all members use their spiritual gifts, 1 Corinthians 12.
* Have groups of limited size, to enhance interaction.
* Let folks use God-given gifts freely, not to do only what pleases leaders.
* All serve one another in practical ways, 1 Corinthians12; Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans12:3-16.
* Lead firmly as humble servants, not as autocrats, Matthew 20:25-28; 1 Peter5:1-4..
* Examine one’s motivation to lead and confess any self-importance.
* Let willing believers help plan projects and do vital ministries.
* Lead prayerfully and decisively without being bossy, sharing responsibilities with other leaders.
* Prevent a clique secretly usurping control of a congregation.
* Assess progress in all tasks, Acts 20:28; James 1:22-25.
* Evaluate results of service for the Lord, not merely efforts.
* Focus on positive action, not squandering time on chronic problems.
* Evaluate pastoral trainees’ fieldwork frequently and frankly.
* Avoid focusing too exclusively on a pet ministry; balance the body.

Train and Mobilize Shepherding Elders.

* Apply the Word to equip believers for edifying ministry, 2 Timothy 3:16-17..
* Teach Bible doctrine along with practical Bible duty.
* Discern crucial differences between the Old and New Covenants.
* Preach what is currently needed, not merely what fits one’s teaching style.
* Serve as an example that your apprentices can easily imitate, of a dutiful shepherd.
* Train leaders of new flocks, Mark 3:14; Titus 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:2.
* Extend mentoring chains as Paul required.
* Provide pastoral training at all economic and educational levels.
* Name shepherds according to the qualities that God requires, without requiring degrees where not needed.
* Follow God’s order in the home, Ephesians 5:21 ─ 6:4.
* Correct children with positive, consistent discipline, without anger.
* Advise couples with bumpy relationships, and couples planning to wed.
* Fulfill biblical duties of husbands, wives and children and deal decisively with roots of bitterness .