



CHURCH PLANTING
PARTNERS



Partner Roundup - January/February 2022



Mount Sentinel, Missoula, MT

Have you ever really needed help?

Maybe your car broke down and left you stranded on the side of the road. Maybe you were going through a really difficult time, but then there was that good friend who had been through similar trials, who understood your struggle, and was able to minister encouragement and hope.

Our country is anxious and divided, and many churches are struggling right now.

In October 2019, God gave us a vision and a call to come alongside young and struggling churches to encourage the pastors and help the churches become established via a ministry named Church Planting Partners. Little did we know then how timely and relevant our ministry would become amid a pandemic. A recent nationwide study revealed that **38% of pastors have considered quitting** the ministry in the past year.

Establishing and strengthening new communities of Christ followers is a frontline strategy for reaching the distressed and disconnected with the Good News.



Highland Mountains, Whitehall, MT

Partner With Us

The exciting facet of Church Planting Partners is that **YOU can become Personally Involved in Global Missions!** There are 3 primary ways you can partner with us:

1) **Pray.** We believe God has many “divine appointments” for us to make along the way.

Please pray we are quick

to share our faith and pray that we are effective in encouraging pastors. Also, pray for our health and safety.

2) **Participate.** Montana provides many opportunities for you to come and serve alongside us. Contact us to plug into a short-term mission trip.

3) **Provide.** Although the North American Mission Board (NAMB) endorses us in our mission outreach, we are entirely self and supporter funded. Last year our travel and living expenses in Montana averaged \$3,000 a month. We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming one of our financial partners. NAMB provides you with a giving portal at our **missionary page** and 100% of your tax-deductible gift comes directly to us and provides you with a donor receipt.



Justin & Alison Cottingham, Darryl & Veronica Brunson, Phil & Laura Dooley, MT Church Planters Retreat

Lives Touched

In late January we flew to Missoula MT to participate in a statewide Church Planters' Retreat sponsored by 5 Missouri Baptist churches. Our time there provided us an opportunity to connect and bond with the ministry couples who are starting new churches in Montana.

Pictured with us are Darryl and Veronica Brunson, of Expedition Church in

Livingston, and Justin and Alison Cottingham, church planting missionaries from Expedition Church. The Cottinghams have a burden to start a new church in the Big Hole Valley of Beaverhead County (larger than the state of Connecticut, but with a population of 154,000 cows and around 9,000 people).



"Yeti" truck & "CV" 5th Wheel Trailer

2022 Ministry Plans

God willing, we will deploy again this Spring in our big white truck nicknamed "Yeti" and 5th Wheel Trailer "CV" (Carrier Vessel) to work alongside Expedition Church by being "boots on the ground" in Whitehall, Montana and the surrounding Jefferson Valley. We will seek to gather a missional community of Christ followers to reach their

neighbors with the Gospel. Additionally, we will be spiritually alert to struggling churches and pastors in SW Montana that we might encourage.

Before we head west, we want to reach out each of you to share a personal update and learn how we might better partner with you. We look forward to connecting soon!

**Your Church Planting Partners,
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