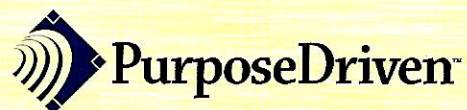
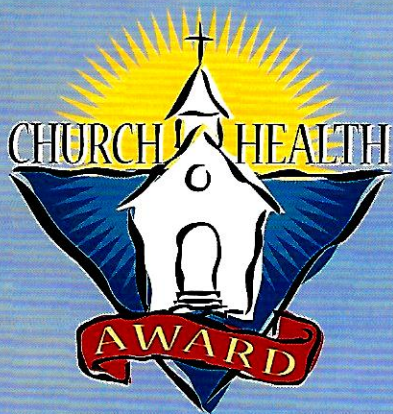




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LAKE GREGORY COMMUNITY CHURCH CRESTLINE, CALIFORNIA



Pastor Dave Holden

It isn't surprising that Lake Gregory Community Church has named its discipleship process "The Mountain Top Experience." After all, the 75-year old church is located in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains, 80 miles east of Los Angeles. But for Pastor Dave Holden, the process of transitioning

to the purpose-driven paradigm eight years ago was a lot like climbing a mountain.

"There's no question it was a journey," Dave recalls. After attending his first PD Conference in 1995 and committing himself and the church to seeking the five purposes, Dave then let God "transition" the church from traditional to purpose-driven. From the time the transition started, Lake Gregory experienced growth for 30 consecutive months, and the overall membership doubled in the last two years. Last Fall's *40 Days of Purpose Campaign* gave the church a natural platform to integrate the church's older members with the newer ones. The program enabled Lake Gregory to start 72 new small groups for the Campaign with close to 60 percent of the church still connected in small groups today.

Today, while the town of Crestline has a population of just 8,000, a significant number of the local residents are members or regular attenders at Lake Gregory. The church has achieved Dave's goal of "making a pathway to the community." The church hasn't just made a "pathway" in their local area, but around the world. "The church's heart has always been in missions," Dave explains. "As part of the transition, we dismantled everything that we had been doing in missions and re-built it." Today, Lake Gregory has close to 100 members active around the world in countries including Africa, China, Japan, Eastern Europe, Mexico and India.

"What has happened here is the natural, healthy outgrowth of a church living and using the Purpose Driven model," Dave enthusiastically explains.

WESTSIDE FAMILY CHURCH SHAWNEE, KANSAS



Pastor Dave Cox

Eight years ago, Dave Cox, Senior Pastor of Westside Family Church, brought together 25 key leaders of the church and discussed with them the bold changes that needed to be made in order for God to make the church healthy and growing once again. The result included changes that

seemed radical then, but have been proven highly effective in practice.

Dave helped create a new identity for the church in the local community. Gone was the old church name and in its place came "Westside Family Church", chosen intentionally to reflect the church's passion for reaching the west side of Kansas City with the gospel. Gone was the single Sunday morning service, replaced by five seeker-friendly events along with a mid-week service for believers wanting to go deeper. And, more significantly, gone was the old church building—it was too small to accommodate the anticipated growth.

This made it necessary for the church to meet in a variety of locations including an apartment building, a commercial retail center, a middle school, high school, community center and even a theater. "We're probably one of the few churches in Kansas to have to relocate twice in a five-year span because of growth," Dave points out.

By taking their time and redefining the church's purposes and patiently training leaders who shared and grasped Cox's vision for a healthy, thriving church, Westside is reaching the local community with the gospel of Jesus Christ in a big way. The church has grown from 500 members to 2,700 in just three years—much to Dave's surprise.

"The Purpose Driven model provided us with an operating system and blueprint that we've used to equip this church to better reach our local community," he adds.

PURPOSE DRIVEN CHURCH HEALTH AWARDS

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CENTRO EVANGELISTICO SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR



Pastor Juan Angel

"We're a church that practices the theology of touch, hugs, love, acceptance and forgiveness," says Pastor Juan Angel Castro, describing Centro Evangelistico a model PD Church in Central America.

The transition to a

Purpose-Driven Church started in 1998 when Juan Angel attended his first PD Conference and immediately began working on ways to change from a church built on traditions and legalism to a church focused on the five purposes. After attending the 1999 PD Conference with his leadership team, the church re-defined its purposes, vision and mission. The transition had started and the church was going in a new direction. Worship styles were changed. Modern music, including contemporary gospel songs translated into Spanish, was added to services and the "target members" ("Juan and Maria Urbano") quickly discovered a church that was ready to meet their needs.

The church, which has grown to an average attendance of 3,000 per week, is active with each of the five purposes. The church has embraced the change, especially in the area of ministry. At the start of the PD transition, just 10 percent of the congregation was involved in ministry. Today, more than 65 percent of members serve in a church ministry.

Through its strong reach in the local community, several thousand young people have been presented with the Gospel. Evangelism has become more than just an activity—it's become a lifestyle. The church has more than 85 percent of its membership plugged into a small group, which is something that Pastor Castro says, "has given greater development of our vision to become a community of love, acceptance and forgiveness."

SANDAKAN BAPTIST CHURCH SABAH, MALAYSIA



Pastor John Kwan

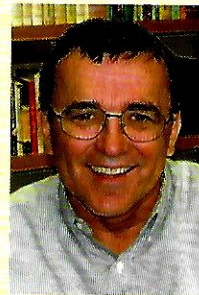
It wasn't easy for Pastor John Kwan to convince the "old guard" at Sandakan Baptist Church in Malaysia about the need to change. Many leaders were skeptical and some even resistant to change. Nevertheless, John

moved forward, slowly implementing ideas and concepts he had learned in 1998 at a PD Conference. This strategy resulted in some very dramatic changes.

"We used to think that the piano was the only 'sacred' instrument," John recalls "But now we use praise band instruments to provide better music and a more contemporary feel to the music." But the music wasn't the only thing that changed at the church. New concepts like a multi-lingual services, life application sermons, and a children's ministry that provides a "bridge" to the local community have all resulted in strong growth for this ministry.

While the life-changing principles of Purpose Driven are certainly serious business, John and his team have developed a board game, the PDChurchGame, as a tool to teach members and seekers. Designed to teach PD principles, the game also enables participants to visualize those key principles in action in a local church. "Many of the people who played the game were able to grasp the concepts of a Purpose-Driven Church," John points out. Not every church needs the PDChurchGame, but in Malaysia where most of the population has only a high school education, creative tools are necessary to build the rapport and trust necessary to encourage seekers to attend services. The same PD concepts that have transformed Sandakan Baptist Church are now being shared with other churches in and around Malaysia.

BROOKLAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON



Pastor Mike Axton

Pastor Mike Axton makes no apologies for championing the transition of Brooklake Community Church to the Purpose Driven model several years ago. "We weren't reaching people for Jesus the way we should," he

recalls. "So we made a change." That change involved altering just about every aspect of established church ministry. It wasn't an easy process, but the end result was a stronger church that is making an impact in this white-collar middle class Washington town.

"We needed to change the 'diet' of the church," Mike recalls. "We didn't change the meat or the message, but rather the look of the 'menu.'" This "new look" menu included the elimination of "Christianese" language, more seeker-sensitive services, a shift to upbeat music with lyrics everyone could understand and even a "re-structuring" of the worship service to include an intermission.

The Purpose-Driven principles have made a lasting and impression at Brooklake. There is a PD thread in every area of the church. All ministries are aligning to one of the five purposes, or the ministry doesn't exist. Small group cultivation continues, especially after last Fall's *40 Days of Purpose Campaign*, and churches from around the area and surrounding region regularly visit to see how God continues to bless this ministry.

Affiliated with the Assemblies of God, Brooklake did receive some initial resistance to the Purpose-Driven approach. But as Mike points out, "The bottom line is that people are going to heaven as a result of what we are doing here. True maturity is having a passion for the lost, and we're developing that here at Brooklake using the PD principles."

PAST AWARD WINNERS

2002 AWARD WINNERS



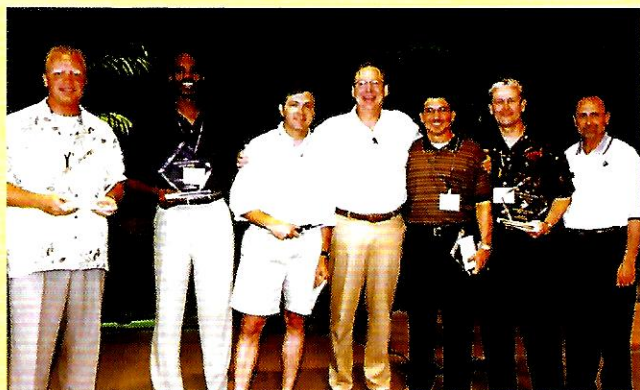
Left to Right: Mark Carver (Purpose Driven), Julio Rosas (San Martin), Anatoly Kaluzhny (New Life), Jimmie Davidson (Highlands), Rick Warren, George Rayburn (Pure Heart), Frank Reynolds (Manchester), Doug Slaybaugh (Purpose Driven), Andrew Accardy (Purpose Driven).

2001 AWARD WINNERS



From left to right: Will Mullins (Eastside), David Beer (Frinton Free), Rick Warren, Moses Wanyonyi (Deliverance), Doug McAlister (World Harvest), Bud Wrenn (Integrity), Doug Slaybaugh (Purpose Driven).

2000 AWARD WINNERS



From left to right: Jeff Mullen (Point of Grace), Bryan Crute (Destiny Metropolitan), Mike Meeks (Eastlake), Rick Warren, David Melendez (Pinellas Community), Mark Beeson (Granger), Doug Slaybaugh (Purpose Driven).

1999 AWARD WINNERS



From left to right: Brad Smith (Leadership Network), Sam Chan (Richmond Hill), Doug Slaybaugh (Purpose Driven), Ron Sylvia (Church at The Springs), Kerry Shook (Fellowship of The Woodlands), Rick Warren, Chris Nelson (Bethlehem Lutheran), John Bailey (New Life), Mike Burns (Journey Community).

2002 AWARD WINNERS

San Martin de Porras
Lima, Peru

New Life Church
Kiev, Ukraine

Highlands Fellowship
Abingdon, Virginia

Pure Heart Christian Fellowship
Phoenix, Arizona

Manchester Christian Church
Manchester, New Hampshire

2001 AWARD WINNERS

World Harvest Church
Slidell, Louisiana

Deliverance Church
Kitali, Kenya

Frinton Free Church
Frinton, England

Eastside Christian Church
Milford, Ohio

Integrity Church
Burlington, North Carolina

2000 AWARD WINNERS

Point of Grace Church
West Des Moines, Iowa

**Destiny Metropolitan
Worship Church**
Marietta, Georgia

Eastlake Community Church
Chula Vista, California

Pinellas Community Church
St. Petersburg, Florida

Granger Community Church
Granger, Indiana

1999 AWARD WINNERS

**Richmond Hill Chinese
Community Church**
Richmond Hill, Ontario

Church at The Springs
Ocala, Florida

Fellowship of The Woodlands
Houston, Texas

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

New Life Baptist Church
New Wilmington, Pennsylvania

Journey Community Church
La Mesa, California