RSBCE REPORT...

Rockies Southwest Bible Church Extension

MERGER OF
Rocky Mountain Bible Church Mission
And
SouthWest Bible Church Mission

IFCA International Agency
For starting new churches and helping
struggling churches in
Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas

Churches that have "graduated" from the Mission:

- Faith Bible Church of Cortez, CO
- Rocky Mountain Bible Church, Frisco, CO
- Grace Bible Church, Parachute, CO
- Grace Bible Church, Collbran, CO

Churches that are currently being helped by the Mission:

- Green River Bible Church; Green River, UT
- Kingman Bible Church; Kingman, AZ
- Grace Bible Fellowship; Silt, CO
- South Routt Bible Church; Oak Creek, CO
- Severance Community Church; Severance, CO
- Family Bible Church (new church plant); Prescott,
 AZ

Dr. Paul Williamson is the Director of RSBCE.

Pastor Dave is the President of the Board of RSBCE

The Board meets twice yearly, to conduct the business of the Mission

Four years ago, we had a "retreat," and invited ALL of the mission staff and Board to attend for 3 days at Twin Peaks Bible Camp.

It was a GREAT time of connecting, ministering, and building relationships.

We did it again, Wednesday through Friday, and it was another great time of ministry, fellowship, and building relationships.



Kirk & Paula Dunham

Green River Bible Church



Phil & Carol Coleman

South
Routt Bible
Church

Oak Creek, CO



Stephen & Amanda
Chapman
& kids

Grace
Bible
Fellowship
Silt, CO



James & Megan Spann & kids

Family Bible
Church
(just
starting)
Prescott, AZ





ANY QUESTIONS?

Why so much emphasis on church planting?

Why is "the church" so important???

The term, "church" (Greek: ekklesia) is used 2 different ways in the New Testament:

- The "universal Body of Christ," is called "the Church," Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18, 24.
- Local churches are called, "church," in the New Testament about 100 times!

Local churches are to manifest the quality of the Universal Church... the Body of Christ!

SO WHY ARE CHURCHES SO IMPORTANT?

- IT is in local churches that the Body of Christ actually meets and "appears" in a community!
- The author of Hebrews admonished believers to "Not forsake our own assembling together, as is the habit of some...." Hebrews 10:24-25.
 - ✓ Consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds!
 - ✓ Encouraging one another!

SO WHY ARE CHURCHES SO IMPORTANT?

- The Church is the "pillar and support of the truth," I Timothy 3:15. Communities NEED that worldview represented "in the flesh."
- It is in local churches that the Body of Christ worships God and uses their gifts and edifies and encourages one another, Ephesians 4:11-16, but esp. 11-12; I Thessalonians 5:11, 14.

THAT only happens in "community," not in "isolation!!"

SO WHY ARE CHURCHES SO IMPORTANT?

- IT is in local churches that the "ordinances" of the church are ministered: baptism and the Lord's Table.
 - ✓ <u>Baptism:</u> Paul, himself, rarely baptized anyone, evidently preferring to allow the leadership of the local church to perform that ministry, I Corinthians 1:14-16.
 - √ The Lord's Table: I Corinthians 11:17-34.

Local churches are important in our community and in every community!

Our church needs and deserves our faithful, involved support!

And, as we have opportunity, we should help other communities establish and grow churches of their own!



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