



## Building a Small Army in East Central India

How Northwoods Community Church is helping ZEC Ministries multiply its efforts to reach the next generation for Christ

**Z**ion Evangelistic and Care (ZEC) Ministries is getting ready to build a small army of youth workers throughout east central India, and Northwoods Community Church is playing a big role in mobilizing the “troops.” This May, a team from Northwoods is travelling to India to help Syam and Esther Babu in their first-ever youth camp, where they hope to train thousands of youth workers who will in turn run children’s camps throughout the country. Based on a highly successful ministry model, the current children’s camps reach largely unchurched children, often thousands at a time. In multiplying those efforts, ZEC Ministries is poised to greatly increase the number of children exposed to the Gospel message.

“Our goal is to bring as many 18- to 25-year-olds

together for a large youth camp,” says Dr. Craig J. Smith, Engage (missions) pastor at Northwoods. “We want them to catch a vision for reaching children in their village, and then send them back armed to do that service.” A year-and-a-half in the making, this trip focuses entirely on building into the lives of young adults. “Many are searching for something meaningful to do with their lives,” says Craig. For some, that might mean leaving their current living conditions in search of a high-profile career, but, according to Craig, “Syam and Esther are committed to giving these young adults a reason to stay and serve in their own towns and villages.”

To learn more about the trip, or to get involved in future efforts, please visit their website, [northwoods.church/global-missions](http://northwoods.church/global-missions).



## What would happen to FEC without CSF?

**T**he short answer to that question is pretty simple: less than is happening now. Without the Christian Service Foundation (CSF), FEC would experience less expansion, fewer church plants, less ability to respond to opportunities (such as the sudden availability of property), and more stress on congregations to pay for major repairs. Unfortunately, most banks won’t make loans to churches. The good news is that you can help, just by investing in CSF! When you make

that investment, CSF will pay you from 0.75% up to 1.5% annually on money that you invest. You choose the length of time, anywhere from “on demand” to the maximum investment period of three years. If you’re committed to more people learning about Jesus and want to earn a great interest rate at the same time, a CSF investment is the perfect option. Visit [ChristianServiceFoundation.org](http://ChristianServiceFoundation.org) to learn more, or contact the FEC office at (260) 423-3649.

### MEET THE TEAM

#### Scott Wagoner, FEC’s Director of National Church Planting

*From salvation to staff — helping FEC grow for the past 20 years*

**F**or more than 20 years, Scott Wagoner has been working for FEC in various capacities. Scott was saved at the age of 20 and began attending an FEC church, Grace Church in Morton, Illinois. Scott earned his Masters of Divinity from Trinity Seminary, and has served in vocational ministry in various positions including senior pastor roles at two churches — Crossview in Grabill — and for FEC where he was the Director of Christian Education and Human Concerns. While at FEC, Scott became interested in church planting, and in 1997, became Director of National Church Planting. Scott enjoys speaking to church leadership and encouraging additional plants birthed from local churches. He is the administrative liaison for the FEC office, FEC churches, and FEC planters. Scott oversees Tom Bennardo, Director of Pastoral Development in the Western U.S, and will oversee Jay Nickless, Church Planting Field Coordinator, as he joins the FEC team in April. He is passionate about connecting with church planters, and is excited about opportunities that continue to surface as FEC expands its influence.



### NEWS FROM THE FRONT

#### How Westwood Fellowship is connecting people to Jesus

*“Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”*

— 1 Thessalonians 2:8

**I**n August of 2015, Chad and Heidi Olszewski moved from their Ohio hometown to begin Chad’s calling as senior pastor of Westwood Fellowship in Woodburn, Indiana. Armed with the vision of “live life, share life, speak life, new life,” the Westwood congregation has been praying about opportunities to build relationships with as many people as they can, in as many ways as they can, in this small, rural community. Outreaches include everything from hosting a grief seminar, Weight Watchers, and an AWANA program to running an Acts of the Heart room, which offers basic items for those in need. Westwood has even hosted an outreach to the local mobile home community. Youth group, life groups, prayer groups, retreats at Miracle Camp, men’s and women’s events, and counseling all fall under this Gospel-centered mission, and people are coming to Christ as a result. For more information, visit their newly-updated website at [westwood-fellowship.org](http://westwood-fellowship.org).

