



Community Outreach Thrives in Maine

How a gospel community is taking the message of "Simply Jesus" to its neighbors

"Simply Jesus, simply." That's how a gospel community, FEC's church plant in Portland, Maine, is reaching its neighbors for Christ. Whether they're feeding 150 homeless people each Tuesday night, hosting an addictions Bible study called "Lazarus" every Thursday, or teaching and feeding refugee children from all around the world, this gospel community in Portland, Maine, is making a kingdom impact in this largely un-churched community.

Building relationships and trust are a vital part of that strategy, and it's beginning to pay off. "In a typical week," says Eric Wood, church planter, "we spend about 80% of our time with people who don't know Jesus." Most of these ministries

are led by volunteers. "People are starting ministries on their own, and I get to watch them do what God has told them to do. My job is to equip them to serve Jesus. Our Sunday service is just an overflow," says Eric.

At the one-year anniversary of their launch, the gospel community will likely move from an evening to a morning Sunday service and is already considering a community for a second church plant. In the meantime, this group of 20-30 people will continue to live the life of Jesus "in their homes, cities, and around the world." Says Eric, "Only the Lord can save people. We simply want to love them like Jesus loves us, and then watch with anticipation to see what God will do."

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Summer camp is just around the corner!

Spring has finally sprung, and for school-aged kids across the country, that can only mean one thing: summer camp is just around the corner! If you're looking for an adventure this summer, the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches has some great options. At Miracle Camp and Retreat Center in Lawton, Michigan, for example, kids can choose from a typical summer camp experience or opt for service and/or missions opportunities through "Shake Up Kalamazoo" (youth groups only) or Camp Aide (high school only). At LifeChange Camp in Clinton, Missouri, the summer's theme is Fearless Faith. Through conventional camp choices, family camp, or a leadership training missions camp, kids will explore what it means to follow God through faith, not fear.



To learn more about these camping experiences or to register for camp, visit these camps' websites at miraclecamp.com or lifechangecamp.org.



Basque Initiative experiences growth in Spain — and stateside, too!

Our Basque team continues to strengthen the relationships they have built since arriving in Spain last summer. Recently, those efforts have been bolstered by two opportunities for expanded ministry, both in Spain and in the United States. In Spain, we just wrapped up our first Perspectives Global course. It's a 15-week Biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic view of the world Christian movement that we will help facilitate throughout Spain in the coming years. Stateside, we're ramping up for Basque students to spend the summer with families from five different FEC churches. Says Hal Lehman, international church planting director, "these summer experiences are a great way to build lifelong relationships with Basque students and their families, with what we hope will reap eternal results."

Please be praying for positive experiences in both ministries in the coming months. To learn more, visit the Basque Initiative page on our website.

Meet our newest international initiative
FEC comes alongside India-based ZEC Ministries

The Fellowship of Evangelical Churches is thrilled to introduce our newest international initiative, Zion Evangelistic and Care (ZEC) Ministries. Based in the port city of Visakhapatnam in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India, this new initiative expands our reach and supports longtime ministry friend Syam Babu Mari and his wife, Esther Sunitha. The heart of ZEC Ministries is children's outreach, with the two-fold goal of reaching children for Christ and equipping the next generation of ministry leaders. They accomplish this goal through rooftop Bible clubs, evangelistic crusades, and pastoral training. Initially FEC anticipates working alongside ZEC ministries and Northwoods Community Church to send teams that will provide training for the many Indian pastors connected to ZEC Ministries. According to Bill Cook of Northwoods Community Church, who has been involved with ZEC Ministries for several years, a mission trip with ZEC Ministries is a "rock-your-world" experience. To learn more about how you can get involved, contact Bill at bdcook111@hotmail.com, or visit zecindia.com.

