



Reflecting, Celebrating 2017 & Preparing for 2018





Gaining perspective...
What are we to gain from our work?
For like a thousand years are like a night...



What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Ecclesiastes 3:9–13 (NRSV)

We are all part of God's Story, Christ's plan, living in the "Kingdom Launched" age, expanding and establishing His church, seeking the welfare of our communities, living this life to the fullest, enjoying our work and each other!

Discussion

Reflect on 2017 - As a family, as church family, a cluster, a network

- What went well? What was accomplished?
- What nodal or key things occurred this past year?
- What could have gone better?

Look ahead and Planning for 2018

- What are you looking forward to? In your church, cluster and network?
- What are your plans?

Reviewing the Network Teachings - Establishment as a Network

Nov 2016 - Jan 2017 - Theology in Culture

- One arm to scripture and one arm to the culture
- We, like all people before us (the Israelites, Pharisees and churches today) get confused and lose sight of God's Overall Story and Christ's plan that we are currently participating. We incorrectly think that setting ourselves apart means to protect ourselves from the outside world and become more concerned with our personal piety than seeking the welfare of our cities. We, like the people before us, think that God ruling the earth would look like a political ruler and thus we create a dualism where we become another community for other purposes.
- Doing Theology in Culture is becoming established in our faith while simultaneously engaging in our city to understand the needs and problems in our communities, and then addressing those problems and meeting pressing needs with the wisdom that the faith provides.



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Feb - June 2017

- Love Feast - We are church network family, looking ahead to the days ahead
- Letters to Corinthians - Luther recovered the gospel, but failed to build churches on the didache and did not use complex networking, ending up with fractured church networks resulting in denominationalism.
- Purpose of 1 Corinthians - to set them straight in the teachings that were delivered to them, standing firm and being unshakable, addressing their specific concerns while continuing to build on the gospel that he first brought them
- Then 2 Corinthians Sessions
 - Pressure of Leading Church Networks - Conflicts without and Fears Within - Sacrificing Network to Network for the Progress of the Gospel - The Importance of Apostolic teams - The Appeal to the Corinthian Churches

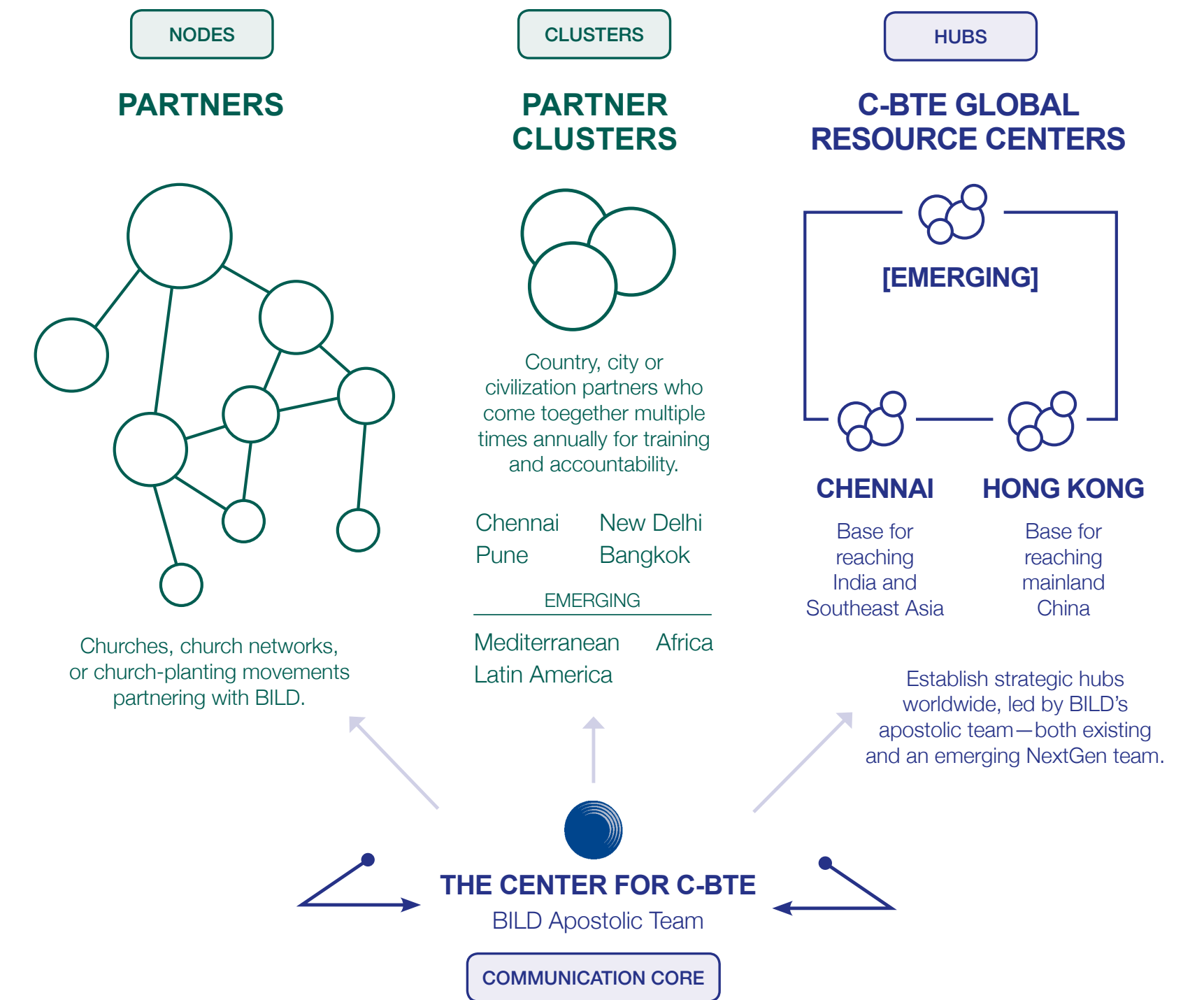
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- June - Steve taught on Enduring Hardships Together - 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

July - Aug 2017

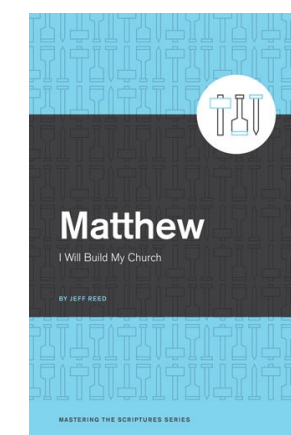
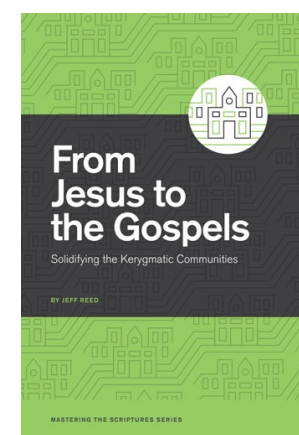
- The Importance of C-BTE Hubs, what are they and what will they do
- Sustaining a Global Network
- Coming of Age for our 13 year olds



Reviewing the Network Teachings - Establishment as a Network

Sept - Oct 2017

- Mark - Announcing the New Community
- Matthew - I Will Build My Church
- Luke - All That Jesus Accomplished
- John - That the World May Know We are One



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For so many years, the gospels have been viewed and interpreted as individualistic and moralistic guides to the Christian life, often separated from the other New Testament letters.

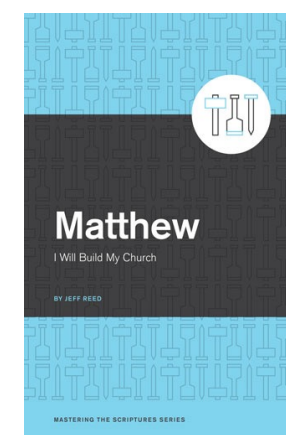
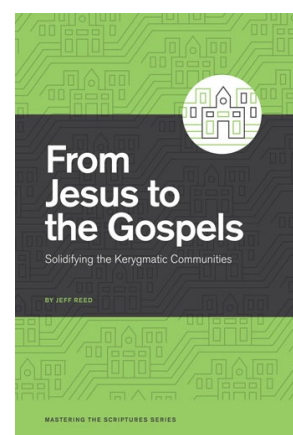
As I reflect on my past, my own understanding of how to use these books, I have previously thought the gospel books are used for:

- It is where the “gospel readings” come from in church services
- This is where we learn to be more like Jesus
- These are the books where the main message of Jesus is found
- This is where most sermons for the church services come from, one verse at a time
- The other parts of the New Testament are different, separate, detached as they are not Jesus’ words
- Jesus taught in stories and parables, so that we can understand

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- The gospel letters were written in the last 3rd of the 1st century
- Written to churches that had existed for decades, to further establish the churches
- The gospel letters were written to show the foundations of the gospel that the churches had already embraced, in order to deeply root them in the prophetic foundations, historical realities so that they would produce exactly what Jesus intended - which was a movement of healthy, multiplying churches. **This still is the plan!**
- The gospel letters assume the readers have already embraced the gospel.



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Nov-Dec 2017

BILD Conference

- C-BTE Complex Apostolic Network

Thanksgiving Love Feast

- Growth in our faith shared - David and Beth Dear, Scott and Laura Carter, David-Randy-John, Will and Cassie Cannon - shared their life stories of growing in the faith
- Christ's plan is that His gospel will move through the world as a multiplication of churches, churches that are truly organized as communities...families! If you commit your life to the teachings of Christ in your community, you will be more fulfilled in life.

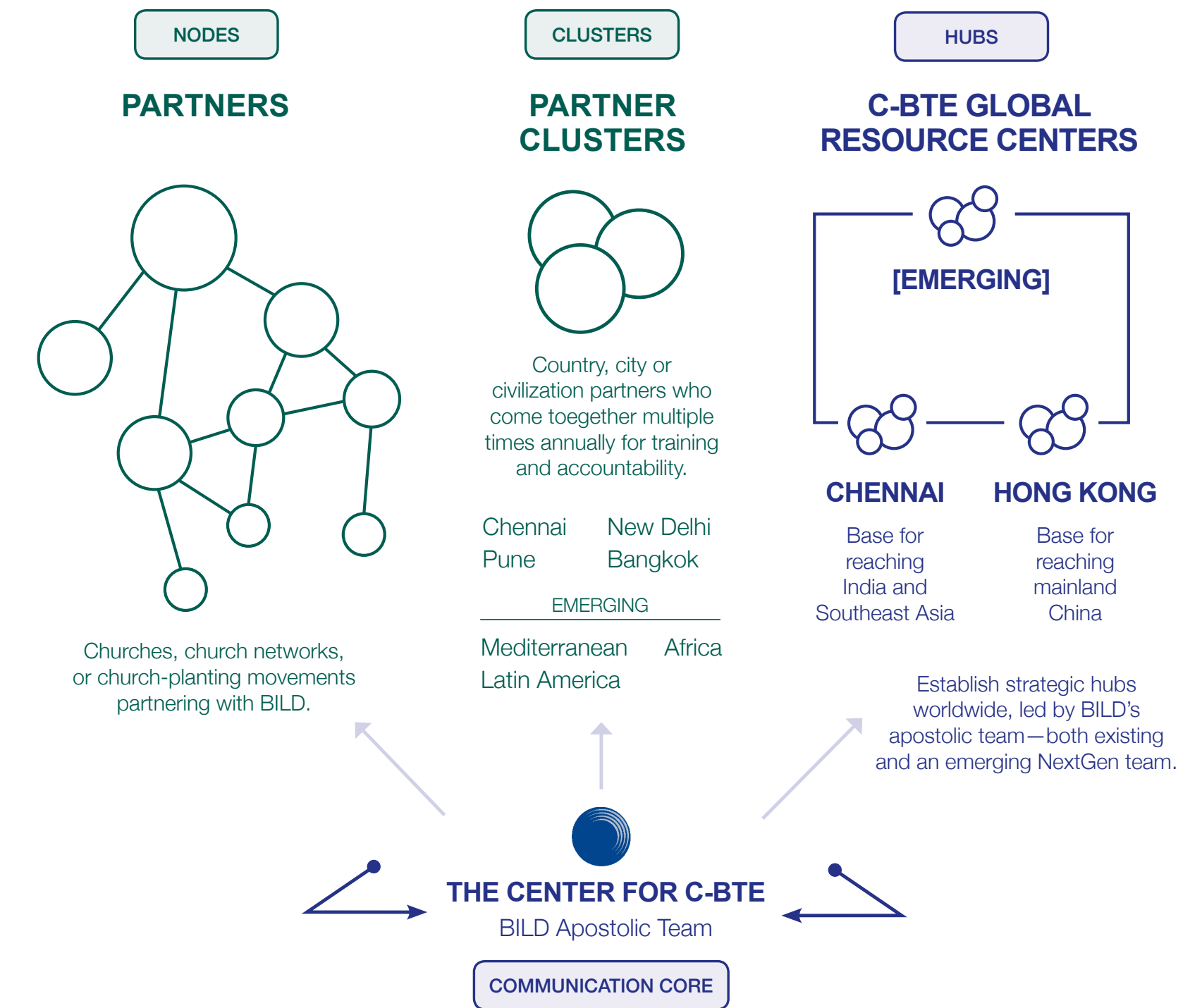


BILD Apostolic Team - The Work Accomplished

Working with Church networks be Strong and to Multiply

Jeff, Michael, Steve, Bill, Randy, Nathan, Josh, Nancy, Tina, Mike, Katharina, Kathy, Keith, Caleb...and all of the ADMCC network

- Traveled and met with existing networks in about 35 countries
- Cluster meetings across Asia - 40 large networks
- City Initiatives USA, - traveled to 6 cities, 3-4 times each
- Relaunched Latin America work, 15 countries participating
- Began 127 bible projects (98 in 2016), 25 have first draft of NT completed
- Started improvements for Antioch School 2.0
- Raised support for BILD, and partners, over \$1.1mil, with another \$300k gift in kind
- Continually solidifying leaders in about 60 key cohorts
- Put more framework in place for all BILD resources to be translated into all GW languages

Our Time, Talent and Resources

Our CityChurch Financial Needs

- Goal of \$475,000 - Received \$463,468
- A new gift of \$103k for CC & CIAI

Our CityChurch Financial Participation for BILD Apostolic Team's Work

- \$88,192 in 2Q for keeping BILD's apostolic work moving forward
- \$54,276 in 3Q-4Q for BILD Summit
- \$32,300 raised from USA CityChurches and partners for BILD Summit





2018-2020...

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We are working on outlining plans for 2018-2020...initial draft!

Our work in Ames, Des Moines, USA and The World

1. Establish a Virtual Resource Center in Des Moines
2. Plant and Network 68 churches
3. Train 340 Leaders - in CBTE System Get Competencies completed!!
4. Strengthen ADMCC Partnership w/ BILD Apostolic Team
5. Build Next Generation Benefactor Team
6. Complete 3 Manuals - Shep, Re:Build, Urban Degree
7. Complete 2 Training Tools - PwP, KidStories-KidsStudies
8. Media and Technology Design Teams
9. SIMA and Your LifeWork Program
10. Arts-Music Guild
11. Publish Mastering the Scriptures
12. Oakwood Community Centering Hosting
13. Oakwood Community Centering Expansion
14. Launch and Steward Central Iowa Antioch Initiative
15. Seek the Welfare of the City Initiatives

Strategic Project 2: Plant and Network 68 churches (for total of 80)

Description - To develop a virtual hub for all the related activity for Des Moines. A virtual hub is described as utilizing Rosno's existing business space, multi-purposing it for the need church network needs and visions. As the capital city, Des Moines is strategic for the expansion of the gospel.

Executive Core Team

- Michael Vos
- Apostolic team
- Senior elders

Project Plans and Goals

1. Plant 20 additional churches in Ames Des Moines. Update map of Ames Des Moines.
 - Team - Apostolic Team
 - Date - 1Q 2018
2. Network with 40 churches in Central Iowa
 - Team - Central Iowa Antioch Initiative - Team
 - Date - See CIAI plans
3. Michael Work with Cluster Leaders to assess overall establishment and new plants
 - Team - Michael will meet with cluster leadership
 - Date - 2-3 meetings annually per cluster
4. Integrate ADMCC strategy with CIAI partner church planting strategies
 - Team - Central Iowa Antioch Initiative - Team
 - Date - To be determined as CIAI is launched and started

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the
world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn us back to dust,
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

⁵ **You sweep them away; they are like a dream,**
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰ **The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span^d is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

¹² **So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

¹³ Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.

¹⁶ **Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!



Planning Your Days...Numbering Your Days

We encourage...insist that everyone to plan your days.

- Reflect on past year
 - Write out individual goals, family goals, church goals, cluster goals
 - Discuss in your church and family
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- Meeting with cluster leaders 1Q-2Q to review strategic projects and align our work across the network.

Michael & Leah Vos – Planning our Lives 2018

Michael's Life Purpose Statement – To lead and equip leaders, so that they have an impact in their field.

Leah's Life Purpose Statement – Devoted to my husband and children by making myself available to my husband to encourage and support our lifework. I am to raise my children, teach and encourage them to help them understand the gifts God has given to them. Providing healthy options for my family, physically and mentally, to live fully the life God has set before us.

2017 – In Review and Reflections

Leah

- Completion of SIMA-MAP – really helped give focus to know skillset, explained how to better position myself, our family and role outside in our community. It also explained reasons for my emotions and thus lessened my frustrations with people.

Michael

- Health - Established daily habits for overall health – making bed, stretching, morning walks and time with Leah, established bedtime habits – melatonin, magnesium, last 30

Our Family

- Consistent Sunday morning teaching
- Elijah and Michael's becoming a man trip
- Consistent Thursday night network establishment
- Date nights and intentional time spent together for Michael and Leah

Elijah

- Coming of age, 1 week with Dad, camping and viewing wildlife in MN or Canada

Abram

- Get a phone

Delilah

- Better at reading

2018 – Goals and Intentions

Family

- 1-week vacation in Northeast US, Boston, Gettysburg, etc./Or 1 week RV trip West.
- 2 weekends – Michael and Leah get away to rest and evaluate life
- 1-week vacation – Michael and Leah

Weekly Schedule – Making this a priority

- Monday nights – Michael meetings
- Tuesday nights is family nights – dinner all together
- Thursday nights – family's lifelong establishment meetings
- Sunday am – Network teaching