

“...EMPOWERING PASTORS & LEADERS OF IMMIGRANT CHURCHES REACHING THE WORLD”

NEW ROOTS MINISTRY

HOW CAN NEW ROOTS MINISTRY BE MOST HELPFUL TO YOU?

Change Happened, in the Bible

In the Bible, I can think of many situations when God’s people had to change directions in their journey. If we were reading a book, we might say, “they began a new chapter.” In Genesis 11, as the people were becoming arrogant, God confused their language, causing them to need to spread out. In Genesis 12, God told Abram and his wife Sarai to leave their family behind and go to a new place. God told Abram, “I will make you into a great nation.” Jonah did not want to go where God told him to go—Nineveh, so he tried to run away. That didn’t work. In Acts 9, Saul (Paul) was popular as a Pharisee seeking to shut down the Jesus-followers, until he was completely re-directed on the road to Damascus. He became a missionary of the Gospel.

Changes Happen at New Roots

For New Roots Ministry, some changes are occurring as well, though they are not so dramatic. When Carl Bruxvoort began New Roots Ministry ten years ago, many refugees and immigrants, including some of you pastors, were new to Sioux Falls. He was often asked to help pastors and churches as

they navigated within a new city and country. He helped find church facilities for worship. Carl was a source for Bibles in various

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languages. He and others began All Nations City Church, which saw gatherings of 200-350 people in its first years. People enjoyed it and they felt a need to worship with other newcomers. As many of these people worked at John Morrell (Smithfield Foods), Carl became a chaplain there.

As attendance has dropped much, All Nations City Church is closing its ministry at the end of 2017. Are we upset as board members? No. What All Nations City Church offered does not seem to be needed as much now. (→)

Timothy Leadership Training

(www.tlfi.org) is a feasible, thorough, and practical pastor/leader training program. At New Roots Ministry, we are trained to teach TLT. Upon completion, a person is Certified as a Master Trainer who can teach others.

- **Pastors, would it be good for you? Would it be good for others in your church who may be called to professional ministry?**
- **The “Teaching the Christian Faith” manual will begin Monday, Nov. 13--weekly classes with flexible day and evening hours.**
- **Offered in several languages.**
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As well, as many of you who were once refugees and immigrants, are now quite well-established in Sioux Falls, I receive fewer calls for help, compared to what Carl received. That is okay; people are getting used to this “new” country.

I get calls for help, but it’s usually to assist a former refugee in establishing a ministry that they have started on behalf of their native country.

When All Nations City Church ends, I will have more time available. My plan is to put more time into workplace chaplaincy. I will continue as the chaplain at Smithfield Foods, but I hope to help place

bilingual Hispanic chaplains at commercial dairy farms. This will cause the need for more Timothy Leadership Training. ***Change that is Most Helpful***

My friends and colleagues, we at New Roots Ministry want



to do things that are helpful. We describe ourselves as “a springboard for immigrants

& their churches.” How can we be the best springboard for you and your churches? If theological and pastoral education are important, we are seeking to offer more flexible Timothy Leadership Training times. If you want to visit with a fellow Gospel worker (me) who may have a different perspective than you, my office door is open. If you are seeking to start a new ministry, I have experience in that. Please give me a call.

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