



**Church Planting  
and Revitalization's**

**Ask the Lord of the harvest,  
therefore, to send out workers  
into his harvest field.  
Luke 10:2b NIV**

**CPR Newsletter Summer 2018**

**Hope for Norway**

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When Steve and Laura Gurney took over as the pastors of Norway, things seemed impossible. The church had fallen into despair and the growth seemed to have stagnated. Laura and Steve felt the need to gain some training and attended trainings on church planting and revitalization. Laura: "We learned from church planting and revitalization trainings that it can take years to develop a presence and build relationships in a new community and that is exactly what has taken place in Norway. By serving our community the way Jesus taught us with love, mercy, and grace; along with some patience we are now begin-

ning to see the increase Jesus promised He would bring."

This year alone they baptized 12, gained 14 new members, and have seen their other ministries grow. Their Youth for Truth program now sees 12 children attend on a regular basis. They were able to form a board this year and have had the need to start many Bible studies. Only a few years ago, one would have thought the Norway church was on the brink of death, but God has breathed over the dead bones of this church and brought it back to life.

If you are feeling discourage about the state of your church, remember the God that we worship. "He asked of me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign Lord, only you know.'" (Ezekiel 37:3, NIV) What seems impossible to us is not impossible to God. Praise God for the work he is doing in the Norway church!

**Upcoming Trainings:**

- **PERSONAL EVANGELISM TRAINING @ FAIRFIELD CHURCH, JUNE 8-9, \$20 PER PERSON. LAY PEOPLE PLEASE BRING YOUR PASTORS!**

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**Personal Evangelism Training**

Do you want to reach people for Christ but don't know how? Have we got the training for you. On June 8th & 9th, Rev. Mark Bane will be coming to the Fairfield church to teach us these things. Rev. Mark Bane will

discuss practical ideas he has put into practice. Over the past seven months, he has seen more than 70 people give their lives to Jesus Christ. Rev. Bane is honest about the ups and downs of this journey, and you will

leave encouraged, realizing it is not about great skill or spending significant money. Instead, it is about taking the risk with God to be available and present in the brokenness found in the lives of people in our communities.