

# **Church-Planting Pastoral Residency Program**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose the Planted Ministries Church-Planting Residency Program is to assist local churches in preparing and confirming highly qualified pastors and future missionary pastors along with their families to be involved in the ministry of establishing theologically solid Christ exalting local churches through evangelism and discipleship.

## STRATEGIC CHURCH-PLANTING TARGET

The strategic target areas for future local churches will begin in locations where bridges can be established towards gospel proclamation and discipleship through connections with the global farming operations of Family Tree Farms.

- Initially specific communities will be chosen based upon their proximity to current and future farming operations, capacities to sustain a local church, and spiritual needs of the area.
- To the extent that it will be possible, connections with the farming operations will
  provide an opportunity for evangelism, bible studies, and leadership development as
  churches are being established in those regions.
- The Pastoral Residency Program will focus on preparing Church-Planters to minister in these specific target areas such as larger communities close to the global farming operations of Family Tree Farms and specific cities where a strategic outreach can be done for future church planting as well as strengthen other local churches in the area.

#### PREPARATION OF CHURCH-PLANTING PASTORS

- The Pastoral Resident (PR) and his family will reside in the Municipio of El Fuerte, Sinaloa, México for approximately 6 months where the PR and his family will be involved in the ministries of Iglesia Bíblica Palabra de Cristo (Mochicahui, El Fuerte, Sinaloa) and Iglesia Bíblica Casa de Dios (El Fuerte, El Fuerte, Sinaloa) or in the city of Los Mochis where the PR and his family will be involved in the ministries of Iglesia Bíblica Palabra de Cristo (Mochicahui, El Fuerte, Sinaloa) and Iglesia Bíblica Redención (Los Mochis, Ahome, Sinaloa). Having a new church being established in Los Mochis provides cultural context and setting for further training more suited for those who will be church planing in large cities rather than rural communities.
- The PR will be involved in intensive pastoral discipleship and evaluation under the direction of Pastor Brian Warne and in collaboration with Pastor Hector Ortega.
  - Pastor Brian brings 26+ years of experience involved in church planting and leadership training in Latin America and specifically among rural communities in the Municipio of El Fuerte, Sinaloa, Mexico and the urban context of Los Mochis, Ahome, Sinaloa.
  - Pastor Hector as well as other local church pastors in these churches will be able to offer valuable counsel and evaluation as well.
  - Pastor Samuel Gutarra from Lima, Peru will also be involved to some extent throughout the process especially in developing a relationship with future church-planters bound for Peru.
  - Dan Dumas will also be able to offer his valuable insight through online team meetings with interpretation.
- The program will include extensive reading, evaluation, and interaction with books associated with Evangelism, Discipleship, Church-Planting, Pastoral Ministry, Theology and Biblical Counseling.
- The PR will be assigned preaching and other ministerial responsibilities where he will undergo evaluation and receive counsel.
- While the program will involve extensive interaction with reading materials, the focus of the program will be more practical and participatory with evaluation and constructive counsel.
- The Pastoral Residency Program will be flexible enough to adjust the training to the specific needs of each PR.
- Not only will the PR be trained and evaluated in preparation for the specific areas of church-planting ministries that he will prayerfully be involved with in the future, but the leadership of his wife and family will also be a major point of emphasis.
   Counsel for the entire family will be involved to help them prepare for life on the mission field.

- The PR preparing for church planting ministries in a rural community will be engaged with the local farming operation and develop an understanding of rural culture with an emphasis on evangelism, discipleship and leadership development.
- As part of the Pastoral Residency Program the PR will write a Church-Planting Philosophy of Ministry and Launch Strategy.

## PREVIOUS PASTORAL RESIDENTS

After completing the vetting process in 2020, two Pastoral Residents were moved from Honduras along with their families to Sinaloa in January 2021.

# **Pastor Joel Armando Reyes Sandoval**

Pastor Joel Reyes completed his Pastoral Residency in July of 2021 and he along with his wife Claudia and two daughters, Briana & Aina were relocated to Compostela, Nayarit that same month to begin his church-planting in the area near the Montaña Azul ranch.

## Pastor Boris Eufemio Alemán Fonseca

Pastor Boris Alemán completed his Pastoral Residency in August of 2021 and he along with his wife Patricia, son Brian, and daughter Catherine were relocated to Supe, Peru in September 2021 for the purpose of church-planting in the area near the Santa Azul ranch to the north of Lima, Peru.

## Robers Emilk Jiménez Mendoza

Robers entered the PR program in early 2022 but was unable to relocate to Sinaloa, México due to visa restrictions so he underwent a pastoral residency program partially by extension working with Pastor Brian Warne both before and after being relocated with his wife Cinthya & hijo Milán where he also worked alongside Pastor Giancarlo Sarmiento as a part of his training. Pastor Brian and his wife Danyel also spend time working with Robers and his wife in Honduras & Peru. Robers was ordained to pastoral ministry in October of 2023 and in currently planting a church in Pisco, Peru.

#### **CURRENT PASTORAL RESIDENTS**

## Yosimar Moya Carbajal

Yosimar relocated with his wife Paula and three sons, Isaias, Juda, e Isac, to Mochicahui, El Fuerte, Sinaloa in July of 2023 and to enter the PR program. Currently as a part of the program he is receiving training in both *Iglesia Bíblica Palabra de Cristo* (Mochicahui, El Fuerte, Sinaloa) and *Iglesia Bíblica Redención* (Los Mochis, Ahome, Sinaloa) a new church plant started by *IBPC* in November of 2024. When determined ready to be ordained he will join the pastoral team that is pastoring *IBPC* while also planting *IBR*.

## Tony De La Cruz Espinoza

Tony serves *Planted Ministries* as an Administrative Assistant and while not officially a part on the *Planted Ministries* Church-Planting Pastoral Residency Program, Tony is serving bi-vocationally as a Pastoral Resident of *IBPC* and a part of the *IBR* church planting team. Like Yosimar, he is also under consideration and evaluation towards being ordained to pastoral ministry.

## **FUTURE PASTORAL RESIDENTS**

## J. Cesar Villalba Martinez

Cesar is a comporte attorney who completed his studies at the Seminario Bíblico Palabra de Gracia en Mexico City last year. Plans are currently underway to move Cesar along with his wife, Ana, and their children Julia, Lucas, and new born baby Olivia to the city of Los Mochis by September 1 of 2024 in order for him to enter the PR program. An apartment has been secured in the building where *Iglesia Bíblica Redención* is currently renting. Upon being trained, evaluated, and ordained for pastoral ministry Cesar and his family will relocate to Culiacan, Sinaloa where Pastor Cesar will then be involved in church planting. Currently Pastor Brian is working closely with a retired banker and his wife from Culiacan desire to serve as a part of the church planting team.