

CSI Strengthening, Starting, and Staffing Churches by Clusters



More than 60 years ago the Lord Jesus knocked on my door through His body, The Church. In January 1954, young Leroy Hux, pastor of a newly organized Southern Baptist Church in L.A. County, CA, knocked on our door and told Mary and me about the Good News of Jesus Christ and the family of God in the church. My life changed forever. The church was meeting in a one-room building with little attraction to the outside world. Oh, what fellowship, love, joy, peace, and excitement among that small congregation. I remember thinking if only those outside could see what God has prepared for them and the price that was paid for their salvation, they would flock by the multitudes into His loving, caring arms. Our second church, with the same fellowship, love, joy, peace, and excitement, was a mission starting missions congregation in Huntington Beach, CA meeting in a smoke-stained hall, pastored by a very young Ted Lindwall. These two new store-front churches were bringing in the sheaves and opening up a new world of peace, joy, and eternal security among the needy multitudes living in the shadows of darkness.

Reaching...

Neighborhoods



Zones



Regions



Nations

This article is one of twelve articles with pictures and examples illustrating how any language group in any country can see and know how to strengthen, start, and staff churches by clusters throughout their part of the world. One way of starting churches by clusters is to first start Sunday Schools by clusters, as shown in the fourth article (**Turning Bible Clubs into Sunday Schools by Clusters** available at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DiHrhivU_3oYFxsW79hNK-Gsd6BQZeF/view?usp=sharing) in this 12 step series. The secret to starting Sunday Schools could be Bible Clubs launched by women and the *Youth & Younger*. Pastors love this. The strategy must include a workable plan whereby the Nationals, region by region, in each nation of our world, can take charge of the work and pursue it with all their heart, mind, and soul. A workable plan could include a Spiritual Survey of a Nation, Region, and Zone and a Spiritual Census of a neighborhood within a zone. A region could be chosen from within a nation and a survey taken of that region as to the number of zones within the region. A survey could then be taken of a zone of neighborhoods within a region as to the number of existing churches and of locations where new churches need to be started,



followed by a spiritual census in each neighborhood within the zone. A spiritual census would simply go through a neighborhood and quickly find those who are currently open to God and who are not, and concentrate on those who are spiritually open to the Good News of our dear Lord Jesus.

CSI teams led by Moldova nationals has held 18 CSI Bible Club camps without the presence of an

American. Each camp is guided by a CSI Team. Seven Bible Club camps took place in 2016 with a total of 539 children and 65 Youth Volunteer Leaders. The ten Bible Club camps in 2017 had a total of 708 children and 84 Youth Volunteer Leaders.

The first camp in 2017 was a Winter Bible Club Camp. 95 children from the villages of Grigoresti and Putinesti came to the Grigoresti Baptist Church's winter Bible Club Camp to enjoy four days of learning and fellowship. The Bible Club Camp culminated on the final day with a beautiful program that the children presented, demonstrating Bible truths they learned throughout the camp. 68 un-churched parents attended the program, and 15 of



these parents have continued attending Sunday church services. The 2018 winter Bible Club Camp involved 217 children and 115 parents. There were 83 un-churched adults at the final service. CSI's materials help children and their families understand Bible truths and have fun learning about God and the Christian way of life. Families are exposed to the joy of a life lived trusting God and serving Him, and seeds of faith are planted in communities!

In 2017, one of the Bible Club Camps was held in the village of



Alexandreni, Moldova in June. CSI Team Leaders and 12 Youth Volunteer Leaders guided 109 kids, ages 7-12, in Bible study, games, sports, singing and worshipping God. Stella, CSI Coordinator, reports the children welcomed and loved the CSI materials and the youth volunteers were thrilled to lead the activities. All age groups grew closer to God by enjoying their time together. CSI Bible Club Camps teach un-churched children how to become involved in Christian life through ministry and prayer, trusting and serving God. They are then able to share their passion for what they have learned with loved ones at home! The Alexandreni Bible Club Camp illustrates what can happen in neighborhoods, then zones, then regions, then nations across our hurting world.

If CSI can find our place among those faithful pastors and prayer warriors in our churches who are praying and longing for a worldwide revival and renewal, we believe CSI has the strategy and the tools to help launch a great spiritual awakening across our needy world. Oh, how many times we have heard our great leaders say, ***"If America doesn't have a great awakening, we are in real trouble."***

CSI has ***Bible Stories For All Ages*** along with evangelism, disciple-making, and leadership training materials in the languages of approximately 2.5 billion people. The national CSI Teams have trained and equipped more than 1,000 adults and youth in the CSI Outreach Leadership Training. CSI materials can be taught to every person on the planet including those who cannot read (***Acts 2:6-8***) and those with seeing and hearing disabilities. (As illustrated in CSI article *Back to Pentecost and Forward March* available at https://drive.google.com/open?id=1EBXSrSFy32eGi1GO16WTCzja5_KzJb2) Oh, dear brothers and sisters let us join hands and hearts and pray together and help launch this great movement. - Bro. Bill

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