

VANGUARD

Kalamazoo, Michigan

A new RCA church plant targeted to reach new people living in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for Jesus Christ

Six Planting Questions:

- Why is this church plant needed?
- What is our track record?
- What is the opportunity?
- What is the plan?
- What is the cost?
- Will you join us?

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



WHY IS THIS PLANT NEEDED?

- No new church plants have focused on inner cities and neighborhoods in the last decade.
- The City of Kalamazoo ranks the Edison neighborhood as the largest and most impoverished district in the county.
- 59 percent of households in Kalamazoo County attend no church at all.
- 39 percent of these households are single parent homes; the majority of those parents are single mothers.
- The neighborhood is full of violence, gangs, drugs, and prostitution.



WHAT IS OUR TRACK RECORD?

- For the last four years, Nate Bull and Keith Platte have been integral leaders at one of the RCA's most vibrant church plants, The River, which has now grown to more than 500 people in attendance.
- Nate Bull has been effectively leading Vanguard Street Ministry in the Edison neighborhood for nearly eight years.
- Because of Nate's ministry, hundreds of people have committed or recommitted their lives to Christ.
- Nate has been assessed by the Great Lakes Region as a gifted church planter.



WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITY?



- The River feels led to parent Vanguard Church.
- Eight years of street evangelism led to this time to form a congregation.
- Vanguard will provide a church home for people who are seeking but have not found a place to grow as a follower of Christ.



WHAT IS THE PLAN?

- In January of 2009, we plan to plant a church with more than 150 in attendance at our Sunday celebration services.
- We have more than 75 members committed to be a part of the launch team and eight house churches already in the neighborhood.
- Additionally, we will provide business and employment opportunities for neighborhood residents through our economic development programs.

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Luke 10:2

WHAT IS THE COST?

- This plant seeks to raise \$175,000 in start up costs over the first three years.
- The majority of the start up cost will be used as seed money for our outreach ministries.
- A financial overview is available upon request from:

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WILL YOU JOIN US?

- To join to our prayer team, please email prayer@vanguardkz.org.
- If God is calling you to partner with us financially, please contact us directly at the numbers listed above.
- For more info, check our website at www.vanguardkz.org.

