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“Advancing Biblical Unity and Spiritual Transformation in Utah”

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

- ST hosts Utah Clergy for pre-screening of *The Nativity* movie in mid Nov.
- The Barnabus Group, a market place ministry in Orange County, CA invites ST to present its ministry model to its membership
- 13th Mormon/evangelical academic dialogue meeting occurs at annual AAR meetings in Washington DC
- ST receives single largest ministry gift of \$25,000 in Nov.
- ST hosts nearly 60 pastors & pastors' wives at four area Christmas meals to honor them
- Greg preaches at the Rock Church and Sandy Ridge Community Church in Dec.
- Some two dozen clergy attend ST Internet Dangers luncheon in Jan. at SLCC presented by Pastor Mark Gomez of Calvary Chapel Wasatch Front in Jan.

NEW YEAR OF MINISTRY OFF AND RUNNING

As we embark upon our sixth year of ministry to advance biblical unity and spiritual transformation in Utah, the year ahead seems packed with unique ministry opportunities. Our ministry team and network of evangelical churches continues to grow, and in so doing it seems that God is opening new doors of transformational ministry to our work. In considering Jesus' heart for Utah and the distinctive ministry field we are in, we are absolutely determined to remain dependent upon the Lord for our strength, for His provision, and for the impact of the Holy Spirit in our state. We are truly humbled by the privileges God has given our ministry to facilitate biblical unity among evangelical churches in Utah, foster corporate prayer among our pastoral network, and to participate in the transformational work that our Lord is orchestrating in our unique culture. Would you partner with us in prayer for the ministry events that are now being planned for the quarter ahead?

1. 2nd Annual Pastor's Prayer Summit in Park City (late Jan.): Once again, we are calling pastors together for 3 days of corporate intercession on behalf of God's agenda for Utah. Over 20 pastors have registered for this year's summit.

2. Unite in Prayer for SLC (Feb. 11): Nearly 200 people came to our last citywide prayer event in September, this year we are hoping for even more. 14 churches and ministries are co-sponsoring this gathering.

3. From Terrorism to Jesus (Feb. 23-25): We will host Kamal Saleem for 4 meetings at 4 different churches in late February. Kamal proclaims the love of Jesus as one who formerly engaged in Islamic terrorism. His message of transformational love is incredibly relevant to the ministry of Utah.

4. Standing Firm Ministry Conference (Mar. 22): For our 4th year, we will host a one day ministry conference for those who minister in Utah presented by those who minister in Utah. This year we will be hosted by Valley Assembly of God and we are excited about how the Lord will this day.

BIOLA GRADUATE SCHOOL & COLLEGE TEAMS

This year brings a new opportunity for ST Director Greg Johnson, as he has been invited to teach a seminar elective course for the Biola Graduate School of Apologetics. The seminar class will be taught over 3 days, March 8-10th, 2007. The title of the course will be, "Understanding Contemporary Mormonism," with a focus on Mormon origins, Mormon theology, and engaging Mormonism missionally as a unique culture and people group. Greg is particularly excited about the opportunity to explore the missional paradigm of ministry among Mormons at the graduate level and is honored by the invitation from Dr. Craig Hazen to lecture on this important topic. "I see this invitation as an important affirmation of the missional philosophy of ministry that is growing in the evangelical community as it pertains to engaging Mormon culture and individuals," Greg says. He continues, "The idea of simply confronting Mormons with biblical truth needs to be replaced with building missional relationships and engaging in honest dialogue with our Mormon friends." This ministry philosophy will once again be well illustrated by collegiate ministry teams coming from Biola, Azusa Pacific, Colorado Christian, Wheaton, and Fuller Seminary this March. College Ministry Director, Erik McHenry, will lead teams from each of these schools for the sixth year in a row as they engage LDS students at BYU and on other campuses in missional dialogue. Erik will also facilitate unique opportunities for these evangelical students to engage Mormon General Authorities directly while visiting Temple Square.

THIS WEEK IN THE WORD

2007 marks the start of our 5th year of partnership with KTMW, Channel 20 here in SLC. Each Monday ST hosts a pastor led TV Bible Study where viewers can call in with questions and comments. We praise God for this wonderful ministry privilege and for channel 20!