



Out of My Mind...

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For Your Consideration...

Top 10 Things You Should Know About Unchurched People from Kem Meyer:

1. People don't care about the church database. *Make check-in about them*
2. People aren't motivated by your need. They're motivated by theirs.
3. People don't care about their next step until they know they're valued where they are now.
4. People don't know who you are no matter how long you've been around the church. *Introduce yourself every time*
5. People multitask and can't remember squat. *Visually support verbal announcements.*
6. People are turned off by lack of preparation.
7. People relate when you talk about them or people like them.
8. People feel left out and frustrated when you use insider's language
9. People aren't impressed with your theological vocabulary and holy dialect.
10. People love stories, not lectures

ON THE MOVE:

Butch Badar is leaving the pastorate of First Filipino, Columbus to take his children back to Houston TX where they will live with family. As we have walked through the valley of the shadow with Butch, we have been blessed by his values and integrity. May God bless you richly, Butch

ON OUR PRAYER WATCH:

Barbara Wheeler ♦ Dawn Sheveland
Don & Marianne Hazel
Vince Eisaman ♦ Mark Anderson
MBC Annual Leadership Conference
May 15-16

FROM THE FIELD...

Derek Sanford, Executive Pastor at Grace Church, Erie, PA writes about their community outreach initiative

"Grace Church in Erie has launched a new ministry to impact the poor and downtrodden in their region called ServErie. Responding to Christ's call for his followers to serve the poor, they desire for ServErie to be the hands and feet of Christ to the community through acts of service. This initiative

will address the leading social issues in the Erie region by mobilizing a small army of Christ followers to serve the needy. Being a suburban church, Grace members battle a proximity problem. They don't often come in regular contact with people in the community who are in the throes of poverty. ServErie will address this proximity problem by bringing the most pressing community needs inside the walls of the church every weekend through ServErie central – a physical and electronic "job board."

ServErie will be built on partnerships with agencies and organizations in the community who are already working with those in need. Grace will not re-invent the wheel since there are already many agencies who are equipped to deal with these pressing problems. Most of these organizations just lack manpower to fully achieve their purposes. Grace will come alongside organizations that work with single moms, mentoring children, the working poor, homeless people, and those in substandard living conditions.

On the launch weekend of ServErie, April 12-13, 2008 – nearly 225 people from Grace responded to the call by stepping forward to help this initiative in some capacity. May the Erie region never be the same!"

In My Briefcase...

Resident Aliens

by Stanley Hauerwas & William Willimon

Renew Your Congregation

by William T. McConnell

Who Stole My Church

by Gordon MacDonald



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