

## CHURCH PLANTING SPOTLIGHT

### RAFAEL BELLINNI | SPRING HILL



The last Sunday in August was a significant day in the life of Fellowship Community Church as they commissioned Rafael Bellinni and his team to plant a church ten minutes from their current location on Spring Hill drive in Spring Hill, FL. In the Florida District, this church plant called "The Send Church" is the first English speaking church plant that has been mothered by one of our established churches in the district in a very long time. This last Sunday in August also marked the first day that this new church held a preview service in which they had sixty-six people that came out for the service with about half of those who came from the community in which they plan to serve. The other half were people who came to support Pastor Rafael in this endeavor both from our Spring Hill church and our Hudson church. Pastor Rafael Bellinni plans on having preview services once a month until they launch their church later this district conference year. They hope to be able to make connections with families who need the Lord. Please pray for this ministry as they continue to reach out and also repurpose a building to meet their needs to hold services in the future. Also, let's not forget to pray for Pastor Derek Atkinson and Fellowship Community Church as they try to support this new church and also keep growing as a ministry themselves.

## MISSIONAL LEADERS

We are investing in our future by developing 100 new leaders (credentialed ministers) by the 2020 conference year.

## MULTIPLYING BELIEVERS

We are praying for 2,000 new believers in Jesus Christ attending our Florida District Wesleyan churches by the 2020 conference year.

## MOVEMENT OF CHURCHES

We are expanding the Kingdom of God by starting 30 new churches in the state of Florida by the 2020 conference year.

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### SPANISH CHURCH PLANTS

Iglesia Nuevo Renacer  
Iglesia Wesleyana La Cosecha  
(Cape Coral)  
Iglesia Wesleyana La Cosecha  
(Naples)  
Iglesia La Casa de Dios  
Conexion Christiana  
Catedral Cristian de la Familia  
(Fort Myers)

### CREOLE CHURCH PLANTS

First Wesleyan Haitian of Orlando  
Fort Pierce Wesleyan  
Hope Wesleyan Haitian of Naples  
Port St. Lucie Wesleyan Haitian  
Riviera Beach Wesleyan Haitian  
First Wesleyan Haitian Church of  
Port Charlotte  
Vero Beach Haitian Wesleyan Church

### ENGLISH CHURCH PLANTS

Crosstown Fellowship  
Church Experience  
Fresh Start  
Harvest House  
Nightlight  
Resonate  
Savanna  
Mission of the Dirt Road  
The Send Church

## CHURCH RENEWAL SPOTLIGHT

### PEACE RIVER WESLEYAN CHURCH | PORT CHARLOTTE, FL

Mark Benedict has pastored in Michigan, South Carolina, and now in Port Charlotte, Florida at Peace River Wesleyan Church. Peace River ranges in numbers between summer and winter months much like other churches here in Florida. This year Mark has observed an increase in attendance during the summer months, giving him hope for what the coming winter months hold. The mission of this ministry is to create disciples who create disciples. While carrying out this mission, Mark wants to get millennials involved at Peace River which has already started to happen. In addition to holding regular services, the church hosts a "service" called "Bonfire Church" where anybody is welcome to fellowship around a bonfire and ask faith questions or talk about concerns in their life. Mark along with some retired pastors who attend Peace River strive to answer any questions that are brought up at the bonfire. The church is also holding small group sessions on Monday nights which reflect back to what is discussed on Sunday morning. One other focus is intergenerational ministry through helping the generations become stronger while interacting with others of a different age.



## OVERSEAS PARTNERSHIP

### DS PATRICK STYERS | DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT

At District Conference during the Pastors Team Meeting, DS Patrick Styers was able to give an update on our overseas partnership with the Western District of Cuba. He shared that over the last eighteen months we as a district have been able to collectively raise around \$20,000 that went toward the purchase of seven buildings that would be used for church facilities in different Cuban communities. He also shared how numerous district teams have been able to go and help with some of the work in preparing these buildings for holding church services. Meanwhile, there was a new challenge shared with the pastors in the Florida District of three more buildings still needed in large metropolitan areas. These ministries are located in larger cities and as a result cost more, and thus the challenge was presented to raise \$65,000 collectively among us. Since conference, there have been commitments made toward this goal of about \$40,000. There is great anticipation in seeing what God will do with this partnership over the next year.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### TODD SLOAN | STUDENT DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Todd Sloan, student development director, reflects on the success of camp and looks forward to what lies in store for Florida District students. Youth Camp which occurred July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> had high attendance in comparison to previous years. Twenty-one students made a first time commitment to Christ that week, and fifty-one students rededicated their life to Christ. Although youth camp was very successful, it is only one of the many steps our students take to grow closer to God. On October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trip taken to Southern Wesleyan University in South Carolina for students who may be interested in attending one of our Wesleyan universities. For more information on this trip or to attend, please contact Todd Sloan at [Todd.Sloan@floridawesleyan.com](mailto:Todd.Sloan@floridawesleyan.com).



## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

### DEVELOPMENT | CHURCH PLANTING + FUNDRAISING

Have you ever wondered how new church plant projects are funded in the Florida District of The Wesleyan Church? There are two major parts when it comes to funding for new church plant projects: fundraising by the church planter, and district matching funds based on a benchmark system. Potential church planters are trained with basic fundraising principals as a part of the Church Planting Extreme Training before moving to their target location. After training, planters contact people on their list, and ask if they'd consider supporting this new church work through prayer and financial giving. It's through the generosity of individuals that church planters are able to move onsite and begin work, and it is through the district that new church works have the resources to help them thrive. District matching funds are raised from sponsoring churches and large donors that care to expand God's Kingdom through church planting. Church plants are given access to these funds incrementally based on hitting certain benchmark goals. Setting up matching funds in this way helps our district and church plants to be good stewards.



**The Florida District and D.S. Patrick Styers thank you for all that you've contributed to help fuel the movement of multiplication in the state of Florida.**