



Memorandum

DATE: March 2009

SUBJECT: 1Q09 Report of the Bridge Ministry

The Bridge team moved into the new year with an expanded set of goals. 08 was a foundational year for the team and our expectation is that 09 will allow us to build on that foundation.

We have added two church planters to our team. Pastor Tony Garris is working in Camden and Pastor Jared Ayers is working in Philadelphia. Both works are showing fruit and will provide EBC the opportunity to be co-laborers in prayer, support and hands-on assistance.

In order to focus our efforts toward more local outreach strategies, the Bridge team has solicited the assistance of numerous Easton folks who have graciously agreed to be our EBC liaisons to several ministries. Each of these folks is already involved and has a heart for these ministries. We have also established various Bridge responsibilities to facilitate our Ministry reps and allow for timely, consistent communication to both you and the EBC staff.

Our desire to provide weekly opportunities for service is slowly growing as we now have a monthly rhythm with My Fathers Hands (4th Saturday breakfast outreach) and New Covenant (1st Saturday-youth, 3rd Saturday-adults street outreach). We expect to facilitate numerous opportunities identified by our church family within our communities as well as several explicit work days (like the one already planned for April at Cedar Lane).

The area that requires our focus and for which we have been reading, brainstorming and networking with other church families is that of reaching our immediate communities. We are considering several means for seeking first hand insight so that we as a church body can effectively reach our neighbors. To be successful, we will need everyone to lend a hand as well as an idea or two.

As always, we pray you are getting plugged in to serve others, glorify God and become refined/contagious followers of Christ.