



## Memorandum

DATE: June 2009

SUBJECT: 2Q09 Report of the Bridge Ministry

The Bridge team devoted much attention this quarter to local outreach. In addition to reading some outreach/missions books, we had Pastor Charlie Clark from Solid Rock Baptist (Berlin NJ) come and share about their bus and neighborhood outreach efforts. In May we created a Neighborhood Survey for the congregation to use over the summer to both solicit input and as a conversational tool. This will allow us to identify relevant needs within our local community and to develop an outreach strategy to address them. In addition, we will initiate a neighborhood visitation effort in the fall using the survey and some informational EBC material. The congregation's participation in these outreach efforts is critical.

As a means of preparing for these upcoming ministry opportunities, we have prepared several summer training modules intended to provide helpful outreach material and conversational tips. The three workshops are

**Bridge Workshop** - *this module will provide several handouts and in class exercises; the purpose of the class will be to increase your ability to effectively share the Gospel*

**How to Share Your Faith**- *this module presents a four part DVD series that provides training in sharing your faith clearly and compellingly- and provides guidance on what to do with various responses to the presentation.*

**Just Walk Across the Room** - *this module presents a four part DVD series; the purpose of the class will be to encourage simple steps to positively engage others and share God's love and grace. Practical. Relevant. Helpful.*

We intend to monitor the benefit of these sessions to make sure we are indeed providing practical assistance- please share any specific requests you may have. This is a new emphasis that we initiated this year.

Highlights from other ministries...

- Pastor Tony Garris continues to see God working in the lives of many Camden residents; door to door visitation continues to produce opportunities to share the Gospel
- Pastor Jason Ayers conducted liberti's first service this quarter; God is opening doors for ministry with many within their Philadelphia community
- New Covenant Ministry and My Father's Hands continue to minister in Camden; the EBC congregation is encouraged to join these efforts on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month (speak to Joe DiRienzi or Faith Hogan for more info on these opportunities)

We are beginning to establish a visible means of identifying and publicizing specific ministry needs through the use of a "Giving Tree". This tree will reside in the church welcome center and have hanging notes that describe needed ministry items (like what we do at Christmas but all year round)- more next quarter on this.

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