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► **Mark Your Calendars:**

2010

Converge Worldwide Biennial
June 30—July 2nd
Tech Center Marriott, Denver, CO

Engage Haiti
Missions Opportunities
July 17th—23rd
July 31st—August 6th
August 14th – 20th

Rocky Mountain Prayer Summits
September 29th—
Rock Creek Church,
Boulder, CO

September 30th—
Cheyenne Hills Church,
Cheyenne, WY

Converge2Equip training event
November 6th—
Group Publishing
Loveland, CO

CRM Engage Haiti

Compassionately Connecting With a Country in Crisis

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 a 7.0 earthquake shook the country of Haiti and rattled the well-being of its people. Motivated by the horrible tragedy, Christian organizations from around the world were mobilized to action. The Converge Rocky Mountain office received several calls from concerned churches. “How can our churches help? We’ll send money, but what else can we do?” In response to the outpouring of compassion, a Converge Rocky Mountain Engagement team recently went to Haiti to uncover how we can best love the people of Haiti and care for their needs.

The team explored and evaluated untouched sites outside the earthquake’s epicenter of Port au Prince. They connected with pastors and missionaries from several evangelical organizations. The Lord also revealed housing accommodations that would enable Converge Rocky



Mountain to house up to thirty workers at a time for projects. The team strongly felt that God is calling CRM to focus on a couple of short-term relief projects, along with providing long-term assistance (10-15 years) to meet the economic, medical and spiritual needs for an additional two communities. To make a significant impact, a significant investment of time, effort and funds are needed. A brief overview of the sites selected can be found on page two.



Long-Term Communities:

Petionville and Petionville Baptist Church-

One of the most damaged areas, Pastor CJ and his church are overwhelmed with the needs in his valley for food/water distribution, new construction of collapsed homes and economic development. The church is in the middle of a building program which can be completed for about \$40,000 and the effort of many people. Once complete the building would provide not only a place for worship services, but also an elementary school during the week.

Thomazeau Tree Church-

This church plant of 50-70 people currently meets under a tree, with a shelter of large branches to provide shade. Work on their church building is partially done, but will need extra support to reach completion. There

is also a great need for agricultural coaching to help the people of this valley maximize their food production. Better seed and a tractor would greatly assist the farmers. There are great possibilities for long-term community growth in this area.

Short-Term Relief:

Gonaives Feeding Center-

Untouched by the earthquake, the ravages of malnutrition are still visibly seen in empty eyes and bloated stomachs of the 200 children that show up at this feeding station every day.

El Shaddai Orphanage: Opportunities for VBS ministry and light construction.

Light and Peace Mission: Pastors needed to train local pastors in biblical studies and leadership.

Faith, Hope and Love Infant Rescue Mission: Wonderful opportunities for helpers to care for impoverished babies.



Converge Rocky Mountain **Engage Haiti** trips will be held July 17th-23rd, July 31st-August 6th and August 14th-20th. The all-inclusive cost is \$1300 per participant. Register online at ConvergeRockyMountain.org or through the registration form attached to the Engage Haiti brochures that will be sent to your church office. Register soon. There is a limit of 30 people per trip. (Winter trips will be offered as well.) Orientation training sessions are required and will be offered in June. **For more information contact Kate at kate@mbc.com.**

Helene Kanengieter Remembered

On February 28 at 1:00 a.m. Helene Kanengieter went to be with her Lord. Her family was by her side. Helene was married to her husband Marv for sixty four years. She also assisted Marv as he led the Rocky Mountain Baptist Conference as District Executive Minister. Marv remembers his wife by sharing, "She personally pointed me to Christ, sensed with me the call to ministry, and has been my human encourager and confidante. Too often my "help-meet" applauded with the audience when she should have shared in the appreciation expressed by those we served." Helene set a wonderful example as a Christ-centered wife, Mom and faithful servant.



Second Half For Him Upcoming Events

The Intergenerational Church June 30

1 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Denver Tech Center Marriott; Pastor Pete Menconi discusses what churches can do to bring generations together.

Colorado Hymn Sing/Barbecue August 14

The Barn at Memorial Park, Evergreen CO; Don Emmonds, song leader

Northwest Mountain Adventure

September 29 to October 2
Enjoy the fall colors in Steamboat Springs and beyond!
Watch for details.



Equipping our people...internally strong congregations

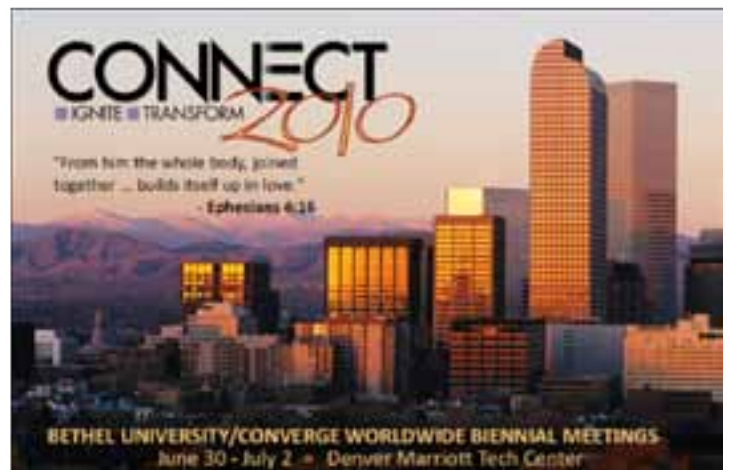
Biennial Meeting

June 30 – July 2, 2010

June 30th-July 2nd, 2010 Converge Worldwide delegates will be descending on the Denver Tech Center Marriott for our national Biennial meeting. "Connect 2010" will provide you and your church family with many opportunities to connect with God, other believers and the less fortunate in the Denver area. Thursday afternoon is filled with helpful training seminars. Friday afternoon you can dive into a food pack event, a compassion work project with Open Door inner-city ministries or take a Denver prayer walk. Exciting programs are also planned for children and youth.

Biennial speakers include: CWW President Jerry Sheveland, New Converge V.P. Doug Fagerstrom, Wess Stafford- Compassion International, Pastor Michael Henderson Sr., Dr. Larry Crabb, Pastor Bruce Fosdick and many more. Bethel University will also hold its business session during these meetings. Evening worship services will be led by CRM worship teams.

A special Wednesday night RMBC/CRM banquet will celebrate how God is working in our region and future plans for the district. Friday night will feature a chuck wagon dinner accompanied by western music and a few cowboy tales. "Connect 2010" promises to be a spiritual high point for every believer. Let's set a goal for ten or more people from every



CRM church to attend. Register online at www.convergeworldwide.org. *Your hotel room needs to be reserved by June 7, 2010.*

Volunteers Needed for the Biennial Meeting

Hosting the national Converge Worldwide gathering will require a lot of district volunteers...but we are up to the challenge. Here's where we need your help:

- Rocky Mountain Answer Team
- Ushers and offering/ballot counters
- Registration and Welcome Center Representatives
- Nursery and Children's Care Givers
- Service/Compassion Project Coordinators

Contact Kate in the CRM office if you can help out and she will direct you to the right leader: kate@rmbc.com and/or 303.953.7162.

Generations Apart, Generations Together:

The Intergenerational Church

An equipping seminar on Wednesday, June 30th, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Denver Marriott Tech Center (prior to the Converge Worldwide/Bethel University Biennial meetings.)

The mandate to pass a legacy of faith from generation to generation is a predominant theme of Scripture. How do we recapture the joy of intergenerational relationships without losing our respective distinctives? Is there a way to build healthy churches in which generations grow together and not apart?

Dr. Pete Menconi, Outreach Pastor at Greenwood Community Church (Greenwood Village, Colo.) and author of *The Intergenerational Church*, will explore the reasons why and what pastors and churches can do to bring the generations together in worship and in service. In addition, attendees will discuss and explore ways they can customize their ministries to meet these generational challenges.

Cost: \$20 per person. **Register:** convergeworldwide.org.





CRM Winter Camp 2011

Youth pastors and leaders enter March 4th-6th, 2011 in your calendars as the dates for Winter Camp 2011.

Winter Camp will help your 6th-12th graders focus on God, grow in their faith and have an incredible amount of fun with hundreds of other CRM students. Leaders will also be given plenty of opportunities to go deeper with their kids. **Crooked Creek Ranch near Winter Park, CO**, is the host facility for the event. You know how great that place is! Hundreds of students from across the CRM region will be attending. Look for registration materials early this fall. The materials will include all you need to know about cost, permission slips, sign up deadlines and other important info.

Please know, Converge Rocky Mountain is serious about investing in our next generation of believers and leaders. Winter Camp is just one way we are working together as churches to assist each other in building students that are passionate about Jesus Christ and sold out for His Kingdom!

The 18th Annual CONVERGE ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOLF CLASSIC

Saturday, August 21, 2010 — 1:30pm Shotgun Start
Broadlands Golf Course, 4380 W. 144th Ave. Broomfield CO. 80020

A benefit event for **Engage: Haiti** and the shared mission of Converge Rocky Mountain

Great Course, Great Cause, Great Prizes!

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Churches Together...transforming lives and communities

18th Annual Converge Rocky Mountain Golf Classic

(Formerly The Ben Speckmann Classic)

A Benefit event for and the shared mission of **Converge Rocky Mountain**

Men and women, grab your clubs and your favorite foursome. Make plans now to attend the Converge Rocky Mountain Golf Classic, August 21st at the Broadlands Golf Course in Broomfield, CO. Cost is \$125 or \$75 for pastors. Proceeds from the event will be used to support our ongoing mission work in Haiti. The Saturday event kicks off with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. A buffet dinner and awards ceremony will follow. The prize list is new and improved, including cash prizes for the top finishers and the chance of winning a spectacular hole-in-one reward. Registration materials will soon be arriving to your home or church office. You can also register online at ConvergeRockyMountain.org.

Since “engaging our culture” is all about building redemptive relationships with unchurched people, teams are encouraged to include at least one person who is still in need of a relationship with Christ.

Through our golf expertise, fun and friendship, the hope is to move them one step closer to Jesus.

Bring a team!

August 21st - 1:30 p.m.

Broadlands Golf Course -Broomfield, CO

Engaging Our Culture ... externally focused congregations

New Buildings To Build The Kingdom!

The Journey at First Baptist – Craig, CO

The Journey at First Baptist congregation can now stretch its legs a bit more. After breaking ground in June 2009, the church has completed its new sanctuary addition. The \$2.5 million expansion added more than 14,000 square feet to the existing 9,200-square-foot space on Ninth Street. The church hosted its first service in the new space Sunday, February 14, 2010. "This is a very exciting time for our church," Pastor Len Browning said. "People are very excited, and there is a great, enthusiastic spirit." The old sanctuary is being renovated into a nursery and children's center. The building had not seen a major renovation project since 1975.

Since 2005, the church has seen a 20 percent growth per year in members, Browning said. When the congregation grew to more than 200 hundred in 2007, he knew it was time for an expansion. Jim Dodd, of Dodd & Dodd Consulting, served as the owner's representatives for the church project. Dodd said the new addition is not only a sign of growth but of progress. "We



don't measure success by the physical things in our lives but rather by the lives changed," he said. "We are trying to change relationships with the Lord. The building is just a tool." A formal dedication was held May 14th-16th.



CrossWind Community Church – Aurora, CO

After several years of temporary meeting locations and restricted worship hours, Crosswind Community Church has a place to call home. February 21, 2010 the church celebrated the Grand Opening of their new facility with a jam-packed worship service. The people praised God for His provision and care. The new building offers a large meeting room for Sunday services, kitchen, children's area and several offices. This blessing is an affirmation that Crosswind Community Church, with a vision to build a multi-cultural congregation in Aurora, is keeping in step with God's plan for them.

Mission Hills Church – Littleton, CO

Pastor Mike Romberger shares, "There are times in our lives when God calls us to do something that's much bigger than we are. Something with bigger influence than we've ever had. And He makes it so BIG, that when all is said and done, we will know that He did it and used us in the process.

Mission Hills is now looking forward to a new church home one block west of Broadway, north of County Line Road in SouthPark. As God has provided for His church in the past, so He will in the future. We have been able to actually see the work being done on the property as the land has been prepared, the foundation laid, and the building erected. God's plan and our vision is becoming reality before our very eyes." Services are scheduled to begin in the new facility August 2010. Grand Opening events will be held throughout the fall. To God be the glory, great things He has done!



Expand our redemptive impact by launching new churches

Converge Rocky Mountain— Together we are seeing lives and communities transformed through the power of God's Spirit!

Here are some Easter 2010 stories of life change through CRM affiliated and strategic partner congregations.

"There were about 390 people that came to Living Water on Easter, which is the highest attendance in our 36 year history...People in our church responded very well to the challenge we gave them to invite friends and family. One of the neat things that happened was that one of the football players from Adams State College took the challenge to reach out seriously, and he extended an invitation to part of the football team to join him, and about 20 members of the team came to church!" **Pastor Jeron Parkins, Living Water Bible Fellowship-Alamosa, CO**

"Her hand shot up with obvious conviction & the work of God in her soul. Sharlee was indicating her desire to receive Christ & begin her new life with Jesus. At the beginning of the

semester a friend gave her a Bible & she asked God to reveal Himself to her. She began reading in Matthew. Another friend, Walter Wilson, invited her to Emmaus & she began attending, asking God to help her understand Christianity. "My big hang-up was believing that God could love & accept me." But God reassured her that His grace could cover her sins. And on that Sunday, "I just knew it was time to make a commitment." It was an awesome moment when she came to the communion table that morning - tears of joy & new found appreciation for Jesus. We've just completed our Easter series, "Your Journey to the Cross." Four weeks ago, it became Sharlee's journey as well. Now, we're entering a post Easter series, "Your Journey From the Cross." We'll be learning about walking with Jesus in the resurrection reality. Pray for this & Sharlee's ongoing journey as well." **Pastor Brad Eakins, Emmaus Road-Laramie, WY**

"On Easter we had a total attendance of 324 (first time ever over 300)! Had a handful raise their hands having accepted Christ during the "pray with me" - only 2 turned in cards to that



effect, though. However had a strong sense of God's presence, had oodles of our people step up and help in different ways, and had many conversations with newcomers who had a good experience at Stapleton Fellowship Church. (Formerly Emmanuel Baptist Church.) Please pray that gospel seeds that were planted would come to fruition! We are also praying we will retain a permanent bump over 200 total attendance, and average 250 for the next 2 months." **Pastor Dean Hill, Stapleton Fellowship Church-Denver, CO**

"One family at Village Baptist had a Muslim visitor from Dubai with them in our service on Easter Sunday. He was so impressed with what he saw and heard (both the message and the great family atmosphere) that he told his host family he would look for a church in Florida, where he'll be staying for a while, so he can learn more. I encouraged the host family to keep praying for him." **Pastor Glenn Gilpin, Village Baptist-Thornton, CO**

"Nick Olson, our church planter intern, had a great time at Ignite 2010 in Arizona and was really impressed with the whole presentation. We had a GREAT Easter...960 in 2 services and 11 accepting Christ! Praise God!" **Pastor Doug Dameron, The Orchard Church, Henderson, CO**



The Rock of Southwest and their three daughter churches

“...The Rock had tons of decisions. Over 40 people coming to Christ (probably more with kids). ...A record number attended with 1,400 in service plus 300 kids...” **Pastor Bruce Fosdick, The Rock of Southwest-Littleton, CO**

“The energy at Forefront was amazing. All kinds of new families ... total was somewhere around 360! The creative & production teams took it to a whole ‘notha level ... we were pretty bold with the gospel and asked people to stand and confess Jesus and then fill out their connection cards. Haven’t seen the cards yet, but as best we could count, there were 28 people that stood to confess Christ this morning. 10% of the adults in attendance... that never gets old. Lots of tears ... and lots of work ahead! Praying we see a 10% bump at all four churches next week - how cool would that be! Let’s make a dent in that 86% unchurched in our area ... not on our watch!” **Pastor Brett Crimmel, Forefront Church-Lakewood, CO (One year old.)**



“We had a great day at the EDGE. We had 190 people. We had one accept Jesus, and two baptisms! Our pancake breakfast was a huge hit, with several families from the neighborhood coming just to eat our free food. Thanks for all the prayer. We are very encouraged. It’s great to be a part of such a strong team of churches.” **Pastor Mark Kraakevik, The EDGE Colorado, Littleton, CO (Two years old.)**

“God is good! Attendance was 514 with kids. I did a “raise your hand” ask but we don’t do a heads bowed kind of thing. We had 1 response. Easy to get discouraged until I realize that there is one more “resurrection” because God allows us to share His message of love with others. And...once I get over myself and realize it has nothing to do with me and everything to do with God and His call. The kingdom grew yesterday because we are willing workers in the harvest and that’s what really counts!!! I do feel so incredibly blest to be part of this team of churches. I love you guys and praise the Lord that you are sold out for Him!! I very much appreciate all of your encouragement and prayers.” **Pastor Pat Barnes, Faith Mountain-Lakewood, CO (Three years old.)**



After Easter, Faith Mountain did a community outreach event with magician Andre Kole.

Pastor Pat reports, “At last night’s Andre Kole performance he gave a wonderfully clear Gospel message supported by a unique and powerful illusion. He then asked everyone to fill out a card with either “comments”, “request for

more information”, or to let us know if they prayed to accept Christ. We had 55 people turn in cards that said they prayed to invite Christ into their hearts!! After going through them and taking out the ones who I know are Christians but checked the box...there are 39 that are very likely first time prayers for Christ!! And a dozen who have asked for more information on how to start a relationship with Jesus!!” ...God had His own timing!

Together, The Rock of Southwest and its three, young daughter churches had a total of 2,760 people in church on Easter with more than 100 decisions for Christ. Mission Hills Church also played a significant role in the funding of these new congregations. God is at work and lives are being changed through CRM church plants. Consider becoming a parent church or partner with a parent. Converge Rocky Mountain will provide all the resources you need to launch healthy, effective, life-changing congregations.

Contact Paul Mitton, PMITTON@aol.com, if you are interested in becoming a CRM Parent Church.



Engage Haiti: A Missions Opportunity for You and Your Church!

- July 17th-23rd
 - July 31st -August 6th
 - August 14th-20th
- Construction work • Medical assistance
 - Food distribution • Infant care

Cost: \$1300

Register: ConvergeRockyMountain.org

Or fill out the registration form attached to the “Engage Haiti” brochure.

For more information contact **Kate** at kate@rmbc.com.

Rocky Mountain Prayer Summits

Registration Fee: \$15

Time: 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Date and Location:

September 29th:

Rock Creek Church
225 Majestic View Drive
Boulder, CO 80303
303.494.2927

September 30th:

Cheyenne Hills Church
7505 US Hwy 30
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
307.778.6431

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A training event for church leaders

November 6th

Group Publishing, Loveland, Colorado

