

## The Commonwealth Mission Movement

The goal is to plant a Mission Church every 3 years until every significant community in the state (120 counties) has an active Bible Based Mission Minded church for God's glory.

Example: The Mission Church of Georgetown

The Mission Church of Nicholasville The Mission Church of Richmond

The goal is for each church plant to work toward becoming an autonomous local church-meaning self-sufficient in funding and governance (<u>not a campus or a satellite church</u>). Church plants that cannot reach an autonomous self-sufficient status will remain as a Mission Point under the guidance and support of the sending Sponsor Church. The Mission Point effectiveness will be evaluated on a continual basis by the Sponsor Church to ensure maximum faithfulness in resource stewardship and allocation.

Each church plant will be committed to 3 core values:

- 1. Adherence to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000
- 2. Committed to giving 10% of their general offerings to the Cooperative Program
- 3. Intentional about planting another Mission Church every 3 years

Each church plant will operate under the Sponsor Church (the planting church) until they are financially able to be self-sufficient and can constitute as a congregation. The Sponsor church will commit to the following:

- 1. On-going encouragement and coaching for the church planter
- 2. Provide a launch team to help establish the new work
- 3. Short term financial assistance for set up costs

All the Mission Churches in this family of local churches will be encouraged to participate in the following:

- 1. Quarterly combined Pastor and Staff Seminars
- 2. Annual combined Mission Church Worship Gathering
- 3. Joint efforts for missions both local and abroad

We believe God has given us the vision for the Commonwealth Mission Movement to reach Kentucky and beyond with the Good News of the Gospel message. We desire to see the state full of Bible Based, Mission Minded Churches for God's Glory. This network of churches will exist to enlist unbelievers, to equip believers and to empower missionaries in obedience to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.