

**Concord Baptist Association
Missions Ministry Assistance Fund
Post Project Report**

(To be filled out and returned to the Association office within 30 days of the completion of the ministry project.)

Name of Participating Church(s) Belle Aire Baptist Church

Name of Person Completing this Form-Carolyn Outland

Date of Mission Project-January 10-13, 2014

Location of Mission Project-Pembroke Pines, FL

Type of Mission Project-Assisting in Preparation of Preview Service of Church Plant

Number of People Participating- 11 Number of First Time Missionaries-4

Is this the first time the Church has participated in a mission project of this type? No

Describe the work/ministry that was accomplished by the ministry team.

A team of eight adults and 3 college students went from Belle Aire to Miami to assist in the preparation and completion of the Preview Service of Desire Church, Pembroke Pines, FL. Desire Church is a church plant of Belle Aire and is part of the NAMB's strategy of reaching the lost in the largest cities of the U.S. Desire Church is part of the Miami Send Cities effort.

The team gave invitations to the preview service, spread the word about the new church and helped set up equipment in the school where the church was meeting. Met with Desire Church staff and made plans for future teams to assist in this area.

The team assisted in the first official service by taking care of "chores" which freed the staff and core group to greet and get to know first time visitors.

Following the service, Belle Aire supplied a meal for the congregation at a local park. This gave time for the staff and core group to learn more about how they could minister to the visitors.

Belle Aire is grateful for the financial support of Concord Association. The financial support enabled the team to help build a stronger foundation for Desire Church in South Florida, where 98% of the people are lost and unchurched.

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What advice would you give to other churches who may be considering a similar mission project?

New Church Plants have a very difficult time in the initial stages when they are located in a “spiritually dark place.” Any encouragement by word or deed is treasured by the staff of these church plants. Sometimes the very presence and prayers of committed Christians gives the encouragement needed to continue on with the church plant.

If a team goes to assist the staff of a church plant, they should be completely agreeable to the plans set forth by the staff on site. Sometimes what works in the Bible Belt will not work in a hard-to-reach area. After a church planter has been on the field for awhile, they know the best way to intersect with the local people in order to invite them to church or determine their relationship with Christ.