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THE MINDSET OF A **FIRST CENTURY BELIEVER**

Churches are learning new ways to multiply and extend their ministry without having to relocate or become "sports venue" large. By broadcasting sermons via simulcast or streaming recorded media, they are moving worship services into their gyms and multi-purpose rooms on site and into theaters, schools, and empty warehouses across town. They are becoming "one church, many congregations" - reaching hundreds and even thousands of unchurched people they might have never reached had they not branched out.



Greg Barron
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In May, GL Barron attended the annual National Association of Church Design Builders (NACDB) "field trip" seminar at one of the nation's leading multi-site churches: Seacoast Church in North Carolina.

Victor Erwin, Vice President of GL Barron's Church Division, gained an understanding and respect for not only the physical design of the buildings and use of already erected structures, but the weave of diverse worship preferences.

According to Rick Warren in *The Purpose Driven Church* music style can be the single most divisive decision made when starting a new church. How did Seacoast decide to address this? By providing numerous worship centers on one site - all featuring a different style of live worship team - and then broadcasting the same sermon to each venue.

"It's impressive how the church appeals to different worship styles and is still able to effectively communicate the same, solid biblical messages in all of the services," said Erwin. "Some of the congregation members even said that



Seacoast Community Church

the video and sound system used to stream the sermon to different buildings and rooms was better than live!"

"It's taken our spiritual level up,"

Greg Surratt, one of the founding members of Seacoast, said. "It's another net, another tool to get people to come. It's about if

it helps you connect with God."

The future of the multi-site church might be a return to the mindset of the first-century believer, when the word church did not refer to a specific building or location but to a group of believers connected to other groups of believers by a common mission.

On www.multi-site.org, Mr. Warren goes on to say, "... It allows the large church to feel smaller. The truth is, pastors are the only people who like huge services. Members put up with the large size because of the teaching, programs, and ministry opportunities offered. If they could find those things in a smaller church, no doubt they would be there. ... We intend to grow through the multiplication of smaller venues on our campus."

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GL BARRON COFFEE COMPANY

Last Christmas, our clients and friends received their first taste of GL Barron coffee beans. We are pleased to announce the continuation of our very own line of coffee to be made available quarterly to current and prospective clients.

Coffee represents the connection of the senses that brings together relationships through taste and smell. At Barron Coffee Co., the coffee bean is first produced by selecting just the right soil. The soil is then cultivated through years of work, creating a rich and fertile growth environment. Through the growth process, the plant is fertilized, through the investment of

additives that enhance the plants ability to produce the result of the richest and fullest fruit...the coffee bean.

At the Barron Companies, it's all about relationships. We start at the ground level by creating a rich culture of opportunity with just the right personnel. The culture is then stimulated through continuing investment in the individual to bring out the best aroma for the good of the company and the client. The end result is the blending of culture, talent and opportunity to create the greatest experience possible.

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Quality from the ground up!**



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SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS IN INDIA:

Water-born illnesses claim lives while the daily struggle to collect available water can be a backbreaking task in many different parts of India. Through our partnership with Sower of Seeds International Ministries, GL Barron has drilled water wells in villages across India. This partnership allows us to share our Christian faith in very practical and tangible ways. The local church uses these water projects to share the love of Christ by planting churches at well sites, where the entire community gathers for water.

GL Barron participates in funding remedial schools located in Bombay. These schools help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by teaching preschool children how to read and write in three languages. The children are fed, supplied school uniforms and provided medical care, all while they receive education. GL Barron also supports the construction and operations of an orphanage just outside of Mumbai.

Please feel free to contact us if you'd like to join in helping those in need. Making a difference, one life at a time. Together.



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