



July 2018

Dear Western Region Family,

I trust that you are having a great summer and taking some time off to spend quality time with your family.

As we move through our transitions here in the office, let me update you on our progress so far.

As you already know, **DR. DAVE DEVRIES** will be the **INTERIM REGIONAL DIRECTOR** for the next year and officially begins August 1st. Dave is a seasoned church planter, pastor, coach and strategist. He started **Lake Hills Church**, Castaic in 1990 and pastored there for sixteen years. He has served as the *Director of Church Multiplication* for the MCWR since 1998. In this role, he expanded our vision for church multiplication throughout the region, implemented systems for recruiting, assessing, funding, coaching and launching new churches, and targeted new areas to start churches.

As a missionary with **One Challenge** since 2006, Dave has partnered together with hundreds of pastors, churches and denominations to advance discipling movements. Through training, coaching, creative resources and strategic thinking, God has used him to help leaders focus on multiplying disciples who make disciples who make disciples. Dave's vision and leadership birthed **Missional Challenge** in

2014, which has grown into a team of highly skilled coaches who empower multipliers to accomplish the extraordinary.



Dave and his wife Deanne live in Bellevue, Washington with their golden retriever Olive. They enjoy gardening, travel, reading, coffee and hanging out with their two adult children.

REV. MIKE SOMERS has been hired to replace Mary Ellen's Office Administrator position and will be assisting the new Regional Director fulfill the inspiring mission of MCWR. He loves to help and resource people in taking steps of faith and accomplishing big vision challenges.

Mike has spent the last 15 years of his career as the **Executive / Administrative / Missions Pastor at Crossroads Church, Camarillo**, gaining experience in areas such as church administration (finances, capital campaigns, HR, facility, IT), people development, and systems development.

With a passion for missions, he has launched a healthy church initiative, local community partnerships, and a global outreach called the **PEACE Plan**. He is currently helping Crossroads bring the PEACE Plan to the country of Burundi.



Mike has 30 years of management experience with **Trader Joe's** markets and has earned a degree in organizational leadership. When he is not focusing on his primary job functions, Mike enjoys life with his wife, Jane; sailing, traveling, and spending time with their 5 kids and 7 grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Western Region office will be moving from its Moorpark facility to **3390 Auto Mall Drive, Westlake Village, CA 91362**, as of **AUGUST 1st**. Phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same.

While moving to the new facilities, the office will be closed from Friday, July 27th through Friday, August 3rd. This will allow us some time to get settled into our new quarters and make sure all systems are up and running smoothly.

We are excited how God has orchestrated all this in such a short time since our conference praise His name.

Again, thanks to all of you for your love, care and ministry to our Lord these last many years. We are excited for our future and expecting greater and expanding Kingdom ministry through the Western Region.

Blessings,

Mike

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