

Getting This summer, our time of Sunday worship will include a series related to David Platt's book, *Radical*. We will also include some practical "how to" studies: how to read God's Word, how to make prayer part of my life, and how to make disciples.

RADICAL For the last 1-2 months, the MOVE Team—men and women leaders of Forcey—have been studying and discussing the results of the Spiritual Life Survey many of you took in February. During May, and into the summer, we will meet with the various ministry groups and leaders of Forcey to talk through what we are seeing, and to get their input.

We need to get "radical" in our spiritual growth and in our mission of making disciples—time is running out! Here are some thoughts from David Platt I would like you to think about:

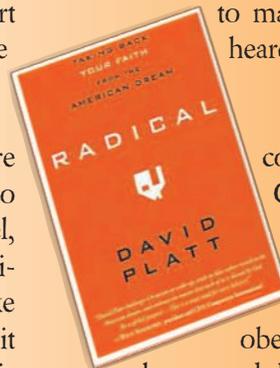
"All people know God, and all people reject God. All people are guilty before God, and all people are condemned for rejecting God. God has made a way of salvation for the lost, and people cannot come to God apart from faith in Christ. As a result, Christ commands the church to make the gospel known to all peoples.

"If this is true, then the implications for our lives are huge. If more than a billion people today are headed to a Christ-less eternity and have not even heard the gospel, then we don't have time to waste our lives on an American dream. Not if we have all been commanded to take this gospel to them. The tendency in our culture is to sit around debating this question, but in the end our goal is not to try to find an answer to it; our goal is to alleviate the question altogether.

"More than five thousand people groups, totaling approximately 1.5 billion people, are currently classified as 'unreached' and 'unengaged.' . . . In other words, for these 1.5 billion unreached and unengaged peoples, almost every individual within them is born, lives, and dies without ever hearing the gospel. Even worse, no one is currently doing anything to change their situation. No one.

"This is a cause worth living for. It is a cause worth dying for. It is a cause worthy of moving urgently on. We have the gospel of Christ in us, and we do not have time to waste. Some wonder if it is unfair for God to

allow so many to have no knowledge of the gospel. But there is no injustice in God. The injustice lies in Christians who possess the gospel and refuse to give their lives to making it known among those who haven't heard. That is unfair.



"I find it interesting that one of the most common questions asked today among Christians is 'What is God's will for my life?' or 'How do I find God's will for my life?' Many Christians have almost assumed the attitude that they would obey God if he would just show them what he wanted them to do.

"In the middle of a Christian culture asking, 'How do I find God's will for my life?' I bring good news. His will is not lost. . . . The answer is clear. The will of God is for you and me to give our lives urgently and recklessly to making the gospel and the glory of God known among all peoples, particularly those who have never even heard of Jesus.

"The question, therefore, is not 'Can we find God's will?' The question is 'Will we obey God's will?' Will we refuse to sit back and wait for some tingly feeling to go down our spines before we rise up and do what we have already been commanded to do?" [*Radical*, pp. 157-160]

~Pastor Phil Powers, Senior Pastor



“Then he called for a light ... and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’” (Acts 16:29-30). It is a good sign when an individual inquires about how to get to heaven.

The soul winner can be confident that the Holy Spirit has been working in that person’s heart, preparing them to receive the gospel message. A recent occurrence at Forcey serves to underscore this point.

While preparing for their weekly outreach, Forcey’s visitation team received a visitor’s card in which a young woman checked the box “Becoming a Christian.” Encouraged by this open door, the Forcey team set out to visit this prospect. Finding no one at home, they started to leave, when the husband pulled into the driveway. He in-

formed them that his wife was out shopping. When the same team revisited the following week, the wife was home, but did not answer the door. The team leader again left a gospel booklet with her contact information. One week later, this young woman called the Forcey member. She apologized for not answering the door the previous week, and she agreed to meet later that week at a local restaurant. During this meeting she expressed her desire to understand what it meant to be a Christian, not only for herself, but also for her two children. After the Forcey member carefully explained the gospel to her, she eagerly trusted the Lord Jesus as her savior. Since this young convert did not own a Bible, the Forcey member gave her one and also arranged to meet with her for follow-up studies in the Word of God.

~ *Ralph Zimmerman, Evangelism Team*

Missions Highlight

**Congratulations to
Dr. Emilio Antonio Núñez!**



**On May 31, he will be
celebrating his 90th birthday.**

Dr. Núñez

has left an extraordinary mark in the Latin American evangelical community as an educator and theologian. In 1944, he came to Guatemala from his native El Salvador to study at the Central American Bible Institute (now SETECA). He began teaching classes while he was a student, and formally joined the faculty after graduation.

He graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with honors in both the Th.M. (1964) and Th.D. (1969) programs. In 1966, he was named the first rector (president) of the Central American Theological Seminary (SETECA), a position which he left in 1979 to devote himself to teaching.

Dr. Núñez has impacted the lives of hundreds of students who today serve in leadership roles throughout Latin America and beyond. He has also left a significant academic legacy through his writings and his participation in international theological events. As a theologian, he has provided a biblical response to issues in the contemporary religious context of Latin America.

Along with his academic and professional achievements, Dr. Núñez has maintained a pastor's heart and the humility of a true servant. SETECA has been privileged to have on its faculty such an outstanding leader and theologian.



First, we give thanks to God for the privilege of showing His love through the ministry of ESL at Forcey, and for those whom He has used to lay the foundation upon which we are now building – Michael & Lupe Geiss, Pete & Maria Goodlatte and, most recently, Mark Zimmerman. We thank them and all the teachers who, over the years, have faithfully served in His vineyard.

On Sunday, January 6, 2013, you sent out a group of 11 ESL workers (we have since added one intern) to the *mission of helping non-English speakers learn and develop the skills necessary to function effectively in North America*, and with the *vision of people from every tribe, tongue and nation united by the English language and, more importantly, by the One who has broken down the wall that separates us* (Eph 2:14).



On Tuesday, January 8 we came out in full force even requesting additional help from others with ESL experience, as we prepared for the onslaught of students. However, that night we registered only 8 students – one for every teacher? As word got out, our numbers grew, and each week we have registered new students. The number now stands at 59, with weekly attendance over 30. We started out with 4 levels/5 classes (Entry, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced, and in recent weeks have added one more Advanced class. We have also provided special assistance to one student preparing for his English proficiency exam.

Our evening begins at 6:30 with the team coming together for sharing and prayer. Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The first hour is spent learning and practicing English. This is followed by a fifteen-minute snack break, and then ten to fifteen minutes of Bible/prayer time. The students are currently learning about the attributes of God. The final half hour is spent on other learning activities. This session of ESL will end on June 11 with a special program and an ‘international’ dinner.



Our students are excited to learn English and our teachers are even more eager to assist them in this process. Many of them ask why we do not have classes more than once a week. We know that only God can make this happen so we ask that you pray with us concerning this. We will need more teachers even as we prepare for the fall semester so, if God is leading you to get involved, please contact Byron or Norma Silvera, nsilv.bant@gmail.com/301-595-3372. The qualifications for ESL volunteers are:



- ① A committed Christian – someone who is spiritually reborn and has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ② A sense of mission or call from God to this ministry.
- ③ An ability to speak, read and write English as a native speaker.
- ④ Completion of the 16 hour Southern Baptist North American Mission Board ESL Workshop. (First Baptist Church of Laurel, two consecutive Saturdays in August)
- ⑤ Commitment to teach for a period of at least one school year.
- ⑥ Sensitivity to different cultures.
- ⑦ Patient, understanding, flexible and teachable.
- ⑧ A good sense of humor.



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Thank you for all your prayers,

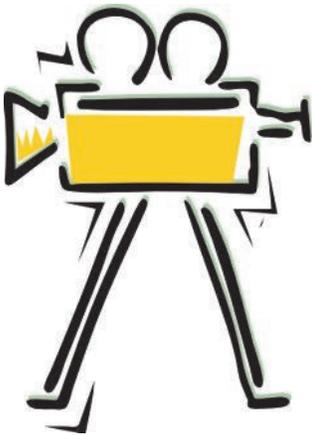
~ The ESL Ministry

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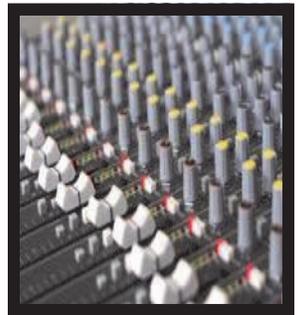
audio *visual* Ministry

A few people willing to be trained as:

**Soundboard Operators,
Video Directors or
Remote Camera Operators**



We can provide training for new volunteers in May. Most volunteers work either first or second hour, two Sundays a month. We can work around most other schedules. You can continue serving in the Fall, or cut back if needed.



If you are interested and have questions, contact **David Hull (davidhull@verizon.net)**.