



ACROSS NORTH AMERICA 2010

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GPS – GOD'S PLAN FOR SHARING

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GPS (God's Plan for Sharing) accelerates into high gear during the month of March. The North American Mission Board and state conventions have partnered together to help churches reach North America for Christ by 2020. The airwaves will be saturated with *Find It Here* commercials in English and Spanish (view the commercials at www.findithere.com). Churches and church members will pepper their lawns with *Find It Here* banners and yard signs, directing the lost to Bible-believing churches and Gospel presentations.

While there are high expectations for the GPS *Find It Here* media campaign, the local church is still the most important ingredient in the plan. Church members will organize to prayer-walk and distribute Gospel tracks and Easter invitations door to door in their neighborhoods. Bedrock Community Church in Bedford has seen first-hand how door-to-door invitations make a difference. Executive Pastor Chris Dowd points out that, for Bedrock, "One-on-one invitations and personal touches have been more effective than mass media outreach tools." A few years ago, Bedrock took on the task of knocking on 1,381 home and 1,000 apartment doors, which encompassed

the entire 6,286 population of the City of Bedford.

When asked how their door-to-door canvassing could have been enhanced, Pastor Chris shared that prayer-walking would have been a great addition. While a media campaign like GPS may have helped their efforts, Pastor Chris remains convinced personal contacts are the key to reaching a community.

As a result of Bedrock's neighborhood outreach project and distribution, everyone in town heard about the church's launch service, and over 200 attended. One family accepted the invitation and is now serving on the worship team and leading in Bedrock's Children's Ministry.

By participating in GPS, your church can have a similar impact on your community. Check out the links in the resource box.

Dates to Remember:

Prayer-walking, Mar. 20

Distribution of Literature, Mar. 27

Celebration Sunday (Easter), Apr. 4

RESOURCE

■ Websites:

www.gps2020.com
www.bedrockchurch.com
www.findithere.com

■ SBCV Contact:

Call 888-234-7716 for details from your region's missionary.

■ Prayer:

Pray for the local church to have a strong impact in its community.

