



Inviting Their Neighbors

TUCKER SWAMP DEPLOYS OVER ONE HUNDRED

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The vision of Southern Baptists' national evangelism initiative, *God's Plan for Sharing (GPS)*, is "every believer sharing, every person hearing by 2020." For Tucker Swamp Baptist Church in Zuni, it's more than a catchy slogan; it's a vision from the Lord, a mandate to get moving.

Catching the Vision

Spurred by his passion for missions and evangelism, Tucker Swamp's interim pastor, Bill Dawson, cast the *GPS* vision and encouraged the church to get involved in the effort. Capitalizing on the national *GPS* media campaign, the Zuni church posted a *Find It Here* banner in its yard and printed corresponding Easter invitations to be distributed by church members. On March 27, 2010, Tucker Swamp joined over 200 SBCV churches who organized to prayerwalk their communities. In the process, Tucker Swamp members met a family who volunteered to help the following weekend, when the church deployed 119 individuals throughout Franklin, Windsor, Ivor, and the surrounding area to invite neighbors to Easter services. As recent as the mid-1980s, Tucker Swamp had only averaged 75 in attendance. To see 119 volunteer, especially with no senior pastor, was astounding! The vision for every person to hear the Gospel by 2020 had been caught.



Members Mobilize

As a result of prayerwalking and door-to-door invitations, several new faces appeared at Tucker Swamp Easter Sunday. The most important result of *GPS*, however, is that all across Virginia, churches caught the vision to see "every believer sharing, every person hearing by 2020."

God is at work at Tucker Swamp through members mobilizing to take the Gospel by every available means to every person. What can your church do to mobilize and reach people in your community?

RESOURCE

■ Websites:
www.tuckerswamp.com
www.findithere.com
www.gps2020.net

■ SBCV Contact:
 Call 888-234-7716 for details from region's missionary.

■ Consider:
 How can your church get its members out the door and onto the mission field?

