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# Why We Exist

**Ignite Church Planting: Chicagoland** exists to accelerate the spread of Jesus' mission by starting new churches. This mission is primarily focused in Chicagoland and northwest Indiana which has a combined population of approximately 10 million people.

## **Why does Ignite start new churches?**

We feel what Jesus felt in Matthew 9:35—38. We have compassion for the “harassed and helpless” people of our region who have no relationship with Jesus and his church. We know that Jesus is the answer to the hurt and hopelessness of people. This compassion compels us to start new churches.



## *We will accomplish this mission by:*

- ◆ **Creating a movement of church planting through the development of key partnerships.** Ignite will be the catalyst for gathering these partnerships and leading the church planting efforts in different parts of Chicagoland and beyond. Our goal is to transform each community in which a church is planted by mobilizing disciples who will become the hands and feet of Jesus to their neighborhoods.
- ◆ **Caring for our church planters.** We know that our most valuable assets are the planters that God has called to minister with Ignite. We want to care for our church planters by providing financial support, ongoing coaching, encouragement on the field and shared wisdom from interaction with other church planters in the region.

- ◆ **Growing a prayer ministry that protects.** Prayer is a battle that we take seriously as an organization. Each month, 100+ prayer partners fast and pray for a number of different opportunities and challenges. This is an important ministry that needs to grow and develop as we move forward as an organization.
- ◆ **Embracing innovation.** We are committed to being lifelong learners as we start new churches across Chicagoland and beyond. To this end, we will follow best practices for church planting, continue to look at what other organizations are doing, and stay open to new methods for reaching more people for Jesus.

