

JESUS

A background image showing the silhouettes of people with their arms raised in a gesture of worship or praise, set against a bright light source that creates a lens flare effect. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

HARVEST
MINISTRIES

Prospectus

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ABOUT US

Who are we?

Dr. Eric Patrick married his best friend, Antoinette, in Dallas, TX on February 2, 2013. They have two beautiful daughters, Elayna and Elyse who enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with everyone they meet. After Eric's mom, Charnell, moved from FL to TX, they now consider themselves a family of 5!



In 2020, God called this family to partner with Him to plant a new church, Harvest Ministries. After much prayer and God's sovereignty, that call was confirmed by RockPointe Church in Flower Mound, TX where the Patricks are faithful members. Eric and Antoinette both serve on staff there where he is an Assistant Pastor and she is the HR Director. They all look forward to carrying on the legacy that has been modeled for them.

The purpose of the prospectus below is to share the vision God laid on their hearts for planting Harvest Ministries in Little Elm, TX, just over 30 miles north of downtown Dallas. By God's providence, the Patricks moved to Providence Village, a town adjacent to Little Elm, along the US 380 corridor. Their new home is just a few minutes from Braswell High School where Eric is faithfully ministering to the dedicated administrators and teachers there. Their mission is to reach the unchurched people in the area, as two-thirds of the residents are not engaged in any religious community at all. Most are Millennials and Gen Xers identifying as transplants and/or young families with multi-ethnic backgrounds. Many believe in God but don't have a personal, life-changing relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ABOUT US

Who are we?

The Patrick's desire is to reach each individual by worshiping God through serving the community, creating genuine connections and relationships with their neighbors along the 380 corridor, teaching Bible studies in their home, and encouraging people to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Their hearts long for everyone to harvest a ministry where they are by carrying out their mission statement: **“Loving God and all people while preparing everyone to boldly follow Christ.”**



WHY PLANT CHURCHES?

Is this what God wants?

Church planting is a biblical mandate and strategy for starting new congregations that focuses on the culture of the community in determining the methods and ministry approaches that will best facilitate the communication of the gospel.

Indigenous church planting is both intentional and proactive in evangelism and applies key mission principles to all aspects of the local church work. In order to communicate the Good News, the local church translates the message of Scripture into the cultural context of the unchurched community. This makes a church plant prime for life-changing transformation in Christ. The result is the opportunity for the community to hear the message of Jesus Christ in a clear and relevant way and to respond. As people in the community take on leadership roles and support the church, the church becomes a reflection of the community through ownership without dependence on outside resources. Everyone is called in different ways to fulfill their God-given purpose and an indigenous church plant is the best way to achieve that.

Matthew 13:3-8; 28:19-20; Acts 2:42-47; 14:21-23; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 3:6; Titus 1:5

LITTLE ELM OVERVIEW

Is this where God wants us?

A “church-saturated city” is one church for every 1,000 people – Little Elm has over 50,000 residents but only seven churches within the town limits.

Little Elm is expected to reach 100,000 residents by 2030 but the town and the surrounding areas will eclipse that number well before then and there are no more than 30 churches within a 5-10 mile radius of the town’s center.

Little Elm is considered a “destination district” where many people want to live, work, and play.

3 demographics of the local community:

1. **Multi-ethnic** – Non-White ethnic groups comprise more than half of the population
2. **Multi-generational** – Most residents are between the ages of 25 to 56 with the average age being 33 and married with young children (two state colleges are also within 20 minutes driving distance)
3. **Texas transplants** – Most residents are not from the immediate area (or Texas for that matter) and have lived there less than 5 years and are in search of community

OUR VISION

Where are we going?

We exist to see life transformation in Christ to develop godly leaders in our community who harvest ministries where they are.

In the next 5 years, we will go above and beyond with God transforming lives daily through authentic community connection in Christ in order to develop godly leaders among the 100,000 people living in northeast Denton County along or near the 380 corridor. Our emphasis is on kingdom multiplication for the glory of God so that Heaven will be standing room only.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7; Galatians 6:9; Ephesians 3:20-21

OUR MISSION

What are we doing?

To love God and all people while preparing everyone to boldly follow Christ.

Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4:12-13; 1 Peter 3:15

OUR VALUES

Why do we do what we do?

Our values will be as follows...

BOLD FAITH

Demonstrated by intentionally sharing the timeless truths of the gospel without compromise with others as we model Christ in order to transform lives so Heaven will be standing room only. (Acts 4:29-31; 1 Peter 3:15; Jude 3)

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Demonstrated by living out a pure, willful, and sacrificial love that's grace-filled and God-honoring while going out of our way to intentionally desire another's highest good. (Matthew 22:37-39; Luke 19:10; John 3:16-17; Romans 5:8)

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Demonstrated by lovingly putting others before ourselves through irresistible acts of service in order to meet physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs. (Mark 10:45)

KINGDOM MULTIPLICATION

Demonstrated by developing and equipping godly leaders and church planters through discipleship and trainings so they can reproduce themselves for generations into eternity. (Matthew 28:19-20; Book of Acts; Ephesians 4:12-13)

OUR STRATEGY

How will we get where we're going?

Our discipleship pathway will be as follows...

PREPARE THE SOIL

Steward those who will not accept Christ or are curious in a God-honoring, safe, and welcoming environment in order to help them transition to belief. (Psalm 1:3; Mark 4:1-20)

PLANT THE SEED

Fill in all the gaps for those wanting to understand what it means to be a believer by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ by grace through faith with hopes they will become saved. (Galatians 3:16; Ephesians 2:13)

POUR WATER ON THE SEED

Teach, equip, and model for them what discipleship looks like by sharing biblical truths with practical applications so they are confident that God can use them to help others grow in their faith. (Acts 2:42; 4:29-31; Romans 6:7; 15:13; Ephesians 4:12; James 4:8)

PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT

Reap the harvest of transformed lives while providing encouragement, accountability, and training so they can reproduce this strategy with those within and outside our spiritual community. (John 15:5; Acts 1:8; Romans 12:2; 15:1-13; Galatians 6:9)

OUR MEASURES

How do we know we've arrived?

We are committed to fulfilling God's purposes in our community, which is realized in our marks of a disciple...

GLORIFY

We recognize God through worship, our glorified King.

GROW

We educate God's people through discipleship so they can grow spiritually.

GATHER

We gather with God's family through fellowship for deep connection.

GIVE

We show God's love through ministry by the giving of our time, talents, and resources.

GO

We go and share God's Word through evangelism, which is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

TIMELIME

What is our roadmap?

Conception to Vision Casting...

Summer 2020 through Summer 2022

- Call to plant a church
- Join sending church's pastorate
- Implement prayer network
- Cultivate vision, mission, and values
- Confirm and move into target area
- Church structural development
- Complete North American Mission Board assessment

Fall 2022

- Complete church planting residency
- Host families for dinner and cast vision
- Begin Gospel of Mark study to draw interest and reinforce our vision, mission, and values
- Pray for 20 committed core by the New Year
- Start weekly discipleship meetings
- Begin support fundraising
- Secure facility for launch
- Expand prayer network
- Develop outreach and ministry plan
- Network with service organizations, pastors and churches in area
- Develop website, social media, and newsletter

TIMELIME

What is our roadmap?

Core Development and Outreach...

Spring 2023

- Secure accounting services
- Grow evangelistic activities in community
- Launch marketing campaigns
- Continue development of core leadership for key ministry areas
- Pray for 50 member launch team by end of June (includes committed core)
- Pray for worship leader and establish worship philosophy and style
- Pray for children's minister and establish children's curriculum
- Complete Association of Related Churches Assessment

Summer 2023

- Begin preview services
- Plan out sermon calendar
- Achieve support fundraising goal
- Hold communion and covenant partner service with committed core

TIMELIME

What is our roadmap?

Launch and Beyond...

Fall 2023

- Launch public services with children's ministry and a Bible study
- Continue development of core leadership for key ministry areas
- Implement new members class
- Begin Life Group meetings
- Refine and replace existing ministries as needed
- Pray for a youth pastor and establish student ministry
- Back to School, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving, and Christmas outreach

Spring 2024 and Beyond

- Continue growing Sunday morning services and ministries
- Launch leadership development pathway
- Develop mobilization strategy for church planting and missions
- Support, coach, and encourage new church plants

ENDORSEMENTS

What are others saying?

"In my opinion, Eric is probably the sharpest minister I have ever worked with. Eric works hard to see the big picture while being diligent with the details. His work ethic is superb and his heart for the gospel is inspiring. We have asked Eric to lead in several areas within RockPointe, and he has always met or exceeded expectations in every assignment he has been given. Eric is incredibly intelligent with great humility. It is that humility that those who work with him or are ministered to by him are most impacted by. I affirm his call to ministry."

Ron Holton

Senior Pastor at RockPointe Church

"I am excited to see that God has called Eric and Antoinette Patrick to start Harvest Ministries. It is obvious to me that both Patrick's love their community because they are living in it, sending their children to school in it and developing new relationships with those who live in the area. From the very beginning they have sought God's direction by creating a prayer team that has seen answers by providing a house for them to buy in the place God has called them. May God continue to guide them through his Holy Spirit."

Morgan Malone

Executive Director at Denton Baptist Association

I'm thrilled about the start of Harvest Ministries as a new church in Little Elm. I'm excited because I know and love Eric and his beautiful family. You are also going to love them. I'm confident in Eric's character and giftedness. However, what gives me the greatest hope about this new church is my confidence in God's call on Patricks. He is with them and this new church! You and your family will be blessed if you invest in Harvest Ministries.

Dr. Micah Caswell

Lead Pastor at Redeemer Church of Denton

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GET INVOLVED

How can you be a part of what God is doing?

There are three ways you can partner with us...

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY

Pray for our family, the community we want to serve, and how you'd like to partner with us.

JOIN OUR DREAM TEAM

Join our core team as a key member now and into the foreseeable future or our launch team as a key member before, during, and/or after our August 2023 launch.

SUPPORT US

Support our family and/or our church plant by giving financially on a recurring basis or as a one-time gift.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO PARTNER FINANCIALLY?

How will we use your support as a partner?

Our goal is to be self-sustaining by year three.

Our support raising goals consist of the following:

- \$200,000 pre-launch budget (September 2022 to August 2023)
- \$300,000 first year church budget (August 2023 to July 2024)

Current and potential supporting churches and network partners: RockPointe Church, Denton Baptist Association, Southern Baptist of Texas Convention, North American Mission Board Association of Related Churches

Ways that you or your church can partner with us through recurring or one-time gifts:

- Seed (\$1,000)
- Sow (\$5,000)
- Anchor (\$15,000)
- Cornerstone (\$25,000)
- Foundation (\$50,000)

Our prayer is that you support in a way that God has placed upon your heart.

PRE-LAUNCH BUDGET

What do we need to launch?

September 2022 through August 2023...

MUSIC (i.e. music, instruments, worship leader, and sound equipment)	\$30,000.00
EVANGELISM & OUTREACH (i.e. meeting facilities, food and beverage)	\$20,000.00
FACILITY (i.e. meeting facility, lighting system, AV projector system, pipe and drape, and storage)	\$30,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS (i.e. printing, mailers, bulletins, advertising, signage, labels, and postage)	\$25,000.00
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES (i.e. nursery, children's, computer software and equipment)	\$20,000.00
ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING (i.e. insurance, training, salary and wages, hospitality, and administration)	\$75,000.00
TOTAL	\$200,000.00

CHURCH BUDGET

What do we need to operate through year one?

August 2023 through July 2024...

MUSIC (i.e. music and worship leader)	\$30,000.00
EVANGELISM & OUTREACH (i.e. meeting facilities, programming, missions, church planting)	\$40,000.00
FACILITY (i.e. meeting facility, storage)	\$60,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS (i.e. printing, mailers, bulletins, advertising, labels, and postage)	\$30,000.00
EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES (i.e. nursery, children's, computer software and equipment)	\$15,000.00
ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING (i.e. insurance, training, salary and wages, hospitality, and administration)	\$125,000.00
TOTAL	\$300,000.00

HOW TO GIVE

How can you be a part of what God is doing?

There are three ways you can partner with us through giving...

BY CHECK

- Checks should be made out to: *Harvest Ministries of Denton County*
- Checks should have the following in the memo: *General Giving*
- Checks should be mailed to our home address: *11450 US Hwy 380 Ste 130-286, Cross Roads, TX 76227*

ONLINE

You can give securely online at: www.harvestministries.org/give (follow instructions as prompted on the webpage)

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