

# SeedStories

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## Two Churches Launched in October!

*Generations Church* (Salmon Creek, WA) and *The Bridge* (Wilsonville, OR) both began weekly public services in October with an average of 50-60 in attendance. On parallel tracks to launch these two new churches, Kyle & Ruth Davies (lead planters of Generations) and Bob & Stephanie Johnson (lead planters of The Bridge) have been busy all year long preparing for their fall start.

Fundraising, strategic planning, fundraising, outreach, fundraising, locating a meeting venue, fundraising, discipling, more fundraising and gathering their launch team has filled the weeks leading up to October. Both couples would describe the year to this point as something like drinking from a firehose! But, despite gulping and gasping throughout the process, the Davies and Johnsons insist they're in the midst of their most exciting season of ministry and right where they know God has called them.

The evidence that all the effort, expense, dedication and grit required to launch a brand new church is "worth it" is apparent in the changed lives, renewed faith, and redeemed souls who are discovering God's amazing grace at Generations and The Bridge. Celebrate with us the work God is doing through these courageous leaders and the new churches they've begun! They're off to a great start but *the best is yet to come!*



**Kyle & Ruth  
Davies**  
Generations Church  
Vancouver, WA



**Bob & Stephanie  
Johnson**  
The Bridge  
Wilsonville, OR

# Where Are They Now—Port Gardner Church



Port Gardner Church began in Everett, WA in June of 2005. The church, originally named *Soteria*, first met in a downtown church on Sunday nights. Founding Pastor, Mike Rydman and a launch team of about 40 young adults from Northshore Christian Church, were sent out to begin the new work. CEA and NCC provided financial support and oversight until the church became self-supporting .

Chuck Hickman assumed leadership of the church in 2012 when Mike Rydman left to plant in Juneau, AK. Under Chuck’s stable leadership and Biblically grounded teaching, the church continued to grow despite almost 15 years as a nomadic congregation meeting in rented school facilities.

PGCC’s long nomadic season ended in

August as the result of a generous offer from Parkside Bible Chapel to assume occupancy and ownership of their building located in downtown Everett.

Grateful to finally have a 24/7 facility, PGCC is flourishing in their new home. They’re enjoying connecting with neighbors and have already seen half a dozen new families join them. Fresh paint, new carpet, remodeled bathrooms, a new sign and other improvements to the facility give evidence of the active congregation that now resides at 25th & Lombard.

We congratulate Chuck and the PGCC congregation on their new home and celebrate this exciting chapter of ministry the Lord has begun for them!



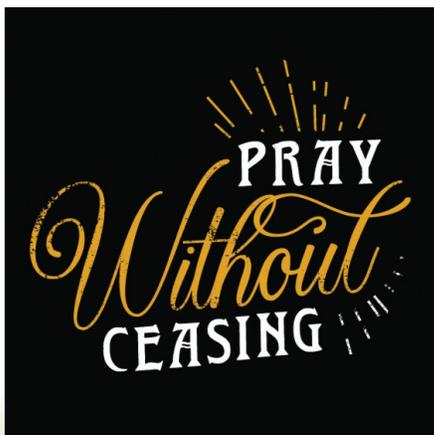
## Prayer Warriors Needed

CEA’s mission to advance the Kingdom of God in cities across the Pacific Northwest through the planting of new churches depends on prayer. There is much to be done but the real work starts first with prayer. To be sure, church planting is a constant battle against a real enemy who seeks to delay, discourage and destroy. So, we desperately need prayer-warriors who are willing to join an army whose primary strategy is to move forward on its knees.

Please consider joining the CEA prayer team! You will receive a monthly prayer list with specific areas to pray for. To sign up...

1. Online at [www.theCEA.org/become-a-prayer-partner/](http://www.theCEA.org/become-a-prayer-partner/)
2. Email [Dottie@theCEA.org](mailto:Dottie@theCEA.org)
3. Call the CEA office at **253-854-8200**

*“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.” Acts 1:14*



# Made for More by George...



As 2019 winds toward a close, the CEA is on the threshold of an exciting new season of church multiplication! Founded in 1960 as a partnership of churches in the Puget Sound area, CEA became a catalyst for the planting of 20 churches in the region by 2000. It was a good start, but, as a new millennium dawned, it was clear that a greater spiritual harvest still lay waiting.

Answering the call to plant more churches, the CEA retooled itself with fresh leadership, greater resources and new planting methods. It's not an exaggeration to say that *everything* changed except the message of the Gospel itself. The culmination of the efforts made since 2002, when I began as Executive Director, will be the start of our 40th church next year. God's grace, persistent prayer, a visionary Board of Directors, the relentless work of gifted planters and the sacrificial support of financial partners has enabled us to reach thousands who were far from God through planting new churches.

Nevertheless, despite the significant fruit from the planting of 60 churches in as many years, we remain convinced that greater things are still to be done in the Northwest for God's Kingdom. We're equally convinced that the CEA was *made for more*. So, we've committed to double-down on our planting capacity and ask the Lord to enable us to plant 40 more churches at twice the pace - 10 years. If God grants us favor, we'll celebrate our 100th church start by 2030!

This is a grand vision that will require more prayer, more planters and more financial support. And frankly, regardless of our past victories, if nothing changes, we'll outrun our resources within a year attempting to sustain a pace of 4 new starts each year. So we need your help more than ever!

As you're reading this update, if you're not already a CEA supporter, become one today! We need you! Greater things are still to be done for the Kingdom but we'll need your help to accomplish them. If you already support our work, consider giving a sacrificial year-end gift. Help us plant the next new church!

Listed below are a variety of ways you can help us start new churches. Join me as a CEA supporter today!

**Mail:** Send a check to **CEA** (PO Box 92, Edmonds WA 98020)

**Online:** Go to [www.theCEA.org](http://www.theCEA.org), click the "Give" link and make a one-time or recurring gift.

**Mobile Device:** Text **CEA** to 73256 on your phone.

**Memorial Gift:** Honor a friend, a significant milestone or the memory of a deceased loved one.

**IRA RMD:** Contributions made directly from an IRA trustee to a charity count toward the RMD requirement but are not included as income to the donor.

**Wills & Trusts:** Make a gift that costs nothing during your lifetime.

**Amazon Smiles:** Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), sign into your Amazon account and select the Christian Evangelistic Association / Edmonds, WA. Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase total to CEA.

*As a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, contributions to the CEA are tax-deductible.*



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## New Churches in 2020



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