



# The Longs Peak Link

Resourcing Churches in North Colorado

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Just one. Those two words have been in the back, and sometimes at the forefront, of all my thoughts since I have been in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Church planter Nate Templin of Inside Out Church said during one of the first times we met him, "If you guys could make even just one relationship with someone who doesn't know Christ, then you have done your job." He did not mean that we are to limit ourselves to only one relationship this summer. Rather, he would prefer that we make one genuine, lasting friendship with a lost person that could impact them for eternity than multiple surface-level friendships that we do not take the time to invest in. The goal is ultimately to find those who would never normally set foot into a church building to bring them the redeeming love and truth of Christ to create a community of new believers that will spread out sharing their story. Investing in one person has a long-term effect that will last after we are gone so that the truth will continue to spread. Just one

person could multiply into two, two could multiply into four, four into eight, and so on having such a greater impact for God's kingdom reaching far beyond us.

With only 45 percent of the Fort Collins' population having any faith involvement whatsoever and the overall faith receptivity being very low, there is no way that we could even make a dent in the staggering statistic in our short time this summer. However, we can touch at least one life through the grace of God, and that person will be here for the long term to spread truth to more people in this area.

God brought one of Jesus' parables to mind that really helped me better understand why I should value even just one life being changed. Jesus tells the story of the lost sheep in Luke 15:3-7. In this parable a shepherd leaves 99 of his sheep to find the one that was lost. When he finally finds him, he brings him back to his neighbors and rejoices that the one has been saved. He compares this to how much more joy there is in heaven over one lost soul repenting than over countless people who are "righteous" that feel no need to repent. Just one sheep.

So after hearing that spoken by a fellow Christ-follower and reading the parable of the lost sheep in God's word, my attitude in why I am here this summer has been shaped. Now I know that I will never be able to go back to life as before without applying this. I do not have to be in Fort Collins, Colo. God's love for each of his lost sheep extends to every area. No matter where God calls me, I can never belittle the immeasurable value of even one life.

**LPBA 2010**  
**Annual Fall Celebration**

Childcare Provided

We  our Churches

Sunday, September 19th  
3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Southside Baptist  
620 Horsetooth  
Ft. Collins

Meal served at 5:30 pm

# Making A Connection






In our journey to move to Fort Collins as church planters, my husband and I have been overwhelmed at the workings and power of God. My search for a job in the Poudre School District was a part of God's miraculous blessings in this process. I had been told that the odds were stacked against me since there are two colleges nearby and the school

district receives thousands of teaching applications each year. After waiting weeks for openings to be posted, several positions were finally posted and I began emailing my resume to each school. I emailed the first one at 8:07 pm. At 8:23 pm, I received a phone call from the principal. I complimented him on his prompt response to my email and, with a thick accent, he said, "Well, I'm only calling 'cause I saw you went to Texas Tech and I'm from West Texas! I'll do anything for a Tech grad." The Texas connection with this principal was only the first connection I made with this school. The open position and school curriculum were perfect fits for me and, thankfully, they asked to interview me over the phone. Soon after, they called and offered me the job!

Little did I know at that time, but I only saw a small part of the miracle. God had been working for weeks, months, and even years to prepare me for this job. The week after accepting the position over the phone, my husband and I drove up for a whirlwind 3 day trip so I could attend new teacher training. This is when I began to learn about the full extent of the miracle that I was living. I learned that there were literally 285 resumes printed and in a stack that the first grade teachers had to go through. The Texas connection I had with the principal was only a small part of what encouraged them to look over my information. They had decided on strict requirements for this position and, as they told me those requirements, I was amazed that their list matched my resume perfectly. Every educational experience I have ever had matched their requirements for this job! God had been preparing me through every experience for such a time as this!

*Ephesians 3:20-21 - "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."*



We hope your summer is going well. Things have been fast and furious for us in Colorado, but it has all been so much fun.

God has grown The Pursuit Church launch team to 34 adults and 20+ kids! We have hosted five mission teams in the past two months from Yorktown Baptist, LakePointe Church, and Fellowship Bible Church.

The first of 3 preview services held June 27th had 98 in attendance, the second, held July 25th had 81 in attendance.

Thank you so much for all the love and encouragement you send our way. Please don't forget to pray for us as this new church begins; we desperately need your continued support and prayers.

~Alan Reed, Church Planter in S.E. Fort Collins~

## Pastor/Staff & Wives



Thursday  
Aug 12th  
@ Noon

Cornerstone  
Baptist  
Windsor

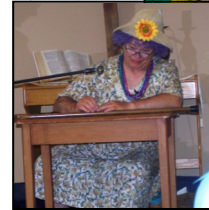
Please RSVP by Monday, August 9th  
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# CHURCHES CHURCHES

## HELPING

by: Duane Trimble



During the week of June 25 through July 1 the Love In Action Mission Team from the Harmony Baptist Association were in Longs Peak Baptist Association. Their team consisted of 24 members, most of whom were Senior Adults. They helped to strengthen the ministries of five of our churches.

Senior Adult VBS type events were held at Derby Hill, West Greeley, Orchards, and Estes Park. The team led participants in music, testimonies, Bible Study and related skits. A special interest feature was presented by "Bertha Gullible" who testified before a "Senate Hearing on Elder Fraud."

The Love In Action Team conducted numerous projects including: Painting the exterior of the Lighthouse mission plus clearing weeds and small trees. They also held two Barbeques for the mission, one at an apartment complex and the other at Lighthouse mission, a children's VBS and swim party.

The team also presented programs at a group home in Loveland, and two extended care facilities, one in Berthoud and one in Loveland. They also conducted a last minute program at Sugar Valley Estates in Loveland.

On Wednesday evening, Derby Hill members and the mission team joined hands to conduct an Ice Cream Social at a local Mobile Retirement Park. Twenty-seven residents attended the event which included lots of music, sharing, prize drawings, and a testimony.

Only three team members were 35 or under in age. All the rest were 50 and above with most being in their 60's and 70's. One energetic lady was 81

years young! What a living demonstration of what Senior Adults can do for the Lord if they put their mind, heart, and bodies to the task!

## A NEW WAY OF

# Thinking



Colorado has a completely different atmosphere than Texas—and I'm not just talking about the cooler weather. New Age thinking and an emphasis on being a spiritual-but-not-religious person seem to be the majority mindsets of the population here. Most people seem to have this attitude: "I have it figured out. Buddha, Allah and Jesus are all the same. Let us all go out of our way not to step on each other's toes, so that we may live in harmony and coexist with one another."

Driving around Fort Collins, it's easy to see many cars with a bumper sticker that says "COEXIST" on it. Each letter in the word represents the emblem of different religions—for instance, the "C" resembles the Muslim crescent moon and star, and the "T" represents the cross of Jesus. I think that this is a perfect representation of the majority religious attitude in Fort Collins, Colo.

One church planter, Nate Templin, assigned my team the task of walking around Fort Collins and videotaping interviews with people. We were asking questions that allowed discussion for spiritual matters, such as "What do you think of the Bible?" or "How do you feel when you hear the words Christian or Jesus?" Most of what we heard was along the lines of "Jesus was a great man," or "The Bible has some great stories in there!"

These people have heard the "stories," but they have completely missed the point of Jesus Christ. Matthew 28 does not say, "Therefore go and COEXIST with one another." Only God can change the hearts of those who don't consider themselves in need.

Clara Kern, a student at Angelo State University, serving as a summer missionary in Fort Collins, Colo., with Go Now Missions.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE CALENDAR...**

- 8/12 Pastor/Staff & Wives Luncheon @  
Noon hosted by Cornerstone
- 8/12 ACP Submission Due Date
- 8/13- Multi-housing Ministry Conference @  
14 Heritage Baptist in Colorado Springs
- 8/24 Aging with Passion & Purpose  
Senior Event @ Arapahoe Baptist
- 9/6 Labor Day
- 9/19 LPBA Annual Fall Celebration hosted  
by Southside in Ft. Collins

## **AUGUST**

- 4 Oscar de la Cruz  
5 Frank Silva  
6 Angela Cagle  
16 Jennifer Vannoy  
18 Barbara Formby



## **SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Gerry Brock  
11 Chris Gardner  
19 Ginger Walcker  
23 Brad Gilliland  
24 Paul Logue  
25 Travis Heady  
26 Wrenda Parker  
28 Maria Valdez

***The purpose of the LPBA is to resource and network churches and ministries together as they make disciples of their world through gospel saturation and fulfill their distinct, God-given vision for carrying out the Great Commission.***

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