
STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS
South Florida
Urban Impact Ministries

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The Urban Impact Ministries has three major focus ministry areas which includes: Urban Leadership Development, Urban Church Plant and Urban Evangelism. Al Fernandez serves as director of the ministry; Rosa Garcia is the administrative assistant and is assisted by Erika Andral in accomplishing these assignments. Danny Egipciano is a national missionary assigned by the North American Mission Board to the Urban Impact Ministries office. He is responsible for implementing church planting strategies in South Florida and assists also in urban evangelism training.

The following are some of the major accomplishments of Urban Impact Ministries during the past year:

Urban Church/Leadership Development provided a variety of leader resources in the three unique language groups. These included: one on one coaching; BUILD – peer learning groups; pastors growing together learning groups; pastors learning together learning groups; South Florida Bible study summit; and several specialized training events held throughout the year. During 2010-2011, a total of 35 meetings were held and a total of 535 persons participated.

Urban Church Planting provided three strategies: (1) an ongoing language driven church planting strategy; (2) church within a church strategy; and (3) church planting internship training process. A total of 56 meeting were held involving 514 persons participating.

Urban Evangelism focus is upon several outcomes within the diverse language setting. These included; teaching towards missionary behavior; pastors peer learning group; coaching towards missionary behavior; ministry evangelism conference, Muslim evangelism training; and South Florida Vacation Bible School clinics. Additionally, Urban Impact Ministries helped coordinate “Renewing the Hope” South Florida Evangelism Conference in three languages. The South Florida Urban Impact Center hosted the Hispanic component of the conference with 534 in attendance. These combined 43 events involved 2,349 church leaders.

Special Trainings and Events: The Urban Impact Ministries Center also hosted special trainings and events which included: NAMB Rebuilt Haiti Meeting with 38 in attendance. Building bridges to your community, start smart marriage conference, church by-laws seminar, Biblical Sexuality conference and several other conferences through the year. All combined total of 1,499 participants.

Church Missions Teams: Additionally UIM coordinated and housed several missions groups throughout the year that assisted South Florida churches in evangelizing through VBS, door to door ministry and block parties. The following are the churches and ministries that participated in missions projects: *First Baptist Inverness, Baptist College Ministries LSU, First Baptist West Palm Beach, Calvary Baptist Winter Heaven, Brewer Lakes Baptist Church and IMB Int'l World Changers.*