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**We**  
**Plant & Build**  
**Local**  
**Churches**  
**With**  
**The**  
**Gospel**

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Sovereign Grace  
Ministries

2009—2010  
Mission Update

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# We are a family of churches passionate about the gospel of Jesus Christ

Dear Friends,  
This booklet is a short introduction to Sovereign Grace Ministries. We are a family of churches passionate about the gospel of Jesus Christ—the glorious truth that Jesus Christ died and was raised so that sinners would be reconciled to God. This message informs all that we do in Sovereign Grace.

We are devoted to planting and building local churches with the gospel. We are evangelical, Reformed, and charismatic (and we understand if you are perplexed by this unusual combination). And we believe local churches are the primary means of advancing the gospel.

So it is our privilege and joy to support pastors and churches personally and relationally, as well as through our Pastors College and a variety of events and resources.

These pages will provide you with a few evidences of God's grace at work among us. May they lead you to worship the Savior, whose substitutionary sacrifice on the cross makes all our efforts possible.

C.J. Mahaney  
President  
Sovereign Grace Ministries

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*Not to us, O LORD, not to us,  
but to your name give glory*  
— PSALM 115:1 ESV



# We plant churches

Planting churches is an overflow of our desire to see lives transformed by the gospel.

We plant churches because this is the mission strategy we see modeled in the New Testament. Scripture records the advance of the gospel through the Spirit-empowered founding of new churches. Every church we start exists to establish a community of gospel-centered followers of Jesus Christ.

## Five New Churches in 2009



**San Francisco, CA  
August 2009**

**Toby & Rebekah Kurth**

“The apostle Paul’s ambition was to plant churches where Christ was not being preached. Urban centers, like San Francisco, increasingly represent some of the least-reached parts of the world. We cannot wait to see the power of the gospel at work in and through us in this city.

“One of the great things about being in a city is that it forces you to place all of your hope for planting and building on the only source of power we have: the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“We can plant churches in the most difficult areas because nothing can ultimately stop the power and love of Christ.”

**Peoria, AZ  
August 2009**

**Chris & Tara Daukas**

“Why plant a church in Peoria? This city is filled with people who are so comfortable with their lives that God seems irrelevant. When a miniature heaven is constructed on earth, it’s hard to see the need for salvation. We get to tell them the great news: Jesus died to rescue us from a suicidal paradise in suburbia and gives us a real heaven with him.

“I’m grateful to God for the work done in the inner city. But let’s not overlook the comfortable people—they need a Savior as much as anyone else (and might know it less).”

**Orange County, CA  
Winter 2009**

**Eric & Kirsi Turbedsky**

“Orange County is known as the conservative seat of California—but this is still California. The region is dominated by a culture of wealth and beauty and entertainment. You only need to review your TV listings to see this for yourself.

“Still, a lot of southern California people consider themselves to be very spiritual. They adopt a blend of everything—the gospel becomes just another option you can take or leave. But we believe the gospel has borne and will continue to bear much fruit here. As we’re planting this church, we are eager to play our part in declaring the truth.”

**Fredericksburg, VA  
August 2009**

**Ken & Tiffany Delage**

“When we heard some of what God is doing in Fredericksburg, we were excited. As soon as we met the church-planting team, we knew this was where we’re supposed to plant a church.

“Fredericksburg is where we’re called, but Fredericksburg isn’t unique in its need for the gospel. All of us share the greatest need: salvation from our sins.

“God’s plan on planet earth is to build his church. We get to play a part here, and you get to play a part in your church. It’s such a joy to be part of seeing the gospel go to the ends of the earth.”

**Downingtown, PA  
September 2009**

**Kenny & Amy Lynch**

“Downingtown is a rapidly growing suburb just west of Philadelphia. Despite the presence of some churches, there are many, many lost people.

“So we’re planting this church because the Scriptures teach that lost people matter to God. We want to go and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We want to see people repent, put their faith in Jesus, and see their lives radically transformed by the glorious gospel—the same way he radically transformed mine.”

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*

—MATTHEW 28:19 ESV

To read our Statement of Faith, visit [SovereignGraceMinistries.org](http://SovereignGraceMinistries.org).



## We serve pastors



**Sovereign Grace Ministries exists not only to plant churches, but also to build and strengthen churches by serving and supporting pastors.** For a list of Sovereign Grace churches, see the end of this booklet.

### Snapshot: Burma

In May 2008, a small country in southeast Asia catapulted into the international spotlight. Cyclone Nargis struck Burma (Myanmar), destroying whole villages and killing an estimated 200,000 people.

In the years before this, Sovereign Grace pastors had found growing friendship with a father-son team of pastors in Burma. One of them was about to graduate from our Pastors College when the storm struck.

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends of Sovereign Grace, this pastor returned to Burma immediately, carrying thousands of dollars for disaster relief. With his father, he distributed food, water,

clothing, and other aid. Relief teams staffed by Burmese Christians estimate that they helped 15,000 people. Most important, they brought the good news of the gospel.

More than a year after Cyclone Nargis, the need continues. Sovereign Grace has been privileged to help provide village wells, provide homes and bicycles for church planters, and rebuild church buildings. Please join us in praying that the gospel of Christ continues to advance in Burma.

Photos: (left) Buddhist temple complex in Yangon, Burma, (right) cyclone relief efforts



## Snapshot: Philadelphia

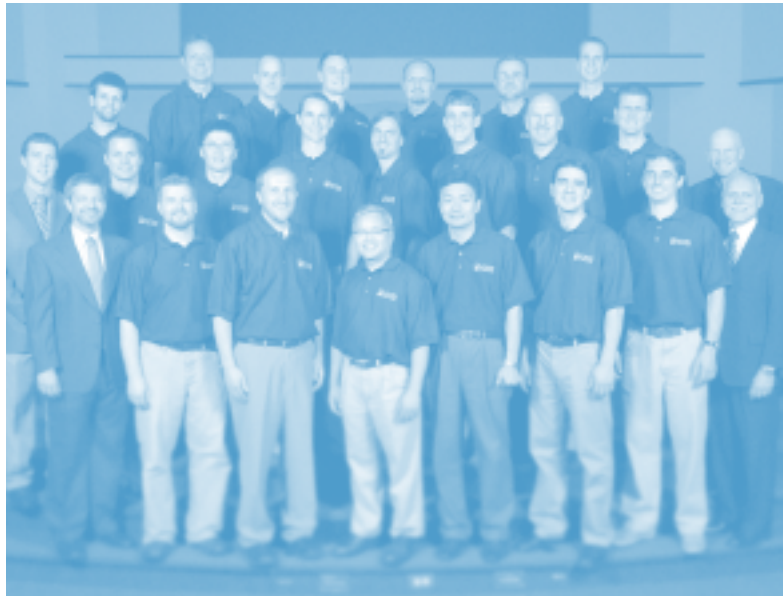
Grace Bible Church in north-east Philly was already passionate about urban church planting when we met them three years ago. At the time, lead pastor Ian McConnell says, he was motivated but inexperienced, and wanted counsel from older pastors.

That was when he began corresponding with Sovereign Grace pastors near Philadelphia. Shared vision led to shared friendship—and the benefits ran both ways. Grace Bible received pastoral counsel, friendship networks, and resources; Sovereign Grace benefited from Ian's passion and wisdom. In July 2009, Grace Bible Church formally joined this family of churches.

We're looking forward to many years of planting and building churches together. "Our church has been awakening to our responsibility to penetrate the darkness of our city with the gospel," Ian says. "We're asking God to bless the gospel as it goes forth. We want to see more people awakened to faith and repentance, for the glory of God in Christ!"

Photos: (top) South Street, (right) The Union League of Philadelphia





## We train pastors

The mission of our Pastors College is to equip men for pastoral ministry in Sovereign Grace churches. We want to train pastors to follow the apostle Paul's admonition to watch their lives and doctrine closely (1Ti 4:16). For our full-time students, the college provides a ten-month program of intensive biblical, theological, pastoral, and personal training. The Pastors College also provides support for Sovereign Grace pastors through instruction, conferences, and other resources.

## Seoul, South Korea Kang Songhwan

Class of 2009

### Since 1997

- The Pastors College has graduated 203 men. Of these, 167 are in full-time ministry and 44 are senior pastors.
- Pastors College graduates are serving in 76 churches in 11 countries.
- Pastors College graduates have planted 26 churches.
- Forty-seven percent of Sovereign Grace churches are led by our graduates.
- Our guest instructors have included Wayne Grudem, Jerry Bridges, David Powlison, and Mark Dever.
- The Pastors College has hosted conferences for students and pastors on preaching, biblical counseling, evangelism, and administration.

Kang Songhwan entered the Pastors College in 2008 with a seminary degree and almost ten years of pastoral experience in South Korea. In summer 2009, Songhwan returned to Seoul to plant a church.

“Over the past year, I have been able to look at the gospel with new eyes, and learned how to apply it to my own heart and life. I have come to understand the importance of a church that is focused on the gospel and the glory of God. And one of the things that I’m most grateful for about being at the Pastors College is learning about humble leadership.

“My biggest hope is to be a disciple of Christ who can preach and apply the gospel to myself daily. My second hope is to plant a gospel-centered church in Korea. I know this will not be easy. But one thing I also know and trust is that God is faithful.”

Photos: (left) Pastors College Class of 2009, (right) Kang Songhwan with his wife, Miran, and their children





**We  
host  
conferences &  
provide  
resources**



### Conferences

Sovereign Grace Ministries hosts conferences designed to equip church members and leaders to celebrate the gospel and apply it to their lives.

**Pastors Conference** teaching and fellowship for pastors and church leaders

**Next** for singles and young married couples

**WorshipGod** for pastors, worship leaders, musicians, and media teams

**The Clash** theological and worldview training for young adults

### Resources

We publish and distribute books, music, and audio messages, all for the purpose of strengthening local churches. Many of these resources are available for free at our website.

**Books** Sovereign Grace pastors have written books on the gospel, growth in godliness, church life, marriage, and more.

**Music** For more than two decades, we've sought to provide the church with biblically rich, gospel-centered lyrics set to creative, contemporary music.

**Messages** More than 500 messages, including audio from Sovereign Grace conferences and series on various topics, are available as free downloads.

Find these resources at [SovereignGraceStore.com](http://SovereignGraceStore.com).

### Partnerships

We are deeply indebted to many ministries whose work has strengthened Sovereign Grace over the years. Although we can't repay them, it is our privilege to partner with several of them—including those listed here, where our leaders currently serve as board members.

- Together for the Gospel  
[www.t4g.org](http://www.t4g.org)
- Council on Biblical Manhood & Womanhood  
[www.cbmw.org](http://www.cbmw.org)
- Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation  
[www.ccef.org](http://www.ccef.org)
- Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals  
[www.alliancenet.org](http://www.alliancenet.org)
- Gospel Translations  
[www.gospeltranslations.org](http://www.gospeltranslations.org)
- Entrust Foundation  
[www.entrustfoundation.org](http://www.entrustfoundation.org)
- Covenant Mercies  
[www.covenantmercies.org](http://www.covenantmercies.org)

Sovereign  
Grace  
Churches

United States

Arizona

Gilbert  
Peoria\*  
Tucson

California

Orange County\*  
Pasadena  
Pleasanton  
San Diego  
San Francisco\*

Colorado

Aurora  
Westminster

Delaware

Middletown

Florida

Bradenton  
Casselberry  
Crestview  
Daytona Beach  
Fort Lauderdale  
Gainesville  
Jacksonville  
Miami Lakes  
St. Petersburg  
Titusville  
Winter Garden

Georgia

Athens  
Woodstock

Illinois

Oswego

Kansas

Lenexa

Louisiana

New Orleans

Maryland

Frederick  
Gaithersburg  
(English)  
Gaithersburg  
(Spanish)  
Joppa  
Kingsville  
Riverdale

Massachusetts

Methuen  
Plainville

Minnesota

Bloomington  
Chaska\*  
Stillwater

New Jersey

Cherry Hill  
Toms River

New York

Brooklyn  
Corning

North Carolina

Apex  
Charlotte  
 Mooresville

Ohio

Cleveland  
Copley

Oregon

Roseburg

Pennsylvania

Altoona  
Downingtown\*  
Glen Mills  
Harrisburg  
Indiana  
Lancaster  
Philadelphia\*  
Pittsburgh  
Reading  
Souderton

South Carolina

Greenville

Tennessee

Knoxville

Texas

Dallas  
El Paso (English)  
El Paso (Spanish)  
Houston  
Midland  
Seguin

Virginia

Ashburn  
Chesapeake  
Fairfax  
Fredericksburg\*  
Midlothian  
Roanoke

Washington

Spokane  
Vancouver

West Virginia

Franklin

International

Bolivia

La Paz†

Canada

Surrey, BC  
Toronto, ON

England

Bristol

Ethiopia

Addis Ababa†

Germany

Hamburg†

India

Various cities†

Mexico

Aguascalientes  
Juárez  
Tijuana

Philippines

Various cities†

South Korea

Seoul\*\*†

Sri Lanka

Various cities†

Uganda

Nagongera†

Wales

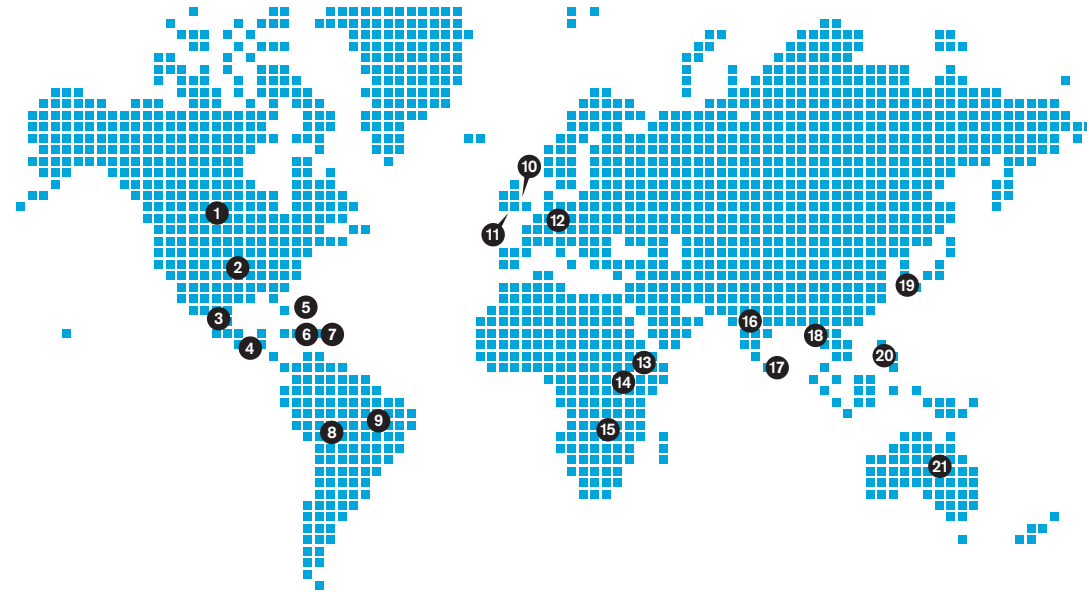
Merthyr Tydfil  
Newport

\* church added since  
last year

† associate member

International  
Investment

In addition to  
serving Sovereign  
Grace churches, we  
train leaders and  
serve churches and  
ministries in these  
countries.



- 1 Canada
- 2 United States
- 3 Mexico
- 4 El Salvador
- 5 The Bahamas
- 6 Haiti
- 7 Dominican Republic
- 8 Bolivia
- 9 Brazil
- 10 England
- 11 Wales
- 12 Germany
- 13 Ethiopia
- 14 Uganda
- 15 Zambia
- 16 India
- 17 Sri Lanka
- 18 Burma
- 19 South Korea
- 20 Philippines
- 21 Australia



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