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### Friend in Christ,

Have you ever shot a bow and arrow? Many have... with less than optimum results. If the aim is off only slightly, the arrow misses the target completely. One degree makes a difference in archery – and in our cities!

Through countless hours talking with dozens of ministry and organizational leaders, I have found the challenge of reclaiming North America's urban centers for Jesus Christ revolves around three facts:

- Transformation is relational and the local church must remain at the center of building relationships.
- People are moving back to the urban centers. Young people, "Cultural Creatives" and ethnic groups have flooded what once were inner city wastelands. Christians among them yearn for a seminary-quality education to help them deal with the challenges and become better witnesses.
- Once students have been identified, funding becomes the barrier for many held in poverty's grip.

For the Church today to achieve rapid explosion and great impact, we must win the world's large metropolitan areas.

The best way to reach a huge number of the unchurched and disillusioned with the love of Christ is through strong, local, urban churches. **It begins with 1 Degree**.

Sincerely,

Jeff Reed

BILD International President & CEO

## What others are saying

"The Church, to be relevant in the urban centers, must help people build healthy marriages, teach dads how to be good fathers and groom godly habits. The BILD material is foundational for a fruitful life. Period." Jim Guth Executive Director, Florida Men of Integrity Gainesville, FL

"Our work is among the Haitian community of New York. The BILD materials work perfectly with the range of learning styles and education backgrounds we see – everyone from a recent refugee to a college graduate. The Socratic style discussions really deepen the teaching." Mullery Jean-Pierre Beraca Baptist Church Brooklyn, NY

"Often pastors or leaders develop without serious ordered biblical learning. As a result, there is a lot of preaching bereft of sound doctrine. It is very superficial. The messages are almost like Tony Robbins' talks with the name of 'Jesus' at the end... without theological depth that answers the real needs of life."

Joseph Mattera Presiding Bishop of Christ Covenant Coalition New York City

"BILD answered my lifelong questions about believers' growth within the local church. They have recaptured biblical principles to transform and empower. Through BILD, leaders rediscover the faithful pattern of how the church was meant to mature and multiply."

Ryan Paterson South Bay CityChurch San Francisco Bay Area, CA



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# **TRANSFORMATION** Takes a **1 DEGREE** Change

Leaders of church-planting organizations in North America – and especially ones in the "Top 30" Global Cities – have joined together to train their pastors, leaders and members using BILD materials and resources.

North American church-planting organizations have identified 7,500 strong candidates for deeper training. However, 20% (1,500) of them simply do not have the resources to even meet the most modest cost of an Antioch School degree. Funding sponsorships remains an urgent need.

### **2015 GOAL**

\$7,500,000

1,500 Sponsorships



One \$5,000 sponsorship will provide a fully degreed person (Bachelor through Doctorate options) and 10 fully certified pastors/church planters that will result in 1,000 trained leaders.

### THE POWER OF ONE SPONSORSHIP

1 Graduate with an Antioch School degree will train...

10 Pastors/Church Planters who train...

100 Ministry Leaders who train...

1,000 Grassroots Leaders and Disciples.

# YES! I/We want to reclaim our urban centers for Jesus Christ 1 DEGREE AT A TIME.

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2400 Oakwood Road Ames, Iowa 50014-8417 515-292-7012 info@bild.org www.bild.org As the Early Church understood, there can be a renewed focus on the mission and message of Jesus even when the majority has no meaningful experience with Jesus.

In the first centuries, Church leaders were developed from the "rank and file," people's needs were met and the gospel exploded! It has been estimated that in AD 40, the Roman Empire had a population of 60 million with a very small number of Christians. By AD 350, there were as many as 31 million Christians!

North America's urban centers can experience that kind of exponential renewal and transformation – **1 DEGREE AT A TIME**.



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