Successful Church Plants

These are common factors that successful church plants share, according to the results of a study released by the Center for Missional Research, a division of the North American Mission Board.

**Reaching children** Special children's events along with outreaches around holidays, and at other times, attract crowds and help churches sustain attendance.

**Training new members** Successful church plants provide training and clearly communicate that the new members participate and find a place to serve.

**Intentional financial stewardship** The pastors receive financial compensation as well as health insurance, allowing them time to focus on the church's growth and not their own basic needs.

**The staff factor** The most successful church plants do not start out under-staffed and their planters are full-time. They have also assessed staff for their suitability and have multiple staff members from the start.

**Not just focusing on their own needs** Successful church plants start at least one church within three years of their own plant and those who are sent out to start a new church are replaced and even more are added.

**Building leadership** Church plants with higher attendance conduct leadership training, build their leadership base and delegate leadership roles to church members on an ongoing basis.

**The achievement factor** Church planters have a vision of what God wants to do and remain focused on accomplishing that.

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