

Hearts for Boston 2001 Strategy Proposal

Purpose Statement:

To provide a comprehensive prayer strategy to cover with prayer

1. The Hearts for Boston (HFB) participants, 2. HFB processes/events and, 3. The people of Boston.

Strategy:

Every church and believer will be encouraged to respond to God's call for a Great Commission Prayer Strategy (Matt. 28:18-20) which provides a biblically based strategic framework for every prayer event. The three parts of the strategy assist believers and churches to:

1. Renew a personal passion to pray unceasingly. (1 Thess. 5:17).
2. Reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for lost people. (Matt. 21:13, Luke 19:10)
3. Link believers in focused prayer for evangelism and spiritual awakening. (Matt. 28:18-20; 2 Chron. 7:14)

STRATEGIC GOALS

Objective: The Prayer Team will seek to mobilize and integrate Great Commission prayer across Boston to impact and transform the entire region with the gospel message.

Strategic Goals:

1. To guide believers of Boston to renew a personal passion to pray unceasingly.
 - Motivate and educate believers to grow in intimacy and faithfulness to God.
 - Call all believers to dedicated, intentional prayer and fasting.
2. To guide Boston congregations to reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for the lost.
 - Establish or enhance an intercessory prayer ministry for every Hearts for Boston pastor/staff.
 - Establish or enhance a prayer coordinator and a corporate prayer ministry in every Hearts for Boston congregation.
3. To unite and mobilize all believers of Boston in focused prayer for evangelism and spiritual awakening.
 - Establish intercessory prayer networks that will pray for every neighborhood in Boston
 - Mobilize volunteers in prayer activities to impact and transform Boston with the gospel message.

STRATEGY AND CONCEPT

Part I

(Explanation of the Team's overall sub-strategy approach)

Concept: Hearts for Boston will seek to mobilize and integrate Great Commission prayer across the region through training, modeling, and mobilization. Various prayer networks, resource materials, and ministry activities will be utilized. Therefore, the individual, the church, and the community experience transformation with the gospel message.

Each prayer event will be driven by its role in completing one or more of the strategic statements.

Process:

- A. Prayer Networks – It is essential that the current prayer networks be contacted and informed of Hearts for Boston's desire to act as a catalyst in mobilizing the believers to pray for the transformation of Boston and the entire region. The focus will be to help SBC congregations and then other evangelicals.
- Identify and enlist prayer coordinators for each congregation and nearby association/Parish
 - Identify and enlist essential prayer leaders to serve as Regional Prayer Coordinators and Language Group Prayer Coordinators. These coordinators would assist in all aspects of strategy planning and implementation.
 - Regional Prayer Networks – HFB will seek to establish regional prayer networks when and where networks do not currently exist. The objective is to link believers from all over the region to mobilize their congregations in prayer. Regional Networks will be local church based.
 - Additional Prayer Networks – HFB will seek to link with additional prayer networks throughout the region, North America, and the world.
 - Internet Prayer Network – HFB will seek to create a page on the HFB website to receive and distribute prayer requests. An online registration form will provide a database of prayer partners and the need for specific, updated requests.
- B. Prayer Resource Materials – Ongoing education and discipleship is a vital component for the continual growth for any believer. Therefore, HFB will continually discover and review all available books, videos, and other resources available to encourage believers and churches to mobilize in prayer. In addition, HFB will provide sample (or a Library) of materials to all participating HFB congregations.
- *Disciple's Prayer Life* – This classic, in-depth study will lead a person to develop intimacy with God and effectiveness in their prayer life. The reader

will examine biblical examples and apply biblical prayer principles that will guide a relationship with God to grow fresher every day.

- *Experiencing God* –
 - *A Prayer Guide for Associations and Churches* – Practical ways for leaders to develop a prayer ministry in the local church and Association.
 - *Lighthouses of Prayer*- Simple, practical material for placing an evangelistic Lighthouse of Prayer in every neighborhood of Boston.
 - *Praying Your Friends to Christ* – A practical way to individual and corporate prayer for lost people.
 - *Taking Prayer to the Streets* – A twelve-week, small group study to lead individuals to mature in personal faithfulness in prayer, learn the activity of prayer journeying, and developing a Great Commission prayer ministry in the local church.
- C. Prayer Mobilization – As the prayer network matures and more people are involved in intentional prayer for Boston, an army of prayer warriors will be ready to mobilize to conduct prayer journeys, Lighthouses of Prayer, intercede for strategic initiatives, and integrate prayer into all aspects of transforming the region. Many prayer options will be provided so many people can be involved in various ways.
- Lighthouses of Prayer – Lighthouses of Prayer include believers united together for the purpose of intentionally praying, caring, and sharing the gospel with those in their neighborhood. The threefold mission is to pray-care-share with five neighbors on each side and ten across the street.
 - Prayer Journeys – A Prayer Journey is an intentional coordinated effort to pray for and share Jesus with every person in a chosen geographical area or cultural community. Or , to simply take prayer to the streets of Boston.
 - Intercessory Prayer Ministries – Intercessory prayer coordinators and prayer ministries for both the local church and the pastoral staff will be sought to be established in every HFB church.

Part II

(How each Strategic Goal will be accomplished)

Goal One Concept: To guide believers of Boston to renew a personal passion to pray unceasingly by motivating and educating believers to grow in intimacy and faithfulness to God; and by calling all believers to dedicated, intentional prayer and fasting. HFB will implement this goal through education and training. (INDIVIDUAL)

Process:

- A. Education – HFB will provide packets of prayer resource material to every HFB participating congregation. Refer to Part I, B. for examples.
- B. Training – T.W. Hunt Prayer Conference, date ____?? A training event designed to guide each individual to a deeper relationship with God in prayer.

Goal Two Concept: To guide Boston congregations to reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for the lost by helping prayer coordinators to establish or enhance

intercessory prayer ministries for every Hearts for Boston pastor/staff; and by establishing or enhancing corporate prayer ministries in every Hearts for Boston congregation. HFB will implement this goal through training, designated days of prayer and fasting, and modeling. (CORPORATE)

Process:

- A. Training – Lighthouses of Prayer Training Seminars – HFB will provide 16?? regional seminars to train and prepare local churches to conduct Lighthouses of Prayer.
- B. Training – Prayer Journeys – HFB will provide seminars to train and prepare local church prayer teams to conduct prayer journeys in their neighborhoods and at every HFB event and venue.
- C. Training – Great Commission Prayer Conference, date ____??. A major training event involving numerous facilitators and topics to train prayer coordinators and other leaders to further develop and enhance the prayer ministries in all HFB congregations.
- D. Designated Days of Prayer and Fasting – Days designated to call all churches to intense corporate prayer for revival, lost people, missions, and key kingdom issues.
- E. Prayer Coordinators and Intercessory Prayer Ministries – With the distribution of prayer resource materials and the provided training opportunities, HFB will encourage prayer coordinators to develop Intercessory Prayer Ministries for both the local church and the pastoral staff in every congregation in the region.
- F. Prayer Gatherings – A call to all believers and churches, citywide (and statewide), to unite corporately to pray for the transformation of our communities. Special events will be planned to call all believers to unite in one location for intense and urgent prayer for sweeping revival and widespread evangelism.
- G. Modeling – HFB will model and celebrate God’s hand upon the intercessory prayer for our neighborhoods by communicating locally and regionally answers to prayer. These praise stories and answers to prayer will communicate to all prayer networks and churches to both encourage and inform all believers on what God is doing in our midst. A newsletter publication, an Internet website, and a prayer chain are channels to be used to spread the good news of answered prayers.

Goal Three Concept: To unite and mobilize the believers of Boston in focused prayer for evangelism and spiritual awakening by establishing intercessory prayer networks that will pray for every neighborhood in Boston; and mobilize volunteers in prayer activities to impact and transform Boston with the gospel message. HFB will implement this goal through various forms of prayer networks, Lighthouses of Prayer, and other forms of prayer ministries/activities. (KINGDOM)

Process:

- A. Campus Prayer Journey – Adults unite to pray for the safety, salvation and spiritual growth of every person in every school in every community communities. On Tuesday evening before “See You At The Pole,” adults gather at their local school campuses and pray.

- B. Lighthouses of Prayer in every neighborhood. Local churches will be encouraged to enlist and equip homes to serve as Lighthouses of Prayer for every neighborhood in the region.
- C. March for Jesus - All HFB prayer teams will be encouraged to unite in prayer and participate in the March for Jesus event.
- D. National Day of Prayer - HFB will initiate and promote a citywide gathering in a designated location for the National Day of Prayer.
- E. Prayer Journey activities to undergird every HFB evangelistic event. Teams from the local churches will be enlisted to participate in scheduled citywide prayer journeys.
- F. Prayer Networks
 - Regional Prayer Networks – HFB will seek to establish regional prayer networks when and where networks do not currently exist. The objective is to link believers from all over the region to mobilize in specific, biblical, prayer.
 - Additional Prayer Networks – HFB will seek to link with additional prayer networks throughout the region, North America, and the world.
 - Internet Prayer Network – HFB will seek to create a page on the HFB website to receive and distribute prayer request.
- G. See You At The Pole – SYATP is a nation-wide opportunity for all Christian students to gather at the flagpole of the school to pray. HFB will support and encourage this national campaign.

H. Timeline

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Timeline:

- A. Education – Distribution of prayer resource material by September 1, 2000.
- B. Training – Prayer Conference, October, November, or December , 2000.

Goal Two Concept: To guide Boston congregations to reclaim the church as a house of prayer with a passion for the lost by establishing or enhancing intercessory prayer ministries for every Hearts for Boston pastor/staff; and by establishing or enhancing corporate prayer ministries in every Hearts for Boston congregation. HFB will implement this goal through training, designated days of prayer and fasting, and modeling. (CORPORATE)

Timeline:

- A. Training – Lighthouses of Prayer and Taking Prayer to the Streets Seminars
 - June ??, 2000 2:00pm Location:
 - July 20, 2000 7:00pm Location:
 - August 22, 2000 2:00pm Location:
 - September ??, 2000 7:00pm Location:
 - October ??, 2000 2:00pm Location:
 - November ??, 2000 7:00pm Location:
 - December ??, 2000 7:00pm Location:
- B. Training – Prayer Journeys
 - Seminars offered ??

C. Training – Great Commission Prayer Conference, date??, 2001

D. Designated Days of Prayer and Fasting

- March 8, 2000
- May 3, 2000
- August 30, 2000
- November 1, 2000
- March 7, 2001
- May 2, 2001
- August 8, 2001
- November 7, 2001

E. Prayer Gatherings

- Statewide Prayer Gathering, DATE?, LV, hosted by ?? Church
- Statewide Prayer Summit, date, location, hosted by HFB
- HFB Prayer Gathering during ??
- HFB Prayer Festival, January 1, 2001. 01/01/01 at 1:01pm
- HFB Prayer Gathering, Spring 2001
- HFB Prayer Gathering, Fall 2001

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Timeline:

A. Campus Prayer Journey

- September 12, 2000
- September 11, 2001

B. March For Jesus

- June 10, 2000
- June 9, 2001

C. National Day of Prayer

- May 4, 2000
- May 3, 2001

D. Prayer Journeys exercised during each HFB evangelistic event.

Dates determined by HFB Evangelistic and church planting events.

E. Prayer Networks

All Prayer Networks are to be established and active by September 1, 2000.

F. See You At The Pole

- September 13, 2000
- September 12, 2001

Volunteers

Concept: Volunteers are needed for all aspects of training, modeling, and mobilizing.

Volunteers Needed:

- 2 – Ten hrs/wk to overlook strategy and conduct office administrative duties (mailouts, copies, telephone calls, etc.)
- 2 – Design publicity and promotion of all activities conducted by the HFB Prayer Action Team.
- 2 – Internet Experts – One person to administrate prayer requests and praise reports, a second person to update all publicity on the website.
- 32 – Two per Region to assemble and distribute the packet of prayer resource materials to all participating HFB churches.
- 6 – Organize and host the Prayer Conference
- 8 – Lighthouses of Prayer regional seminars. Six hosts for each seminar and two training facilitators.
- 8 – Prayer Journey seminars. Two training facilitators.
- 30 – Hosts, organize, and prepare the Great Commission Prayer Conference.
- 50 – Prayer Gatherings and Festival
- 2 – Prayer Newsletter
- 1 – Prayer Chain
- Large unknown number – All prayer evangelism activities, prayer journeys field and support teams.

Media

- Prayer Newsletter published each month to share prayer requests and praises, as well as, promote all prayer activities.
- Bulletin Inserts and Advertisements
- 800 Prayer Line for HFB
- Internet page on the HFB website for prayer requests, networking, and publicity.

Other Support

North American Mission Board

Training and Materials:

- Lighthouses of Prayer – six regional training events and materials for all HFB churches.
- Prayer Journeying – seminars conducted training event and materials for all HFB churches.
- Provide conference leaders and resources for the Great Commission Prayer Conference.
- Provide computer software for tracking prayer across HFB.
- Provide access and space for two articles related to prayer and HFB in the “On Mission” magazine, “OnSite” magazine, and other NAMB publications.
- Assistance in developing a prayer Internet page on the HFB website.
- Assistance in design and development of any prayer publicity materials.
- Assistance with MSC for prayer

LifeWay

Training and Materials:

- Provide training and materials during the T.W. Hunt prayer conference.

- Provide other prayer resource materials to HFB churches at a discounted rate, such as, books, videos, etc.
- Provide assistance with the design and printing of publicity materials at a discounted rate.

WMU

- Provide Language resources related to prayer.
- Provide HFB access to WMU's monthly prayer letters to emphasize prayer needs.
- Sponsor a WMU prayer team to assist with training and mobilization of volunteers across HFB.

Budget

- Packets of Prayer Resource materials @ \$100 per HFB Regional Coordinator equals \$2,000 total
- Lighthouse of Prayer, Taking Prayer to the Streets training seminars @ \$500 per seminar equals \$5,000 total
Materials, refreshments, facilitator expenses
- Publicity and Promotion @ \$5,000
Design, printing, and distribution
- Great Commission Prayer Conference @ 4,000
Leaders expenses, lodging, materials, food/refreshments
- City-wide Prayer Gatherings/Festival @ \$5,000
- Administrative expenses for volunteers @ \$2,000 per year at \$4,000 total
- MSC stipend \$600 month = \$7,800

Total Budget Request for Prayer Strategy: