

Appendix C

PASTORAL SURVEY

Your Ministry:

1. Location of your church:

State: _____

County: _____

2. Denomination of your church:

____ Pentecostal

____ Baptist

____ Methodist

____ Bible

____ Other:

3. Name of your association:

4. What year was the church founded?

5. What is the average attendance at the main service?

6. From the number above, about how many are:

____ Men ____ Women

____ Children

(The total of the three should total the same as #4)

7. Within the congregation of the church, how many people are carrying the responsibility of different programs within the church?

8. Does your church have a plan of evangelism? (if so, please describe it):

9. Does your church have a plan of discipleship? (if so, please describe it):

10. Has your church sent out anyone as a foreign missionary for more than one year?

____ Yes ____ No

11. How many foreign missionaries are actually out of the country right now? _____

12. What is the missionary vision of your church?

13. Does your church have any special ministries in the following areas?

____ Children

____ Youth

____ Street Children

____ Men

____ Women

____ Adults

____ Singles

____ Evangelism

____ Hospital visitation

____ Visits to prisoners

____ To the poor and needy

____ Other: (Please be specific):

18. What would you say attracts people to the evangelical churches? (Please mark up to 3 items)

____ The gifts of the Holy Spirit

____ The unity of the church

____ The music

____ A move of God

____ Programs offered

____ Miracles

____ Preaching the Word

____ To know more of God

____ Friendship

____ The love of the people

____ Looking for answers to problems.

____ The good testimony of the believers

____ Good treatment received

19. What would you say keeps the people away from the evangelical churches? (Please mark up to 3 items):

____ They are not seeking the Lord

____ The sin that is in the Evangelical churches

____ Bad example: leaders

____ Bad example: believers

____ Too legalistic

____ Too Roman Catholic

____ Lack of love or attention

____ Lack of good Bible teaching

____ Other:

20. Please choose up to three items that would define why you feel that believers leave the evangelical church?

- Legalism or traditionalism
 Bad administration of church finances
 Moved away
 Bad testimony of other believers
 Personal problems
 Lack of attention/discipleship
 Lack of unity / in-fighting
 Lack of commitment
 Bad or faulty pastoring
 Abuse or disrespect to them as people
 Bad preaching, teaching or doctrine
 Other:

21. Do you know of a pastor who is no longer in the pastorate? If so, why did they leave?

- Bad conduct on his part
 Personal problems
 Lack of attention by his superiors
 Fights in the church that were not his fault
 Lack of moral support from the congregation
 Other:

23. In terms of evangelism, what do you feel is the most effective method to reach people today?

- Evangelism campaigns
 Talking person to person
 Preaching in the streets
 Praying with the people
 House to house visitation
 Other:

24. How often does your church sponsor an evangelistical event toward your community?

- Never
 Once a year
 Twice a year
 Three times a year
 Four times a year
 More:

25. Our church cooperates with other churches in evangelizing our community.

- Yes
 Sometimes
 Rarely
 No

22. As compared to the past, how would you rate the ethical and moral situation of the country?

- Better Worse
 The same Don't know

25. As far as a church, have you had any kind of formal contact with your community?

- Yes
 No

If so what kind?

14. Do you feel that you know the problems your community is facing ?

- Yes No
 Only a little

17. In your opinion, what are the worst problems affecting your community? (Mark up to 3 items).

- Unemployment
 Alcohol
 Immorality
 Loss of values
 Spiritual needs
 Family problems
 Drugs
 Idolatry
 Delinquency / gangs
 Citizen insecurity
 Economic situation / poverty
 Corruption

15. Are there any nearby communities where there is no evangelical congregation? (If so, please write the local down here):

Personal Life:

26. How old are you? _____

27. How old were you when you accepted the Lord as your Savior? _____

28. How long have you been a pastor? _____

29. How many churches have you pastored? _____

30. How long have you been in the church were you are actually serving ? _____

31. Which type of family were you born into?

- Evangelical
 Catholic
 Other:

32. What is your monthly income? (Current exchange rate is 183.75 to \$1.00)

- 0 - ₡25.000
 ₡ 26.000 - ₡ 35.000
 ₡ 36.000 - ₡ 45.000
 ₡ 46.000 - ₡ 55.000
 ₡ 56.000- ₡65.000
 ₡ 66,000- ₡75,000
 ₡ 76.000- ₡90.000
 ₡ 91.000+

33. Where does your monthly salary come from?

- Secular work
 The ministry
 Other:

34. What is the highest degree of education that you have completed?

- Grade school
 High School
 Bible Institute
 University
 Seminary
 Other:

35. If you have had theological studies, please specify what they were in, where you took them and for how long:

36. Where would you go to find information and help in the areas of evangelism and discipleship?

37. In which of the following areas do you feel that you need more help in?

- Family
 Finances
 Academic preparation
 Written materials
 Administrative training
 Spiritual/ Mentor
 Other (please be specific):

38. Do you feel that you have a counselor or mentor that you can turn to in times of difficulty?

Yes No

39. Do you currently have Social Security?

Yes No

40. Are you a member of an association or denomination that has a pension plan?

Yes No

41. Do you own your own home?

Yes No

42. In the areas where you live, how would you describe the attitude of the people toward the Gospel?

- Very open and receptive
 Open
 Indifferent
 Closed and opposed
 Hostile toward Evangelicals

43. In a few words, what is the vision that the Lord has given you for your ministry?

44. Please mark the area of greatest need for the members of your congregation:

- Spiritual
 Economic
 Bible knowledge
 Academic
 To have family problems resolved.
 More of a commitment to the things of the Lord
 Prayer
 Other:

45. From your viewpoint, what has most impeded the growth of your church?

- Fights/ divisions/ gossip
 Sexual sin
 Lack of personal attention/ discipling
 Tolerance of those that live in sin
 Not evangelizing sufficiently
 Conduct/testimony of leaders
 Programs that are not meeting needs
 Other:

Thanks for Your Cooperation

