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I feel like it has been a while since I used this letter to talk about our Vision Statement, and we should always be mindful of our shared vision.

Our Vision is ***“Strengthening our churches with timely resources that strengthen their leaders.”***

This vision is rooted in the premise of the Mission Statement we have held for many years:

*“Joining our hands to strengthen His church.”* In other words, we believe this Fellowship exists to strengthen the church, and the most effective way we can do that is to strengthen church leaders.

If you look at the FEBC Articles of Faith, the statement on *“Ecclesiology – The Church”* ends with this: *“Church leaders (1 Tim. 3; Titus 1) shepherd the church (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4), equipping believers to serve (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:11-16) in order to move the whole body toward maturity and unity. Believers gather to worship God together, to disciple one another, and to fellowship; they disperse to care for the needs of the body and to bear witness of Jesus Christ to the world (Acts 2:42-47).”*

So, church leaders equip believers to serve, and those believers ultimately bear witness of Jesus Christ to the world. Our goal is to equip those church leaders to do a better job of equipping believers. This happens in many ways, but here are a few highlights of how our Vision is going:

- As we implemented this Vision Statement, we hired Rev. Gary Krehbiel to be our Ministries Coordinator. His role is to support, assist, and encourage churches and their leaders. While we are still significantly short of full support for the MC position, God provided above and beyond our needs last year, and we give him all the glory. He is faithful.
- Each year we provide engagement and encouragement for church leaders through Connect, Pastors and Wives Retreats, extension gatherings, and more.
- Last year, Gary and I provided onsite support such as a Worship Workshop, Working Genius or Fusion 14 times. We also walked with a few churches through crisis situations, as well as providing our church leaders with formal advice, resources, or solutions for over 70 issues.
- We had countless informal interactions involving advice, encouragement, and prayer.
- Most importantly, we see increased engagement among our member churches. Our Fellowship is truly joining our hands in amazing ways.

We pray that the result will be church members who “bear witness of Jesus Christ to the world.” Your ongoing prayers and support make all this possible. Thank you so much.



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