



**PARADO X**

# PARADOX BIBLE CHURCH

Paradox is a group of missionaries that desire to see people worship Jesus. Paradox exists to love Jesus and others, understand culture and seek transformation as missionaries to the city and the world. This mission is accomplished through obedience to the Great Commission to make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20) and the Great commandment to love (Mark 12:28-31).

Why Paradox? "Truly, truly I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in Him who sent Me, has eternal life and does not come into judgement, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:24). It is our deepest desire to see people who are dead be made alive in Jesus; this glorious paradox is our goal.



## THE COOK FAMILY

Pen Cook (27) grew up in Seattle WA and was saved by Jesus in high school. While living in Ballard and attending Seattle Pacific University. Pen began to serve in the Junior high ministry at a large church just outside of Seattle. It was here that Jesus brought Pen and his wife Jill together in 2003. Two years later they were married and Jesus has blessed them with two beautiful daughters Kylee (2) and Mataya (1). Pen has served in full time ministry for the past five years and is a gifted communicator and leader. Through his ministry experience he has spoken at numerous youth camps and retreats, written thousands of pages of small group curriculum and led numerous large teams to accomplish complicated tasks. The SBC North American Mission Board has assessed and approved Pen as a church planter. Current partnerships include Puget Sound Baptist Associations, Converge NW, and Northshore Baptist Church Bothell, WA

# VISION

We desire to people in Seattle pass from death into life through Jesus Christ, to live a life of worship and mission for the glory of the Father by the Holy Spirit. Secondly, we desire to see culture transformed and redeemed as a means to proclaim the gospel to the rest of the world.

# STRATEGY

Build community relationships: UW campus leaders, community networks, city government, local organizations and communication outlets (neighborhood newspapers/websites)

Develop partnerships with local Christian organizations.

Participate in local activities: Sports, young children co-ops, neighborhood block parties.

Conduct community research and establish presence awareness in the community through face-to-face meetings, personal relationships and door-to-door canvassing.

Core Group Development (Jan 2010 – Jul 2010)

Meet weekly for Bible study, vision casting and strategy development with core group. Build and facilitate an authentic, missional, repentant and worshipful core.

Identify and develop leaders from within the core-group that are indigenous to the local community.

Continue to develop community relationships through meeting with local leaders and organizations as well as serving the community.

Develop plans for Live Launch and preview services. Plans include strategy for membership, marketing, communication, children's ministry and more.

Live Launch (Jun 2010 – Sept 2010) Overlaps w/Core Group Development

Begin high-profile preview services.

Build critical mass and grow momentum through special services and events.

Develop strong leadership core through identifying influential leaders, building a strong Biblical foundation through teaching and calling leaders to serve.

Implement membership strategies and plans to continue to build a strong leadership base.

\*The above timeline is a flexible proposal. Church planting is milepost driven, not timeline driven. Process will continue when milestones are met.\*

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|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2009  | Oct.                   | Core Group Assimilation          |
|       | Nov.                   |                                  |
|       | Dec.                   |                                  |
| 2010  | Jan.                   | Core Group Development           |
|       | Feb.                   |                                  |
|       | March                  |                                  |
|       | April                  |                                  |
|       | May                    | Preview Service                  |
|       | June                   |                                  |
|       | July                   | Follow up with service attendees |
|       | Aug.                   | Preview Service                  |
| Sept. | Launch weekly services |                                  |



This is a strategic and important place to proclaim the gospel and see Jesus transform people. We desire to see many people meet Jesus, not just college students, however we understand that these students are (statistically speaking) missing from the church today and yet, are open to Jesus.

### **COST**

We have determined four key factors that contribute to the cost of our startup to effectively reach the people we are called to. They are: Counsel of Leadership, Relevance, Children and Mission.

Counsel of Leadership. We believe in using a group of equal leaders to lead in the direction of the mission and vision of the church. Additionally, the team approach will help us reach more people in a shorter amount of time

| <b>Two Year Budget</b>  |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Personnel   | \$130,000        |
| Salary for lead Planter and part-time worship and children's leaders. |                  |
| Community Outreach  | \$10,000         |
| Outreach events, service projects, and community ministry.            |                  |
| Communication   | \$4,000          |
| Website, signs, advertising and marketing.                            |                  |
| Facilities  | \$30,000         |
| Facility rentals, furniture.  |                  |
| Capitol Expenses  | \$20,000         |
| Computers, printers, sound system, video and visual equipment, ect.   |                  |
| Operations  | \$2,000          |
| Office supplies, postage, bank charges, ect.                          |                  |
| Core Development  | \$4,000          |
| Meals, hospitality, leader meetings, vision casting.                  |                  |
| <b>Two-Year Total</b>   | <b>\$200,000</b> |

# MISSION FIELD

## **WHY SEATTLE?**

Seattle is a culturally creative city. Culture is generated in Seattle and the city's influence around the country and the world is extremely strong; therefore Seattle is a strategic base for proclaiming the gospel. Seattle is home to many large corporations such as Starbucks, Microsoft, Amazon and Boeing. Seattle is considered one of the most culturally progressive cities in America, this is seen through Seattle's nationally recognized leaders and liberal stance on such things as marriage and environment.

Seattle needs to hear the gospel. There are more licensed dogs in the city of Seattle than evangelical Christians (about 4%). Due to Seattle's highly educated society the gospel is strongly opposed through intellectual reasoning. The people of Seattle place a high value on tolerance and acceptance which contends against the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus desires to work in Seattle. Despite the obvious cultural opposition to Jesus in Seattle, He is already working. Churches have been planted, the gospel is being preached. People's hearts are open and ripe for Jesus to transform them.

## **U-DISTRICT**

The University of Washington (UW) is an incredibly influential community in the country. UW has been recognized as the 16th best university in the world according to the Academic Ranking of World Universities. 42,900 students attend UW with roughly 22,000 staff and faculty.

Relevance. We desire to reach the people of Seattle with the timeless truths of the Gospel with timely methods. Furthermore, our ministry must be characterized by excellence

Children. We are passionately committed to providing a high quality, exciting and relevant ministry for our children.

Mission. We are committed to meeting the needs of people in Seattle through service projects, community events and missional community groups so as to see Jesus revealed through our deeds and our words.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

Paradox is supported and funded through strategic partnerships. The purpose of these partnerships is to see a movement of new churches build momentum in the Pacific Northwest. This movement will result in more church plants and more people worshipping Jesus Christ. Our current partnerships include: Northshore Baptist Church, Northwest Baptist Convention (NWBC), Puget Sound Baptist Association (PSBA) and Converge Northwest (NWBC and PSBA are partners with the North American Mission Board).





## WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

**Prayers:** Join our Prayer email list to receive updates on Paradox and it's prayer needs

**Financial Support:** Help support the mission through giving financially

**Join our Core:** Join in the mission by becoming a missionary to Seattle through joining the core team.

**Be an Advocate:** You can be a voice to others about our mission and call for others to partner with us.

### **Send Financial Contributions and Correspondence to:**

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