

A Brief Church Plant Prospectus for:

The Bridge

South Kingstown, RI: According to the online welcome from its city manager, “For decades now, residents and visitors have been coming to South Kingstown to enjoy the unspoiled beauty of our shoreline, the quiet tranquility of our rural farmlands, and the quaint charm of our historic villages. It is no surprise that our town has grown at a faster pace than all other Rhode Island communities over the last twenty years - a fact that underscores the desirability of our community as a place to live and work.”

This community has a unique combination of environmental and recreational attractions including more than 10 miles of breathtaking and undisturbed beaches and an extensive system of parks and play fields. It is also home to the University of Rhode Island which offers a wide array of educational and cultural programs and athletic events. It is a community where residents take great pride in maintaining and preserving an enjoyable quality of life. There is a strong volunteer spirit among the town’s people whose creativity, talents, and energy contribute immensely to a vital and healthy community.

South Kingstown is part of the South County region of Rhode Island which is home for more than 100,000 residents. Over 40,000 of these people live within 5 miles of the targeted center for this new church start. Over 70% of this middle class community is under the age of 55. Over 30% are under the age of 25. Sadly, less than 5% attend an evangelical church with any regularity.

There is a need in this area for The Bridge, a church that will boldly take a stand for truth and point the world toward a loving, redeeming Father. Surveys and neighborly visits with like faith churches and people in the community point to a great vacuum within the core of this young vibrant community. South Kingstown needs a new church to minister to the multitude of people not being reached with the good news about the truth of Jesus Christ and the comforting love of God. A church with a new fresh approach, a contemporary flavor, and a commitment to biblical principles like The Bridge will permeate the fabric of South County, meet a great need and quickly become a foundation stone for the people created by God and providentially planted in South Kingstown, RI.

Our Vision: We will be a body of believers serving as The Bridge that leads every person in South County and beyond toward a personal relationship with Christ where He engages His Church in creative life changing ministry.

Our Mission: The purpose of The BRIDGE is to engage believers in creative life changing ministry.

Belong: Gathering people to be a family with Christ as the head and God as the Father.

Rejoice: Worshipping by presenting ourselves before the Father to bring honor to Him.

Inspire: Encouraging people to be who God has created them to be.

Disciple: Teaching the Bible and training people to study and learn for themselves.

Go: Being the witness that God has called us to be.

Equip: Giving people resources to enable them to fulfill God’s purpose.

The Plant Team:

After more than a year of prayer, God has led our family to relocate to southern Rhode Island to plant a church called The Bridge. This is an exciting journey in which I have the support of my wife and my two children still living at home. To prepare ourselves for the task, the four of us went through Basic Training for Church Planters and have made a commitment to God and to one another to work as a team. We look forward to what God will do in the future.

After twenty-six years of ministry, I am still in awe of how God provides. When my wife and I began praying about moving to Rhode Island to plant a church, our first physical concern was for housing. In New England housing can be a major hurdle to overcome. Faithfully, God has provided the use of a house for our family for two years. Not only is it a beautiful home, but it's large enough to use for starting Bible studies. God is our Provider.



*Cal Bankston: Church Planter,
Pastor with his wife Tammy and
their children Brady, Bailey,
Bryna, and Bevin*

Projected Timeline for THE BRIDGE: January 2010 - October 2010

Core Goal Development

Phase 1

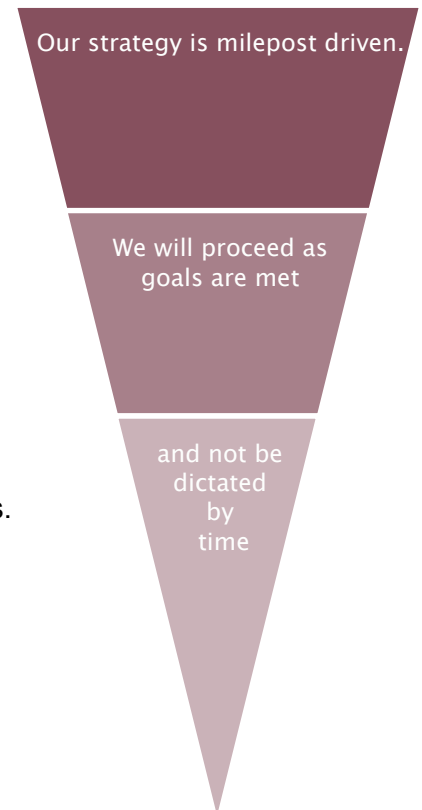
- Assess local environment
- Build community relationships with leaders: school district, city government, Chamber of Commerce
- Host block parties, coach sports teams, host events
- Conduct door-to-door canvassing with new and current residents
- Establish small groups in various homes
- Develop partnerships with local churches and leaders
- Purchase start-up equipment

Phase 2

- Weekly gathering: Bible study, vision casting.
- Identify and develop leaders.
- Continue to serve and build relationships through outreach projects.
- Prepare for preview services.
- Design and implement plans for going public.
- Develop children's ministry plan.
- Develop college outreach plan.
- Relevant assimilation plan in place.
- Develop trust and accountability.

Phase 3

- Launch weekly services.
- Begin high profile preview services.
- Continue to build critical mass and momentum with special services and events.
- Launch weekly worship gatherings at The Bridge.
- Continue to develop the congregation.
- Assess staff needs for future growth.



Financial Information

Projected Expenses	Year 1	Year 2
Church Plant General	\$1,200	\$3,700
Pastoral Support	\$16,000	\$25,000
Administration & Start-up	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ministries/Organizations	\$2,000	\$5,500
Building	\$1,800	\$11,200
Totals	\$31,000	\$55,400

Projected Income	Year 1	Year 2
Local Congregation	\$2,000	\$12,000
Sponsor Church	TBD	TBD
Association	\$600	\$600
State / NAMB	\$12,000	\$12,000
Other / Needed	\$16,400	\$30,800
Totals	\$31,000	\$55,400

Self support target date: July, 2013

Thank you for taking time to read this prospectus and prayerfully considering how God may allow you to partner with us in this new ministry.