CHURCH PLANTING INTERVIEW FORM

The following are suggested questions to interview a church planter/pastor. In this interview, we want to determine the basic FACTS about church multiplication and also the FACTORS that contribute to or hinder multiplication. Questions marked with an \* are the most important. Use the others as follow up questions as appropriate.

CONTACT INFORMATION

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Position \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Denomnation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Interviewer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FACTS

\*Tell me about yourself and your work with the church.

How did you become invovled in the work of the church?

How long have you been involved with the present church?

What training have you had?

Church experience - number of churches pastored, years in the work of the Lord.

\*Tell me about you church.

How many members does it have?

When was it started?

\*Tell me about important events in the life of this church.

How has the church grown or changed in the last ten years?

What are some significant challenges the church faces or has overcome?

\*How many churches has your church started in the last \_\_\_ years? \_\_\_\_\_

Urban Churches?\_\_\_\_\_ Rural Churches?\_\_\_\_\_

Have these churches started other churches? Which?

\*Can you tell me about any specific ways you have seen God at work through his people involved in church planting?

FACTORS

\*How did you/ your church become involved in church planting? What motivated you/your church to become involved in church planting?

\*What are two or three factors that have contributed most significantly to your church's success in church planting?"

What process does your church begin a new work?

What is the role of prayer?

How do you determine where to start a new work?

How are new workers prepared for church planting? How are they chosen?

What evangelistic approaches have you seen to be effective?

Where do the new churches meet?

How is the work financed?

When do you consider a new work a "church"?

What is the church's vision/goal for church planting?

What areas or people groups are you targeting?

Who oversees this effort?

How often are you able to start a new church?

\*What barriers have you come up against in church planting? How have these barriers been overcome?

What would you consider as internal barriers that keep the church from being effective in its mission?

What are important external or social/cultural barriers that hinder the church in its mission?

In your opinion are the internal or external barriers greater?

Has it been necessary to change old mindsets, traditions or methods to be effective in evangelism and church planting? If so what kind of changes have been necessary?

\*Who else would you recommend that I talk to to learn more about the subject of evangelism and church planting? (Get name, ministry role, comment why this is a good person to talk to, contact information.)

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[Conclude the interview by praying and thank the person for their time.]

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

INSIGHTS GAINED FROM INTERVIEW

LEADS TO FOLLOW UP ON: