

“More...Kingdom Results! Serving More”

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Scripture Reference: Acts 6:1-7

6 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.” ⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

As long as we have hurting and hungry people, we will never lack for an audience.

As the church becomes sensitive to the unmet needs in the fellowship, the community, and the world, it will expand its ministries to meet those needs.

Four organizational features of ministry expansion...

- To identify the reason we serve. Acts 6:1-2, 4
- To understand the requirements for service. Acts 6: 3
- We have to know the roster for effective ministry expansion. Acts 6: 5-6
- The results in a clear and Biblical organization will create ministry expansion. Acts 6: 7

The church today needs organization for the same reasons as the first fellowship.

The better the organization the better the church can meet the needs of the members and thus avoid conflict.

A unified, well-taught church will be a powerful witness to a lost and hurting world.