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MAKING DISCIPLES OF THE WORLD'S LEADERS: A FOUR PHASE STRATEGY

Capitol Ministries seeks to reach every political leader in the world, at every level of government, every year, with the gospel of Jesus Christ. To achieve this great objective, we are actively pursuing a comprehensive, four phase strategy for ministry growth.

Phase 1: THE STATE CAPITOL COMMUNITY
Place 50 men in 50 capitols to make disciples among the elected and appointed leaders in all three branches of state government every year — executive, legislative and judicial. Approximately 18,585 individuals, not including staff and lobbyists.

Phase 2: THE U.S. CAPITOL COMMUNITY
Launch a ministry in Washington, D.C. to make disciples of the 1,446 elected and appointed officials serving in the 3 branches of the federal government. If staff and lobbyists are included, this figure reaches into the millions.

Establish Capitol Ministries' world headquarters offices adjacent the U.S. Capitol; a base from which the ministry can expand into foreign nations.

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From the President's Desk

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Protos, the newsletter of Capitol Ministries. We hope you find the content edifying and informative.

The title we've selected, Protos, underscores the priority purpose for which Capitol Ministries exists: To make disciples of Jesus Christ in the political arena.

The Greek word prótos appears over 100 times in the New Testament and conveys the idea that something is of first, chief, or principal importance. Paul uses the word to emphasize the priority of evangelistic prayer in his instruction to Timothy:

First [prótos] of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, *for kings and all who are in authority...* (1 Timothy 2:1-2, emphasis added)

Why are these prayers important? The answer is that God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

In this presidential election year, may we remember our true priorities as God has revealed them in His Word. Please join me in praying that God would bless the proclamation of His gospel to political leaders throughout our nation in 2008.



*Ralph Drollinger
is founder and
president of
Capitol Ministries.*

A Four Phase Strategy...

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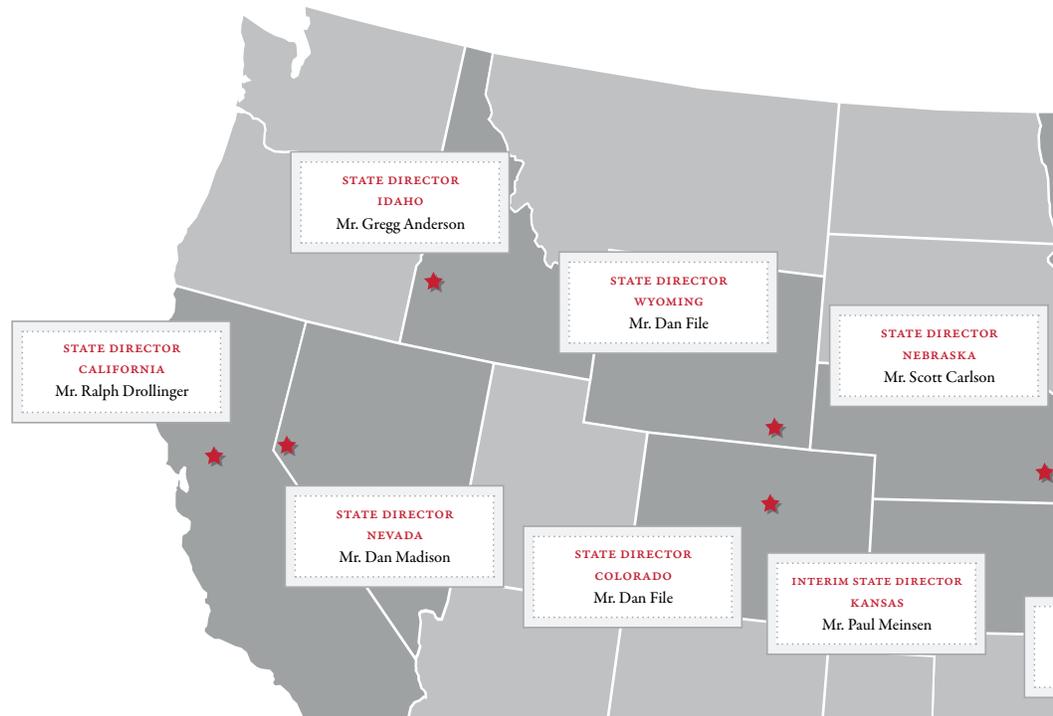
Encourage the church in America to regain a proper biblical posture toward government (evangelism and discipleship) through an annual Pastors' Day at the Capitol event. This event will draw hundreds, if not thousands, of pastors from around the nation for several days of outreach on Capitol Hill. These pastors will receive training while in D.C. that will help them transform their local government communities with help from the Capitol Ministries' state directors across the country.

Phase 3: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY

Reach America's vast local government community by recruiting and training, in conjunction with local churches, lay people for ministry among county supervisors, city council members, and the numerous other local government agencies that supply most of the members of state legislatures and U.S. Congress. There are approximately 440,000 locally elected and appointed officials across the nation.

Phase 4: THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL COMMUNITY

Expand the ministry worldwide by recruiting and training Christian nationals to establish and oversee the development of Capitol Ministries in their home countries. ■■



50 MEN IN 50 CAPITOLS: MINISTRY EXPANSION UPDATE

God continues to bless our ministry expansion efforts. The state directors for our newly established ministries in Minnesota (Aaron Dogotch) and Missouri (Paul Meinsen) are now establishing a ministry for Christ in their respective state capitols.

With the Lord's help, later this year we will launch new full-time minis-

tries in Illinois and Maryland, led by Shaun Lewis and Brent Alderman respectively. Adding these states will bring our national total to 17 full-time ministries.

Last but not least, we are continuing to actively recruit prospective candidates for our 2008 training program, which is scheduled to

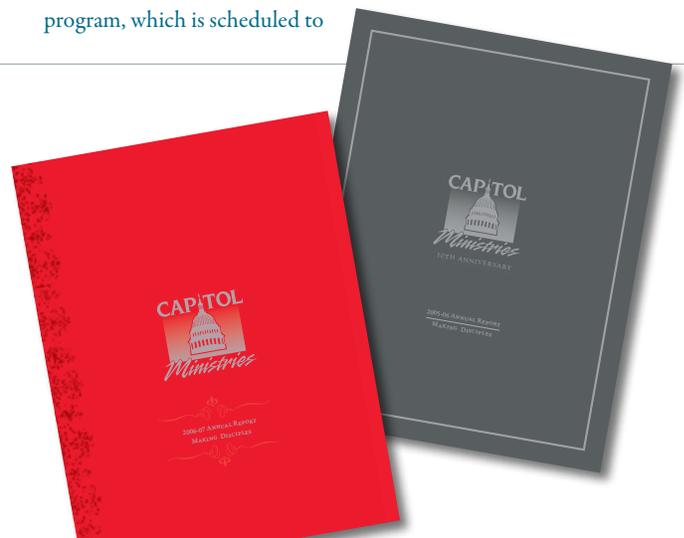
begin in April. We have candidates expressing interest in the states of Arizona and Montana.

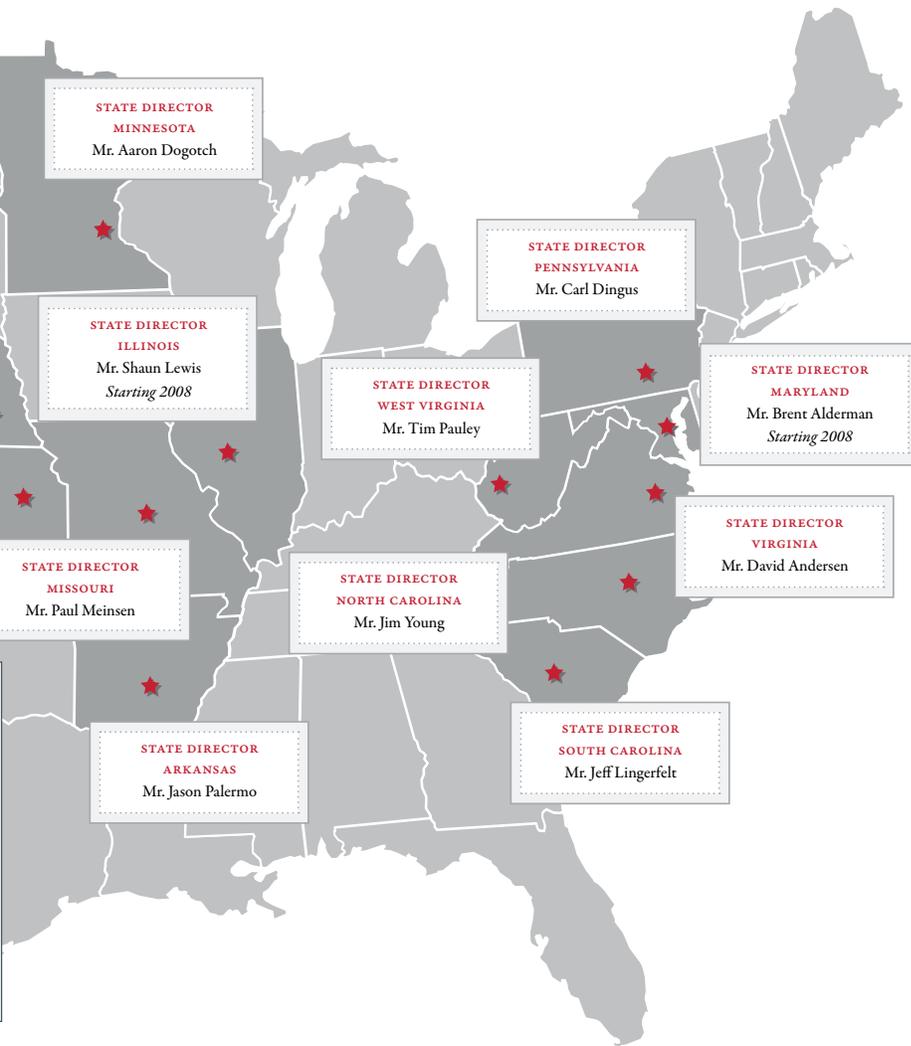
Please continue to pray for the growth of our ministry – that we would find the right men for the right capitols at the right time- all to the glory of God. ■■

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

About this time of year we usually send out our annual report. Not so this year. We're delaying the regular publication date of our annual report a few months so we can provide you with more detailed and timely financial data about the ministry.

Plan on receiving a copy of our 2007-08 annual report following the conclusion of our annual audit this spring. All of our prior annual reports remain available for viewing on our web site at www.capmin.org.





TRUE LOVE

The idea of an unchanging, ever-faithful love is exalted in our culture, especially surrounding Valentine's Day. With cards and balloons, chocolates and candies, Americans relish the idea.

Ironically, this kind of love is hardly found even when it is greatly desired. As Solomon observed, "Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find?" (Proverbs 20:6).

Sadly, many in our culture suffer from an unfortunate emptiness. Many declare their love for friends or spouses yet deny

it by their actions. Many have never experienced the unconditional love of Christ nor seen it reflected by others.

May that not be the case in your relationships. As you celebrate the love you share with others, may it have a depth that surpasses mere emotion and words.

Most importantly, may you know the unchanging and surpassing love of Christ. When the love of God is in your heart and in your relationships, you truly have something worth celebrating, not only on Valentine's Day, but every day of the year. ■■

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Romans 10:17) Each state director teaches weekly Bible studies in the capitol for the elected leaders of his state. All studies written by our state directors are available on our web site www.capmin.org. Our 2008 Bible study series are as follows:

ARKANSAS: The Book of James, *"James for Busy Leaders"*

CALIFORNIA: The Book of Proverbs, *"Proverbs for Leaders"*

COLORADO: The Book of James, *"Doers of the Word"*

IDAHO: The Gospel of Mark, *"A Meaningful Mark in the Statehouse"*

KANSAS: Selected Scriptures, *"Laying the Foundation"*

MISSOURI: Selected Scriptures, *"Laying the Foundation"*

MINNESOTA: The Gospel of Luke, *"A Relentless Progression Toward the Cross"*

NEBRASKA: Selected Scriptures, *"Foundations of the Faith"*

NEVADA: The Epistles of Peter, *"The Life and Letters of the Apostle Peter"*

NORTH CAROLINA: The Gospel of John, *"Discovering the Real Jesus"*

PENNSYLVANIA: The Book of James, *"Faith that Works"*

SOUTH CAROLINA: The Book of First John, *"Vital Christianity"*

VIRGINIA: The Gospel of Matthew, *"Fervent Leadership, Fearless Faith"*

WEST VIRGINIA: The Gospel of Matthew, *"Finding True Happiness in the Capitol"*

WYOMING: The Book of Philippians, *"Joyous Servants of Christ"*

WEB SITE HIGHLIGHTS



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- Read our new blog
- Subscribe to e-mail updates
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Creative Giving Opportunities: Donate While you Shop

{In each edition of our newsletter we'll highlight a creative way you can support the work of Capitol Ministries to reach political leaders for Christ.}

Did you know that you can support Capitol Ministries when you shop online? Yes, you can, and the best part is, it won't cost you a penny – other than what you're already planning to spend, of course!

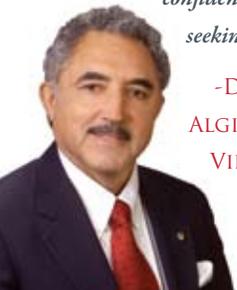
Here's how it works: Simply start your shopping from www.capmin.org/Donate/Shop.aspx. Select an affiliate link and follow the instructions to ensure that Capitol Ministries receives a referral credit for your purchases. Once you arrive at your favorite retailer's web site, just shop like you usually do, knowing that a portion of your purchases will further the proclamation of the gospel.

Participating retailers include, but are not limited to Amazon.com, Best Buy, Dell, eBay, Expedia, Gap, Home Depot, HP, Kohls, Macys, Nordstrom, Office Depot, Overstock.com, Sears, Staples, Target, Travelocity, and Walmart.

Visit www.capmin.org to learn about other creative ways you can partner with us.

"I didn't know whether I was going to heaven or not until I learned how Christ came and why He had to die for us. Because of Capitol Ministries, my faith in God has increased tremendously. I now live with confidence in the Word of God and am seeking to share it with others."

-DELEGATE
ALGIE T. HOWELL, JR.,
VIRGINIA



"For more than a decade Capitol Ministries has been making an impact for Christ in the state capitol. I can't imagine what Sacramento would be like without the presence of this strategic ministry."

-MIKE VILLINES,
ASSEMBLY MINORITY
LEADER, CALIFORNIA



"It has been such a blessing to have Capitol Ministries here in Charleston. When you are away from your home and your home church over extended periods of time it is comforting to fellowship with other Christian legislators and share the heavy burdens of government while being uplifted through Christ's teachings."

- DELEGATE RUTH ROWAN,
WEST VIRGINIA

