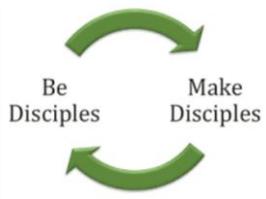
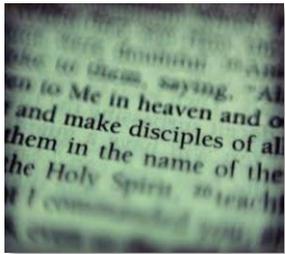


An Example of Watering and Planting



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Paul, through inspiration penned, "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6). Paul and Apollos were in a partnership with God and each individual in the partnership fulfilled their role in helping bring souls into the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

This is how we want the local body at Collinsville to work together when it comes to evangelism. Everyone doesn't have to fulfill every part, but everyone needs to fill a part. As we work together and become fellow laborers for the cause of Christ, we never know if we will be one who plants or waters.

For example, in 2011 a member of the Lord's church (we do not know his identity nor did the resident of the nursing home know him) was visiting a local nursing home in Cahokia. As he walked through hallway, he encountered a resident and gave him a Searching For Truth DVD. The resident of the nursing home took the DVD but did not watch it until May of 2018. The unnamed Christian planted the seed by giving the DVD to the individual.

The resident then moved from the nursing home in Cahokia to Cedar Hurst in Collinsville. The resident, while at his new home, viewed the DVD and after watching located his Yellow Pages and called the church office. Dawn texted me to let me know about the phone call. He called and requested a Bible study I called and made an appointment with the resident. We met on a Tuesday and talked. I asked if he had questions about the contents of the DVD, and he said he had already followed the steps to become a Christian. He said he was a member of the Lord's church.

He was baptized into Christ at the age of 19 at a local congregation in Oakland, CA. After viewing the DVD he said he had to find the closest church of Christ. Thank the Lord for the Christian man who gave David the DVD. We are thankful David called us and we pray he will be restored to the Lord's kingdom.

We never know if a lost soul or an erring Christian will need our help. This is why we need to be equipped to be planters and waterers of the word of God. -K.A. Pugh

