



ACTS 29 AND THE GOSPEL COALITION

Today, Wednesday December 6th 2017, The Gospel Coalition and Acts 29 are delighted to announce a partnership designed to resource and serve churches who plant churches.

The existing Acts 29 blog and podcast will now be hosted by The Gospel Coalition (TGC), bringing stories of how the gospel is bearing fruit and increasing around the world through the planting of churches. These will be published alongside existing TGC blogs, media and resources.

Both TGC and Acts 29 want to see "the earth filled... with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14). Acts 29 believes the church is the primary means God intends to use to accomplish this task. Therefore, it is committed to gospel advance through the planting of church-planting churches.

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But "we're not about the expansion of Acts 29. We're about the expansion of the kingdom of God. And that means that it's about working in partnership" says Steve Timmis, Acts 29 CEO. "The Gospel Coalition is uniquely positioned to help us contribute to the expansion of the kingdom", he continues.

Ben Peays, TGC Executive Director adds, "The Gospel Coalition exists to serve the local church. One of our main goals is to see churches planting healthy churches. This partnership with Acts 29 is a wonderful opportunity for us to work alongside them toward this goal". Steve agrees; "I think we've got a great deal to gain from The Gospel Coalition, and I think we've got a great deal to give".



The blog and podcast are aimed to equip and inspire church-planting churches with stories, advice and reflections from Acts 29 churches.





Tony Merida, pastor of an Acts 29 church (Imago Dei in Raleigh, NC) has been appointed as Content Director. Tony has hosted the Acts 29 podcast the last year and joins the team to produce and coordinate content for both the blog and podcast. Ben Hansen will be working under Tony as the Content Editor, seconded to TGC's experienced editorial team to work with and learn from them.

Please join us in praying that God would be pleased to use this partnership for the glory of Christ among the nations.

View the Acts 29 page at TGC here: www.thegospelcoalition.org/topics/acts-29/

To find out more and for interviews contact: <u>info@acts29.com</u>

EDITOR'S NOTE

Acts 29 is a diverse, global family of church-planting churches, characterized by theological clarity, cultural engagement and missional innovation. Currently consisting of 676 churches in 11 networks around the world, it seeks to facilitate and catalyze church planting as congregations drill deep into their contexts and reach wide across the world to where Jesus is neither named nor known.

The Gospel Coalition is a fellowship of evangelical churches in the Reformed tradition deeply committed to renewing their faith in the gospel of Christ and to reforming their ministry practices to conform fully to the Scriptures. Amongst other activities it hosts a series of blogs, media and resources to help congregations achieve the same.