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True Hope Launch Highlights:

PAC of Stone Church, Yakima WA
Family moved in July 2011
Team of 20 adults moved in August 2011
Started in a home – for two months – grew to 50
Had preview services in October, November, and December – 6 total
Began weekly services in two locations January 8th
Officially launched the church in two locations on February 12th

True Hope Current Reality:

- Two Campuses – North – Service Station, Spokane WA – 5 PM
South – Lincoln Heights Elementary, Spokane WA – 10 AM
- 70 decisions for Christ via Response Cards
- 5 water baptisms
- 5 community groups launched

“Things I’m Learning While Planting A Church”

15 Non- Exhaustive Thoughts (there is many more)

1. It takes a committed, unified team. I can’t imagine doing it alone.
2. It looks sexier than it is. It is hard work and lots of embracing of uncertainty.
3. It can be hazardous to your health. Stress has been a painful teacher for me personally.
4. It requires large amounts of planning ahead. And, large amounts of planning quickly.
5. It takes patience, patience, and more patience.
6. Planting requires quick adjustments.
7. Planting takes money, usually more than you think.
8. Planting temps you to have a short, big vision, instead of a long, big vision.
9. Planting multi-campus costs big time.... In every way. ☺
10. Sometimes privately, to my lead team, I look like an idiot who has no idea what he is doing. And that’s OK, cause Jesus does.
11. This adventure may be as much about Jesus working in my life and my team’s life, as it is working in this new city.
12. People will let you kill yourself. Be willing to take a break, a step back.
13. You will be disappointed. Bank on it. But get up, and keep going.
14. People will leave your church, early on – it’s OK even though it doesn’t feel like it.
15. Your vision and DNA will be tested, repeatedly.