



Personal Profile: Dan Antoniuk

I was born into a Christian home. My parents were church planters (what I now call Creators of Attractive Communities) in Argentina, and to this day, there are three and a half healthy churches they founded that still meet (one has merged). I accepted Christ as Savior at the age of seven, but recommitted myself to Him as Lord of my life at 21. From the time my family moved to the United States when I was 13, I wanted to be a millionaire and knew that if I committed my heart, soul, and mind to this goal, I would eventually succeed. My boss at The Berghoff Restaurant highly influenced my return to my heavenly Father. He gave up a half-million-dollar (in 1980) Frank Lloyd Wright home in Oak Park, Illinois, to start the Evangelical Free Church of Chicago, a congregation for homeless persons. He told me one Saturday evening, after bumming a cigarette from me, that he couldn't justify living in a mansion while his congregants lived on the street! David and Tammie De Los Santos, along with David and Debbie Cross, were pivotal in my love for ABFs, a concept that Knute Larson of the Chapel of Akron wrote about. Later, Knute and I became friends.

My title at Calvary is Stewardship Mobilizer and lay advisor on church law. I love starting Grow Groups that are attractive to people disconnected from church, teaching the Gospel with basic biblical tools, and using our God-given gifts to love and serve others, introducing them to or reintroducing them to Christ, while fostering community and creating a safe haven. Then multiplying. Sunday morning in church and in my grow group is what I live for! My greatest joy, other than seeing lives transformed, is when the Calvary family acts in obedience to Proverbs 11:24 and 25.

My vision for Calvary in the immediate and long term is to continue to teach classes and help others create Grow Groups that lead our growing church to biblical practices that create spiritual, physical, financial, and emotional wellness and obedience to Jesus, the head of the Church.