

Vision Statements in 2012 for 2017

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- **We have 8 neighborhood fellowships that are planted around Nuevo and Lakeview.**
- **We have trained every person who belongs to the Olive Grove in initiative-style evangelism.**
- **We are a regional center for training in world missions.**
- **We have a home for adult teens transitioning out of the foster care system.**
- **We provide life necessities for all who are in need within our community.**
- **We multiply Christian leaders through small group discipleship.**
- **We are the regional hub for the Olive Grove Churches of Perris and Menifee.**
- **We are raising funds to develop facilities for the hub of the Olive Grove on Olivas Ave. in Nuevo.**

Our Purpose Statements

We are a member of the Missionary Church, an evangelical denomination dedicated to church planting and world missions.

The Olive Grove Church exists to worship with passion, share Christ's love, and grow in faith and obedience.

Vision Statements Expanded

I. WORSHIPPING WITH PASSION

A Focus Upward: This church exists to glorify God by equipping the saints for spiritual service of worship, with the result that every man, woman and child who is part of the church in Nuevo will be transformed by the renewing of their mind and will fulfill their purpose as chosen vessels called to the praise of the glory of His grace.

- **We are the Olive Grove Church of Nuevo.**
 - Our name reflects the biblical image of a tree.

- The tree is used as a symbol for the spiritual life.
 - With a deep-spreading root system and ability to flourish in dry conditions, the olive tree is used specifically in scripture to denote someone rooted in God.
- Our name reflects our Great Commission.
 - Jesus called his followers to reach Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. We reach Nuevo, Inland So. Cal;, and beyond.
 - This is the biblical method of church growth.
 - The church is a grove. It's not a single tree. It should fill the earth. It doesn't just occupy an hour on Sunday morning.
- Our name reflects our local agricultural heritage.
 - Along with apricots and alfalfa, olives were a chief crop of the Nuevo-Lakeview valley.
 - Early tract maps of the valley reflect the name "Nuevo Gardens" as the desired name for the Nuevo township.

II. SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

A Focus Outward: This church exists to glorify God by equipping the saints for the work of the ministry, with the result that every man, woman, and child has the opportunity to hear and understand the gospel and accept or reject Jesus as their personal Savior and that every member becomes actively involved in the completion of the Great Commission in foreign lands.

- **We have 8 neighborhood fellowships that are planted around Nuevo and Lakeview.**
 - Each fellowship reaches every person in their respective community with the Gospel.
 - Each fellowship is committed to praying for every household in their neighborhood by name.
 - Members from each fellowship regularly perform prayer walks through their neighborhood.

- Each fellowship has performed a census of their neighborhood.
 - Through intentional interaction, each neighborhood fellowship knows the names, ages, occupations, school attendance, faith orientation, of every occupant/family in their area.
 - The fellowship is also aware of any special needs of the households in their area.

- **We have trained every person who belongs to the Olive Grove in initiative-style evangelism.**
 - Every member of the church has been trained in how to present the Gospel and their personal testimony.

 - Every member of the church understands the concept of ‘initiative’ evangelism.
 - This is evangelism that sees every opportunity to connect with people as an evangelistic one.
 - This is evangelism that is relational first, not confrontational.
 - This is evangelism that is proactive.

 - We are baptizing 40 new believers a year.
 - This is in addition to the children raised by Christian parents in our church.

- **We are a regional center for training in world missions.**
 - We host the “Perspectives on World Missions” course through Fuller Seminary twice a year.

 - We host an annual Missions Fair that attracts people from our region, the 215/15 corridor.

- We seek to implement the Olive Grove philosophy for church growth globally.
- **We have a home for adult teens transitioning out of the foster care system.**
 - Our Lost Youth program houses 3 transitional teens from the Foster system to independence.
- **We provide life necessities for all who are in need within our community.**
 - We have a community closet that feeds and clothes families in Nuevo and Lakeview.
 - We serve the widows and single mothers in our community.
 - We ensure that our community is green and clean.
 - We are a drop off center for recyclables.
 - We adopt our neighborhoods to ensure trash, graffiti, etc. are cleaned-up.

III. GROWING IN FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

A Focus Inward: This church exists to glorify God by equipping the saints for the work of the ministry, with the result that every man, woman, and child who is part of the church in Nuevo will be conformed to the image of Christ, attaining the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, that is maturity in Christ.

- **We have 8 neighborhood fellowships that are planted around Nuevo and Lakeview.**
 - Each fellowship is a branch or *microchurch* that collectively forms the body of Christ at the Olive Grove Church Nuevo.
 - The spiritual gifts of each individual member are used in these smaller branch contexts.
 - Each fellowship meets during the week for prayer, worship, and Bible study.
 - These microchurches ensure that the Olive Grove Church is alive

and functioning every day of the week. We are not just a Sunday church.

- Each fellowship is charged with the task of discipleship, moving individual members from any spiritual stage (unbeliever to elder) toward Christian maturity.

- **We multiply Christian leaders through small group discipleship.**
 - We have 25 gender specific groups of 3-4 people that meet together for leadership development.
 - § These groups are centered on one leader who walks the group through our Sermon on the Mount discipleship material.
 - § These groups are challenged to take roles of influence within the church and community.

- **We are the regional center for the Olive Grove Churches of Perris and Menifee.**
 - These campuses will meet in strategic locations that are under-served and in need of Christian ministry..

 - These campuses assume the Olive Grove Philosophy of church growth, reaching their neighborhoods in the same fashion as the church in Nuevo.
 - Though each plant will have its own uniqueness, they will also embody the style and philosophy of ministry that is indicative of the church in Nuevo.

- **We are raising funds to develop facilities for the hub of the Olive Grove on Olivas Ave. in Nuevo.**

