

THE HARVEST TAKES A TEAM.

Together, we can strengthen the
Kingdom harvest in Iowa.

CHRISTIAN EVANGELISTIC MISSION

Stronger Together

THE HARVEST IS REAL, AND GOD IS AT WORK.

When harvest time comes in Iowa, it takes a team.

Someone is running the combine. Someone else is hauling grain. Someone is keeping equipment running when something breaks down. And, of course, someone is making the parts runs, bringing meals, and doing whatever else needs to be done. Everyone has a role. Everyone does their part. And together, the harvest comes in.

I believe the same is true of the Kingdom harvest here in Iowa.

No single preacher, church, or ministry can do it alone. If we want more people to come to know King Jesus, more leaders raised up, and healthy churches impacting communities across our state, **it will take all of us working together.**

Unfortunately, too many of our Restoration Movement churches and leaders have felt like they were trying to bring in the harvest on their own. At CEM, we want to change that reality. (cont. on page 2)

OUR MISSION



UNITE LEADERS

Connecting churches and ministry leaders across Iowa.



RAISE UP WORKERS

Finding and discipling future ministry leaders.



CARE FOR PASTORS

Encouraging and investing in pastors and their families.

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*The harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are few.*

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MATTHEW 9:37

STORIES OF IMPACT

Gabe's Calling

Gabe Solis first visited Iowa City Church in 2023 as a University of Iowa sophomore. After accepting Christ and being baptized, he began sharing his faith and started a Bible study on campus. He felt called to ministry, so he completed a year-long CEM residency at the church in 2025. Gabe married Samantha, graduated from UI, and is now serving with Sutherland Church of Christ as he pursues an online Master's Degree at Ozark Christian College.

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ONE MISSION / ONE TEAM / ONE HARVEST



Will you join the Harvest Team?

The harvest is plentiful. The opportunity before us is tremendous. And we believe some of CEM's most important days are still ahead. But the harvest takes a team. Pray for CEM, our churches, and our church leaders. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will continue raising up workers across Iowa.

Each fall, CEM seeks to raise \$60,000 in mission funds through our Harvest Offering. **Your gift, together with the generosity of churches and individuals across Iowa, will help us unite our movement, raise up the next generation of leaders, and strengthen the faithful men and women already serving in the harvest.**

More Kingdom history is still to be written in Iowa. People still need to hear the good news of Jesus, future leaders are waiting to be called, and pastors need to know they are not alone.

The fields are ready. The harvest is waiting. And there is a place on the team for every one of us.

~ Until Jesus returns, *Tom Steele, CEM Board President*

Let's bring in the harvest—together.



WE ARE BRINGING THE TEAM TOGETHER

Jesus prayed that His followers would "be brought to complete unity" so that the world would know Him (John 17:22–23). Our unity matters to our mission.

That's why CEM is intentionally bringing Restoration Movement leaders from across Iowa together. This year, well over 100 church leaders participated in statewide gatherings with Matt Proctor and Jerry Harris, where we were challenged to raise up the next generation and embrace the opportunities before us.

We worshiped, learned, prayed, and strengthened relationships.

Most importantly, we were reminded: we are not bringing in this harvest alone.



WE ARE RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS.

Jesus told us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." We are praying for workers in Iowa—and helping prepare them when God calls.

Nathan Lichter is a great example. While farming, driving a truck, and serving at Northwest Christian Church in Alta, Nathan sensed a call toward full-time ministry. Through CEM, he completed a residency with Dillon Brandt at Rockwell City Church of Christ.

Today, Nathan serves full-time as Associate Pastor at Indianola Church of Christ and his wife, Stephanie, serves with CEM.

We believe more "Nathans" across Iowa are waiting to be called, equipped, and sent.



WE ARE CARING FOR THE WORKERS ALREADY IN THE FIELD.

We also need to invest in those already giving their lives to the harvest.

Ministry can take an immense physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual toll. Sometimes a leader simply needs someone who understands what they are carrying, prays for them, encourages them, and reminds them they are not alone.

That's why CEM is developing Covenant Groups for pastors and pastors' wives across Iowa—creating relationships where our leaders can be known, encouraged, prayed for, and strengthened.

The harvest needs more workers, but we also need to care for the workers God has already given us.