

Location Composition

Category	0-3 MI	3-7 MI	7-10 MI
2010 Population	50,858	83,265	67,585
2010 Households	19,240	30,645	25,135
2010 Group Quarters	1,395	617	1,210

Missionscape: Cultural Bridges

Cultural Bridge	#HHIds	%HHIds
Home Personal Computer-HH Own	13,571	71%
McDonald's	10,600	55%
Watching Diet (Health/Weight)-Presently	9,978	52%
Controlling Diet		
Reading Books	9,966	52%
HH Uses Computer For Internet/E-mail	9,552	50%
Non-Presc-For Regular Headaches	9,249	48%
Heartburn/Indigestion Aids/Anti-Nausea-Use	9,228	48%

Getting Involved

This mission site is located in the Region 8: Catawba of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. For more information about this need, contact: Shirley Sells (ssells@ncbaptist.org)

NOTES:

The Location Summary identifies the center of the smallest ring in the map above. The location data provides various types of identification to better describe the location. The GIS data can be used to map the location in Google maps or Google Earth.

The numbers in the Evangelscape communicate the most compelling reasons why this community needs churches and believers to intercede in missional prayer and activity. This community needs eternal transformation that only comes by way of the gospel and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Churchscape indicators reveal a snapshot of the extent of evangelical presence in the focus community.

Location Composition: Listed are the total number of people and the total number of households corresponding to each of the three bands indicated on the map on page one.

Cultural bridges are those characteristics that could be used to build relationships with people in the lifestyle group. Various activities, interests, or opinions represented among the consumer behavior characteristics of the lifestyle group offer ways for believers to build relationships with people in the lifestyle group and through that relationship impact them for Christ.

Reaching Gastonia, NC

MISSION SITE DIGEST

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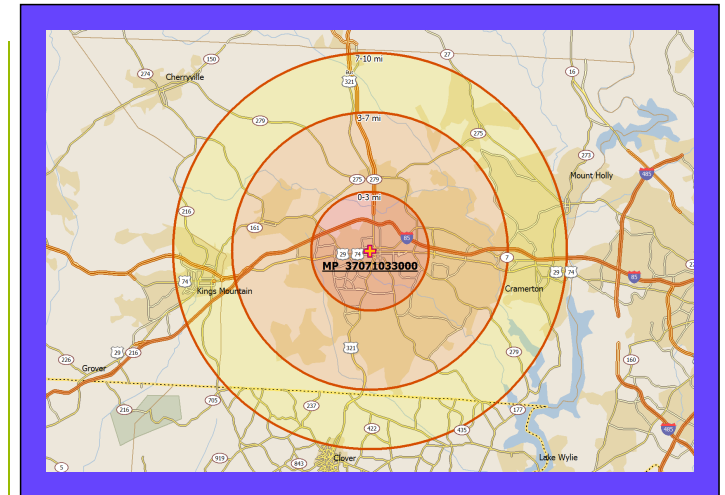
Acts 10:9-10

During the night a vision appeared to Paul: a Macedonian man was standing and pleading with him, "Cross over to Macedonia and help us!" After he had seen the vision, we immediately made efforts to set out for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to evangelize them.

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This location has been identified as one of the areas in North Carolina in need of new ministries or new churches. This report has been written to assist you in gaining an understanding of where God has gathered concentrations of people in need of Him in order that your church can focus your efforts and resources where He is at work and the need is greatest. May this report assist your church in hearing God's invitation to join Him where He is calling.

Location Summary

Central Street Address	210 S Chester St
Zip Code	28052
State Region	Region 8: Catawba
GIS Latitude	35.261390
GIS Longitude	-81.186910
Sitescape Category	Townscape
Sitescape Group	Medium Towns

Top Community Types



Working Communities

Most residents are high school educated; some have even been to college. Their education affords them lower middle incomes through blue collar jobs in manufacturing, construction, health services, retail, wholesale and food service that provide a stable household economy supporting personal and family pursuits in everyday life. This ethnically diverse mix of single and married homeowners dwells in densely populated areas and small-town suburbs. Adherence to traditional family values and resistance to authority are key aspects of their psychological nature.

Households: 7,550
Percent: 39.24%



Urban Communities

The people are poor, struggling and largely single. Some are single parents with large families. Unemployment is double the national average. For the minority families in Urban Communities, struggling to balance priorities and budgets in a climate of institutional prejudice creates a lack of stability and control. Residing within major metropolitan cities and towns, most households live in apartments. Those who drive choose economy, import, and domestic cars or small trucks. This group finds employment within food and health services, education, retail, and the entertainment industry.

Households: 5,648
Percent: 29.36%



Mainstay Communities

The backbone of small towns and second cities, Mainstay Communities are established neighborhoods where residents enjoy strong relational ties. These moderately educated wage earners are employed in well-paying blue collar and professional service jobs. The aging adult population consists of retired American singles and couples. A sense of belonging within the community is a key identity factor for those who live there. Outside the nation's larger metro areas, residents can savor the familiarity of the small town cafe, or venture into the city to frequent comedy clubs, nightclubs and malls.

Households: 2,065
Percent: 10.73%

Evangelscape: Spiritual Indicators

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	BAND HHLDS	BAND %
Unreached	13,388	69.59%
Religious but NOT Evangelical	3,909	20.32%
Spiritual but NOT Evangelical	1,728	8.98%
Non-Evangelical but NOT Interested	7,868	40.9%

Top Lifestyle Segments

Steadfast Conservatives

(69% Unreached)

A quietly aging cluster, Steadfast Conservatives is home to mature singles and couples living in midscale urban neighborhoods. Households tend to be white, high school-educated and middle class. Many have begun to empty-nest or are already filled with couples and singles aged 65 years or older. The seniority of many residents does have benefits in the workplace. They earn middle class incomes from skilled jobs in manufacturing, retail and health.



Households: 5,029
Percent: 26.14%

Struggling City Centers

(68% Unreached)

Struggling City Centers consists of very low-income households living in city neighborhoods. Home to the highest concentration of African-Americans in the nation-nearly 90 percent of all households-the cluster faces hard economic challenges. One-third of households haven't finished high school, with a similar percentage containing single-parent families. One in five adults are under 35 years old and the median household income is only half the national average.



Households: 2,068
Percent: 10.75%

Grass-roots Living

(70% Unreached)

Located in rural villages and aging industrial towns throughout the Midwest and South, Grass-roots Living consists of a racially diverse mix of couples, families and divorced men and women living in lower-middle-class circumstances. Educational levels are low, and nearly a quarter of households did not finish high school. Those still in the workforce tend to have low-paying jobs in manufacturing, construction or agriculture.



Households: 1,396
Percent: 7.26%

Churchscape: Religious Indicators

SPIRITUALITY INDICATOR	MI RING	RING %
Active Evangelical HHlds	3,118	16.21%
Inactive Evangelical HHlds	2,733	14.20%