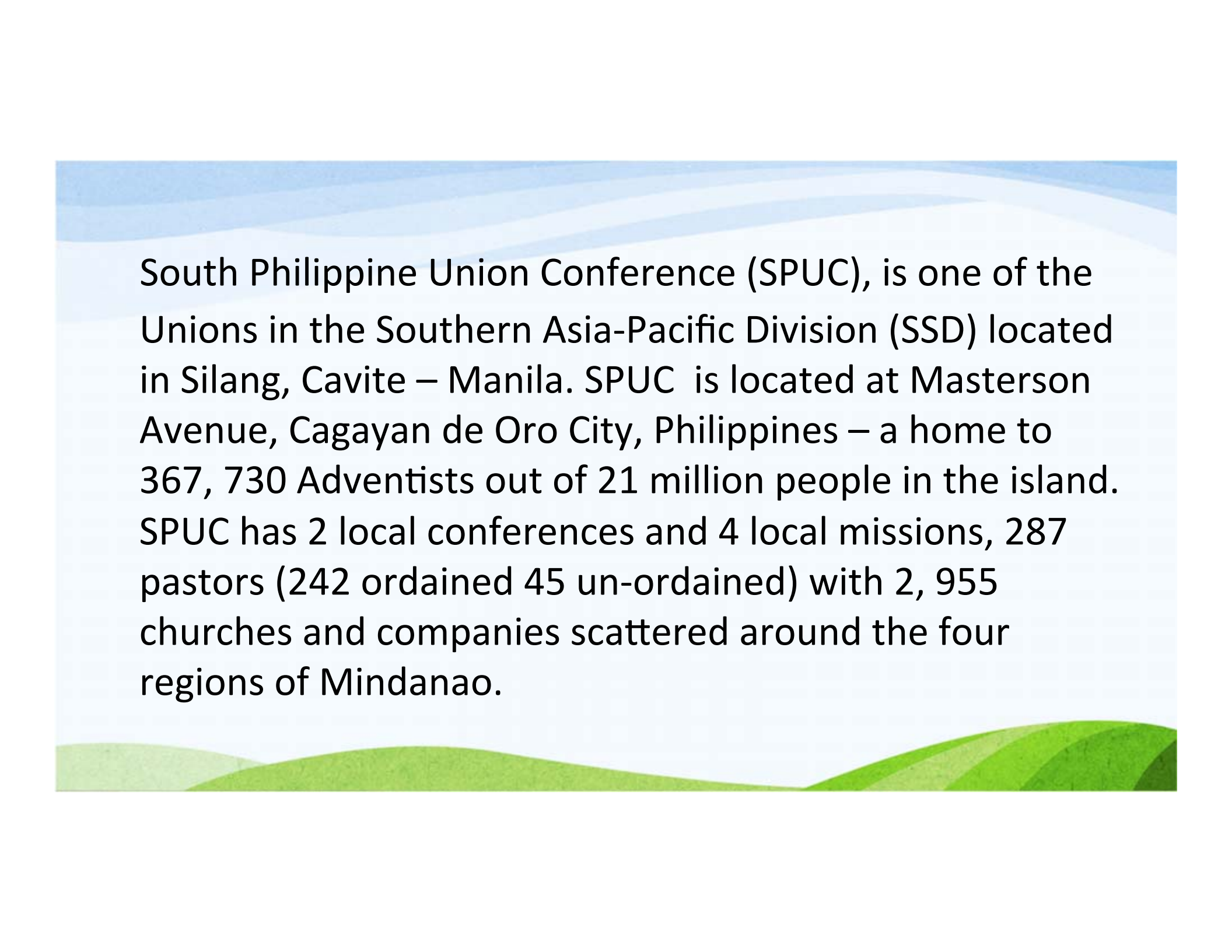




**SPUC REPORT  
NURTURE AND RETENTION,  
GC**

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South Philippine Union Conference (SPUC), is one of the Unions in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) located in Silang, Cavite – Manila. SPUC is located at Masterson Avenue, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines – a home to 367, 730 Adventists out of 21 million people in the island. SPUC has 2 local conferences and 4 local missions, 287 pastors (242 ordained 45 un-ordained) with 2, 955 churches and companies scattered around the four regions of Mindanao.

# EVANGELISM


With the spiritual and financial support of SSD, able leadership of the conference and the integrated effort of all departmental ministries, SPUC is blessed with phenomenal harvest of souls every year since the start of the quinquennium.

## The following data show God's wonderful blessings for SPUC:

- 2010 – 319, 694 – (membership beginning balance)
- 2011 Church Membership - 334,160
- 2011 Baptism - 36,699
- 2012 Church Membership - 367,730
- 2012 Baptism - 37,910
- 2013 Church Membership (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter) - 391,742

## **NURTURE – DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM**

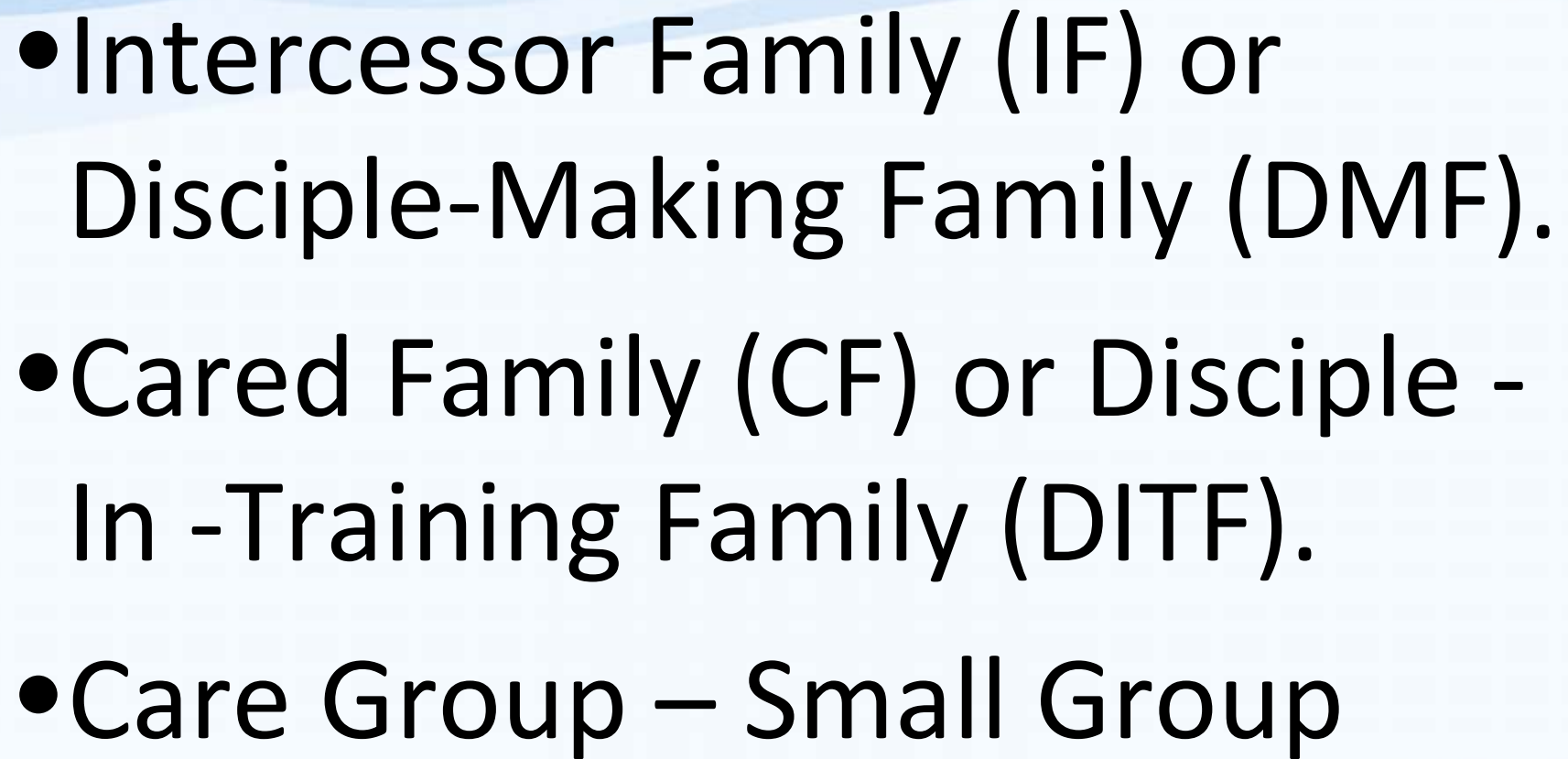
The purpose of this program is to insure healthy, spiritually strong believers by not only baptizing and making them members of the church but disciples of Jesus as mandated by the word of God in Matt 28:19, saying, “Go and make disciples...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.”




Small Group Ministry played a great role in the nurturing of members. With the advent and implementation of IEL (Integrated Evangelism Lifestyle) designed and initiated by SSD, backsliding was greatly minimized and retention percentage was highly increased, as observed in the 2012 statistics of SPUC church membership.

## **IEL (INTEGRATED EVANGELISM LIFESTYLE) MINISTRY**

A ministry that involves and mobilizes every family or member in the church. IEL – CARE GROUP is indeed a vehicle in soul-winning, nurturing and discipling. IEL has 3 major elements:

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- Intercessor Family (IF) or Disciple-Making Family (DMF).
  - Cared Family (CF) or Disciple - In -Training Family (DITF).
  - Care Group – Small Group





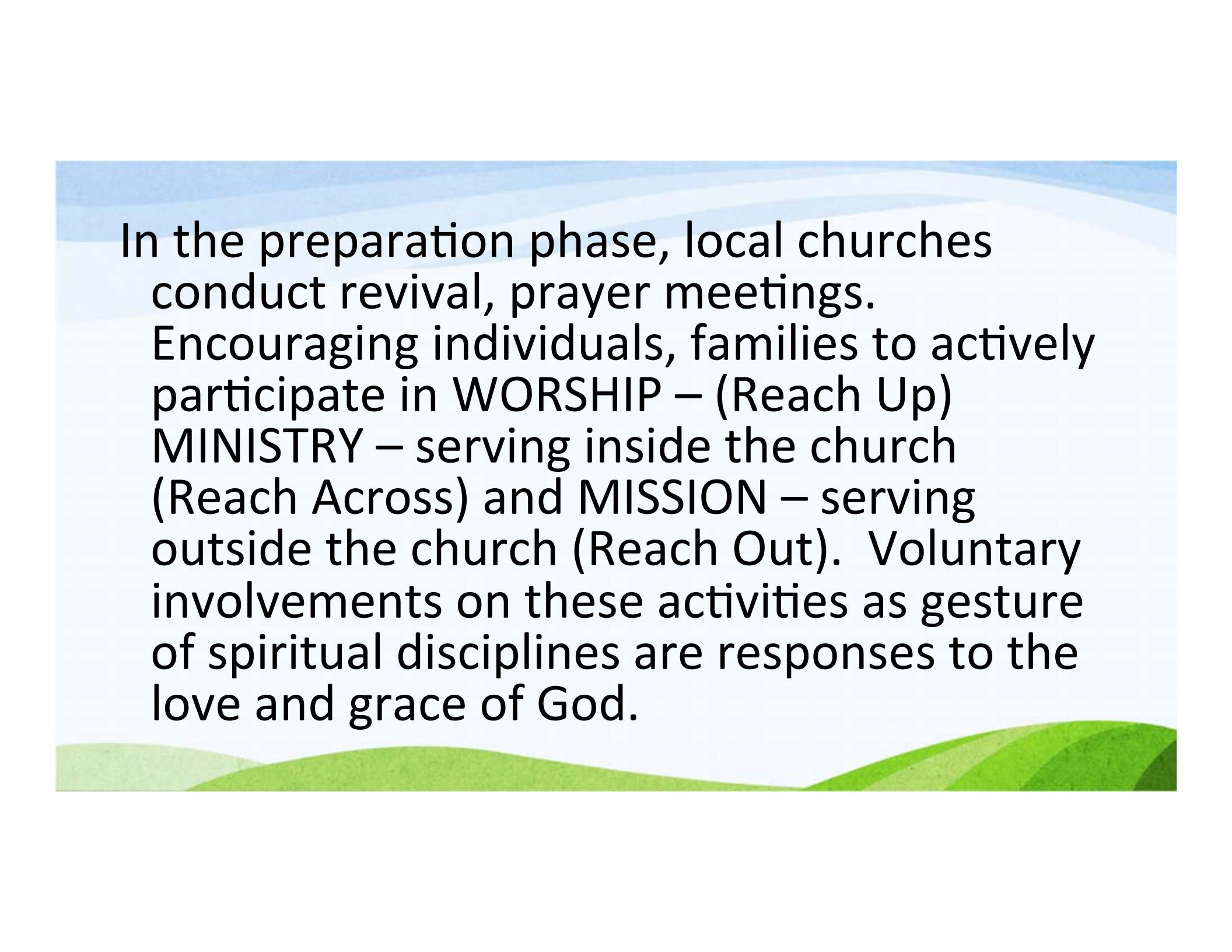
**SPUC Program of  
nurture is becoming  
stronger with this  
ONE YEAR (IEL)  
DISCIPLE-MAKING**

PLAN CYCLE. This plan has 3 phases:

- Preparation Phase                      2 months
- Friendship Phase                      2 months
- Integration Phase                      8 months

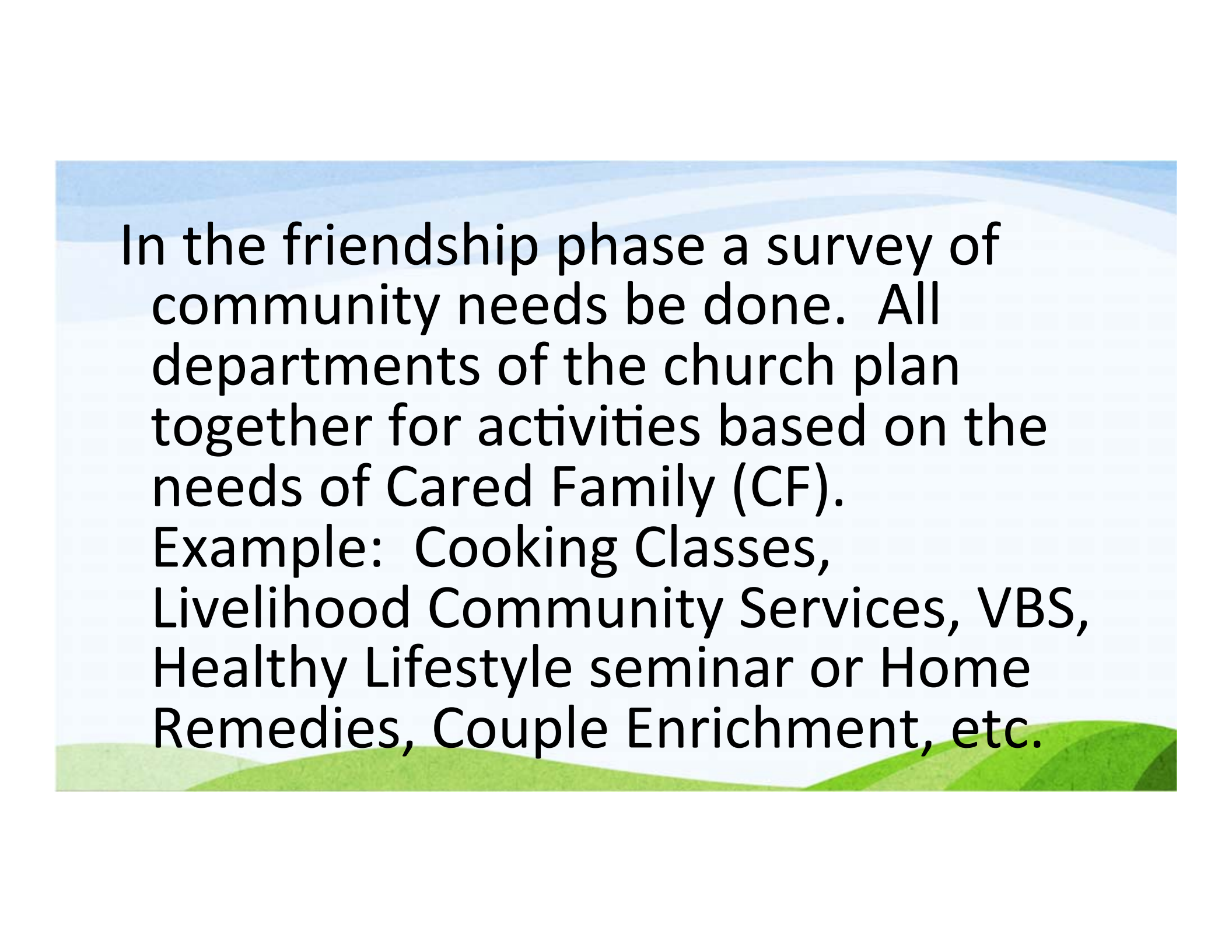
**Total**

**12 months**



In the preparation phase, local churches conduct revival, prayer meetings. Encouraging individuals, families to actively participate in WORSHIP – (Reach Up) MINISTRY – serving inside the church (Reach Across) and MISSION – serving outside the church (Reach Out). Voluntary involvements on these activities as gesture of spiritual disciplines are responses to the love and grace of God.

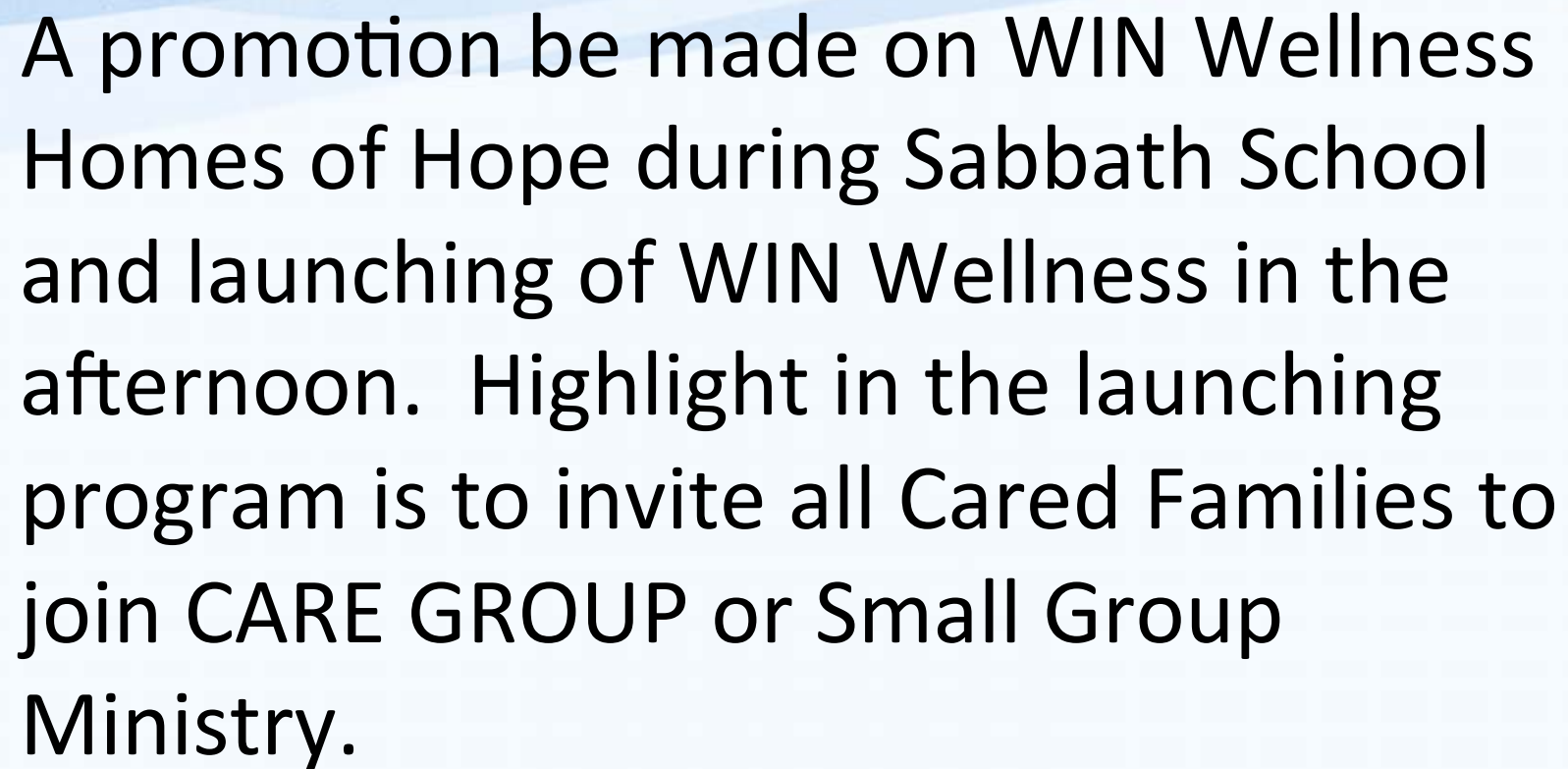
On this phase the families are prepared and decide to participate in the Integrated Evangelism for making disciples. Each family will then become an Intercessor Family (IF) or Disciple-Making Family. The INTERCESSOR FAMILY will then pray, ask the Lord to help them choose a family to be cared for. We termed it CARED FAMILY.



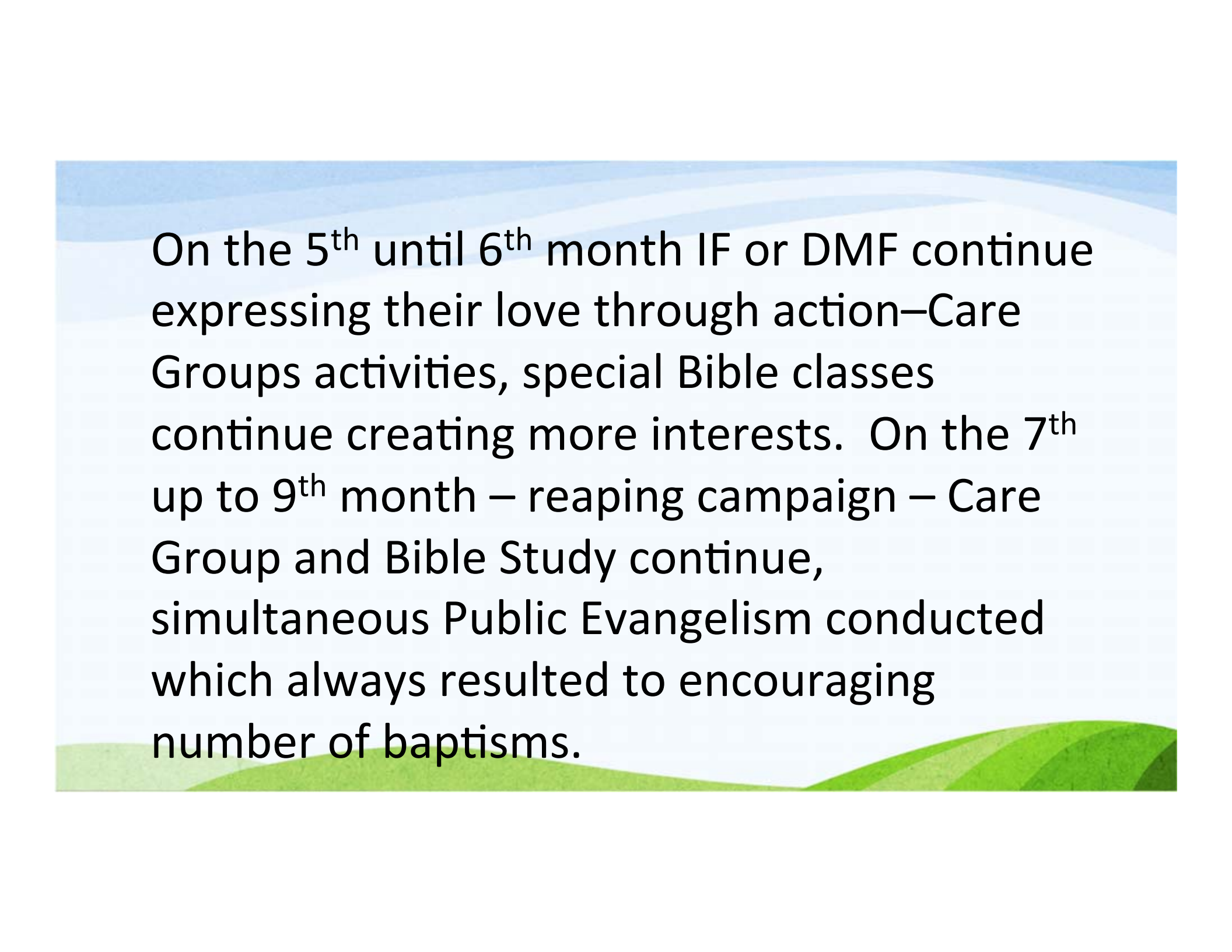
In the friendship phase a survey of community needs be done. All departments of the church plan together for activities based on the needs of Cared Family (CF).

Example: Cooking Classes, Livelihood Community Services, VBS, Healthy Lifestyle seminar or Home Remedies, Couple Enrichment, etc.

Then they will do some friendly follow-up visits to (CF) Cared Family – give book of Hope, invite for a meal or snacks at home or somewhere, pray for them and leave a brochure or leaflets. On the 4<sup>th</sup> month the Intercessor Family (IF) will invite the Cared Family (CF) to church on special program introducing the Home of Hope Community Guest day.

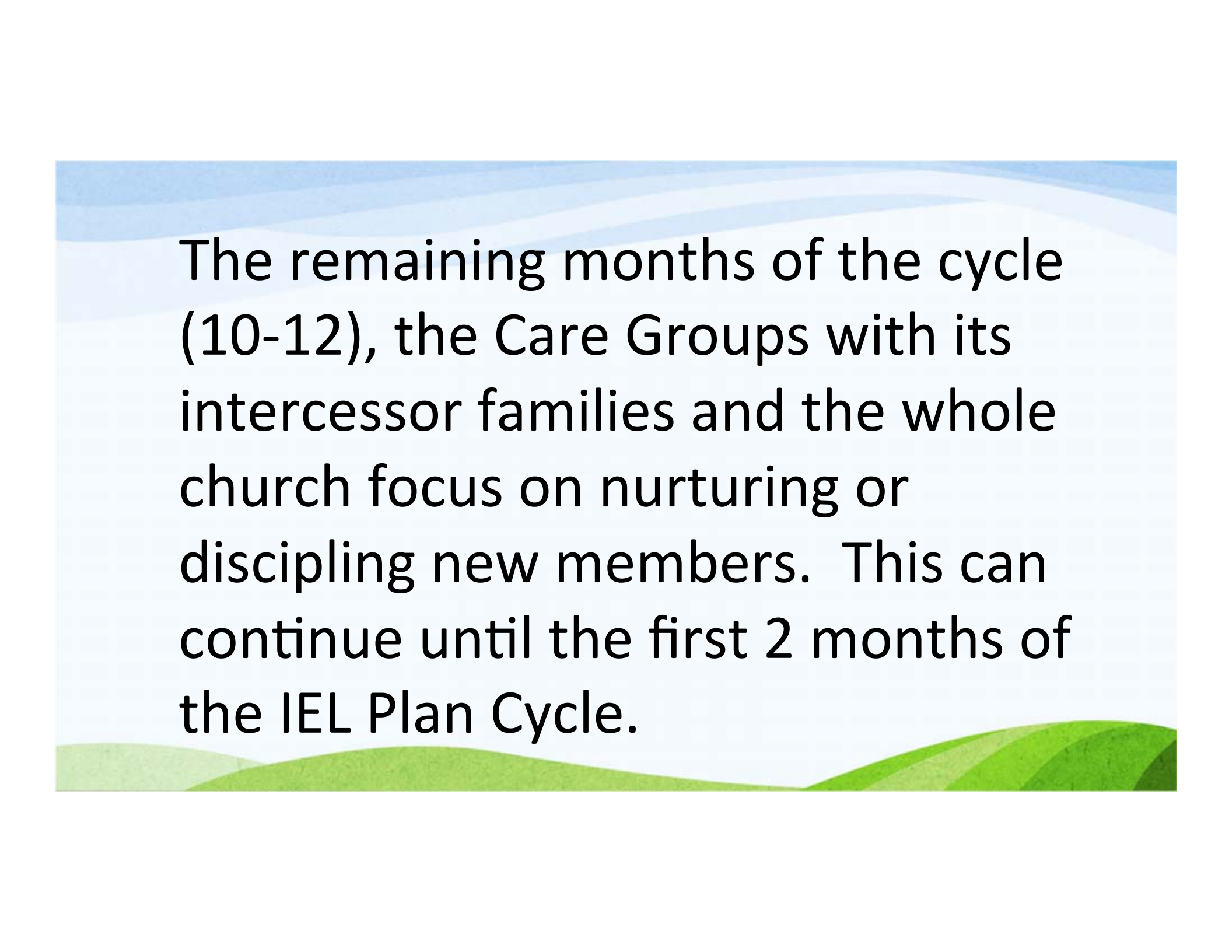


A promotion be made on WIN Wellness Homes of Hope during Sabbath School and launching of WIN Wellness in the afternoon. Highlight in the launching program is to invite all Cared Families to join CARE GROUP or Small Group Ministry.

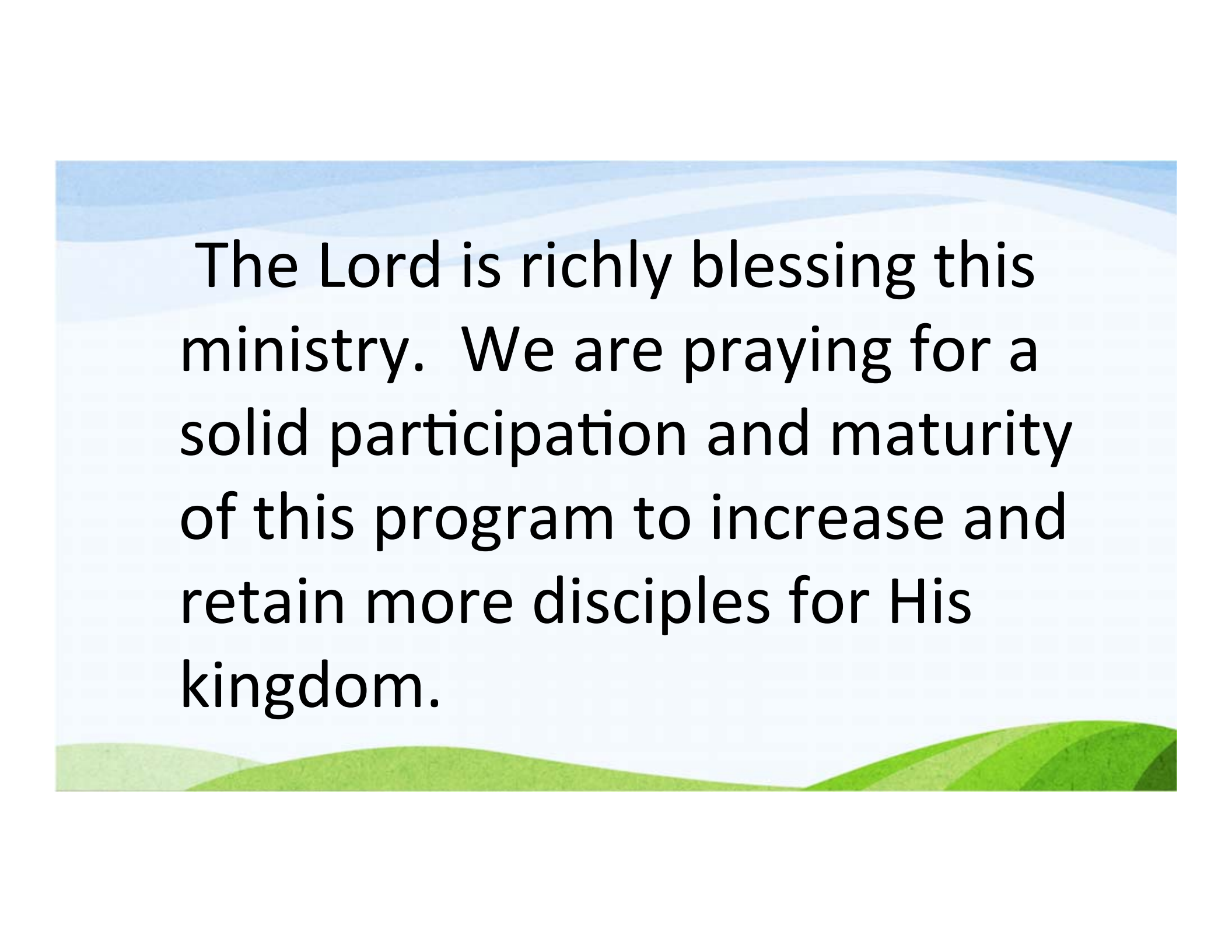


On the 5<sup>th</sup> until 6<sup>th</sup> month IF or DMF continue expressing their love through action—Care Groups activities, special Bible classes continue creating more interests. On the 7<sup>th</sup> up to 9<sup>th</sup> month – reaping campaign – Care Group and Bible Study continue, simultaneous Public Evangelism conducted which always resulted to encouraging number of baptisms.



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The remaining months of the cycle (10-12), the Care Groups with its intercessor families and the whole church focus on nurturing or discipling new members. This can continue until the first 2 months of the IEL Plan Cycle.



The Lord is richly blessing this ministry. We are praying for a solid participation and maturity of this program to increase and retain more disciples for His kingdom.

- 2011 Church Membership:  
334,169
- 2012 Baptism: 37,910
- 2012 Church Membership:  
367,730

## **% Retention from 2011 Baptism to 2012 Church Membership**

- (Previous Members) 334,169 + (Present Baptism) 37,910 = 372,079
- (Expected Membership) 372,079 – (Present Members) 367,730 = 4,349
- Members Retained = 37,910 – (Inactive Members) 4,349 = 33,561
- % Retained =  $33,561/37,910 = 88.52\%$