



## Chris Dean

GREAT MERCY CHURCH (BATES-HENDRICKS & FOUNTAIN SQUARE)

### About the Family

I am married to my homeschooling wife and best friend of almost 18 years, @MrsAimeeDean. We are the parents of eight children—seven here and one in heaven: Elliott (16), Eliana (14), Conrad (11), Asher (9), Ailsa (8), Carsten (7) and Gilchrist (4).

I grew up a Lutheran in Ferguson, Mo., and met Aimeé at the University of Evansville, where I graduated with a degree in mathematics and physics. I moved to Washington, D.C., desiring a career in politics. We married in 1999, moved to Indianapolis after graduate school and, in an extraordinary series of events in 2003, I was saved by God's grace from being a lifelong false convert never having bowed to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

God immediately led me to pastoring rather than politics. My life since has been spent training to be a shepherd of souls. I enjoy evangelism, theology, world affairs, history, science, and am a severe weather spotter! I am currently bivocationally employed as an analyst at Anthem.

### About the Church Plant

In 2015 I planted Great Mercy Church in the Bates-Hendricks neighborhood just south of downtown Indy. After moving through a few locations, we've morphed into a series of home fellowship groups that meet and worship weekly in homes and gather for big worship once a month. We regularly engage in street evangelism and do an extensive amount of house-to-house discipleship, mostly to people who are new Christians or who have been wounded by the church somewhere in their past and aren't yet ready to join a larger group of believers.

We desire to grow this model of ministry and have every person learn how to share his or her faith (1 Peter 3:15) and counsel each other with God's Word so we all may mature and be like Jesus (Ephesians 4:12-16).

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

- For the church to mature in Him and desire holiness.
- For the church and leadership to fear the Lord and tremble at His Word.
- For deliverance from the power of sin as people break addictions.
- For many more workers in His harvest fields!

#### PARTICIPATE.

Join us as we grow the number of teams and times doing evangelism and discipleship throughout the week. Enable us to serve one another better with additional means and resources to do practical works of mercy in the name of Jesus to those in the church and the neighborhood.

#### PROVIDE.

There are numerous ways to help a church plant. Please visit [sendnetwork.com/planterfunding](http://sendnetwork.com/planterfunding) for NAMB's policy on providing for church plants.

Contact me at [chris@chrisdean.org](mailto:chris@chrisdean.org), @GreatMercyChrch on Twitter or scan the QR code below.

