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## Evangelism in the Northeast U.S.A.

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PONTIAC, Michigan-The northern one-fourth of our Nation from Minnesota to the New England States hold one-half of our Nation's people. Here you will find 4 out of 5 (9 9 out of 12) of the Nation's largest cities. While there is one for one as many souls here as in the rest of the Nation, there is only 1/18th as many churches. Of the little over 1,000 churches in the North, about 1/10th are within a one hour drive of the Detroit Metropolitan based International School of Evangelism (I.S.E.).

I.S.E. is the only full time (2-year, 2,000 hours, tuition free) preacher and personal evangelism training school in the North. Our purpose is to serve and strengthen churches in the North and Canada so they can better invest in World Evangelism.

While it is setting a precedent that churches in the North should train their own preachers, already 10% of Michigan's pulpits and 2% of all in the Northeast are a result of such efforts.

As the world's most evangelistic Nation, we need this unevangelized "other half" of our Nation behind our missionary outreach. While, currently, all mission work must emanate primarily from the South by investing in this vast untapped resource in the North we are investing in the future of world evangelism. Mature men all over the Nation are needed to meet the challenge of this forgotten "other half" and world evangelism.

I.S.E. is permanently licensed by the state, V.A. approved and housed in the perfect school code facilities of the University Drive Church of Christ under the direction of the elders. Closed circuit T.V. equipment is used to help us in preparing tomorrow's preachers.

Seven new men were graduated last June as the North now has more northern trained and oriented preachers than at any time in her history. Hundreds of baptisms have resulted from the work already. A new era for evangelism is dawning in the North. Thank God!

For further information or enrollment write: International School of Evangelism, University Drive Church of Christ, 1500 University Drive, Pontiac, Michigan 48057.