

PRAY4US!

JAN. 2012 PRAYER UPDATE by Kevin Van Wyk



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So, what happened with the \$\$\$\$ challenge of 2011?

Bottom line, you helped us do what needed to be done!!! I set a goal of \$25,000 and we brought in \$29,295! We were able to pay our bills and begin to catch up on back pension payments. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PRAYING AND GIVING!

With those gifts we continued to impact lives:

Visitors continue to come and more are sticking. Our attendance in Dec. has been great. We were over 100 on Dec. 4 and Christmas Eve. We even had 80 people show up on New Year's Day. I was certain it would be me and 5 really, lonely people☺.



On Jan. 8, we baptized two adults who have connected with us and with God.

Pam started coming after her daughter Sami started attending. (Sami is now leading the care and discipleship of our young children 3 weeks out of the month.) Pam is loving her new found faith and being part of a small group which is reading through the entire Bible!

Josh came to Bridge of Hope after building a relationship with Drew (our head sound tech) at their work. Josh is committing himself to truly following God. Baptism was the big step in professing his faith to friends and family!



A Renewed Effort to Involve Others in Dreaming+

Armond and I felt a need to improve several ministries, but knew we needed a lot more people to use their unique gifting to make anything happen. In December, we helped our "Builders" identify their primary leadership style (Dreamer, Administrator, Implementer, or Doer.) Since then, we've gathered Dreamers who came up with several pages of dreams. Then the Administrators (architects) gathered for several hours bringing some order to the chaos. I could not believe how much fun these folks were having. We are early on in this process, but hope to see greater ownership of ministries, more organized ministries, and more people involved in the ministries. It seems to be working ☺

WE NEED YOU!!!!

If there is one thing I've learned this year, it's that we need prayer and financial support from the outside. We continue to urge our attendees to pray and give, but the reality is that most of our attendees need our prayers and financial help.

Awakening 2012... Many of us began a fast on Jan. 15. You can find resources on our website. Pray that God uses this time of fasting and prayer to deepen our connection with God and ignite a passion to increase our impact in Waterloo.

Finances... pray for funds. Pray for additional sources of income to cover expenses, allow us to hire administrative help and serve the community more. You can send a gift to the address below or online at our website.

Involving visitors... Pray that we will find better ways to connect people in our small groups and ministries.

Builders... Pray for God to give Armond and I wisdom as we attempt to reorganize around leadership styles (Dreamers, Administrators, Implementers, and Doers.)

Church Connections... We have many great relationships with other churches. We believe God is calling us to do something with these. Pray for wisdom as these relationships develop.

Community Enrichment Center... We ask that you join us in praying for God to open doors to a facility that would enable us to develop programs for teens, young adults, and low to mid-income families. The mission is to empower people to make wise choices. Yes, this is BHAG (Big hairy, audacious goal).

Helping people connect with God and
experience hope and meaning in life...

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