



*Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Luke 12:32*

PEOPLE ON A MISSION

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, Ephesians 4:11

Several leaders from Midwest Family of Churches met in Omaha, Nebraska, in June to continue discussions about the purpose of our friendships and the works God has called us to do. Pat Forbes, Buck Hudson, and Tom Bedford led the conversations. Doug Kreighbaum was unable to attend in person, but he joined us through the miracle of the World Wide Web and a lap top computer.

Buck Hudson of Sweden challenged us to become mission-minded in everything we do. He reminded us we were not called into the Kingdom of God merely to encourage one another in the faith. We were called to be pioneers.

Pioneers continually take back ground the enemy has

stolen and thereby expand the Kingdom of God. That is the definition of an apostolic people.

Such thoughts can be intimidating for those of us who know our greatest gift is teaching a children's class on Sunday morning or taking a hot meal to our sick neighbor. Buck pointed out that is really how it works.

Pioneering simply means each individual Christian exercising their gifts and callings. Maybe that means preaching to thousands or singing on national t.v. But it also means training up our children in godliness or being a living example of righteousness on our job.

We have always looked at Ephesians 4 as the church-building scripture. But it is also a Kingdom-expansion

scripture aimed at individual Christians each doing their part. The passage begins with this phrase: *I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.* Leaders are called to equip. Every disciple is called to minister and do the good works prepared before the foundation of the world. When that happens, the Body matures; the kingdom expands; and the enemy shudders.

As we reach out to join hands with friends at home and abroad, our ability to equip increases. Our individual influence multiplies. And the enemy is defeated in lives, churches, cities, and nations.

Lord, let it be.



Read a Blog...

Living The Dream
by Eleanor Benson
eleanorbenson.blogspot.com/

Joy's Three Boys
by Joy Noga
joysthreeboys.blogspot.com/

Mercy Street
by Kathy Nickerson
kathynickerson.blogspot.com/

Rare Rocks
by Felicity White
www.felicitywhite.com/

The Road Not Chosen
by Lori Forbis
roadnotchosen.com/

Family Adventure
by Heidi Limmer
limmerfamilyadventure.blogspot.com/

Defining Moments by Cheri White
www.cherwhite.com/

Sunday Setlist by Dan White
<http://www.danieljohnmusic.com/>

Small Church Sound by Darin Rihaneck
<http://www.smallchurchsound.com/>

Oran6e by Caleb Palmer
<http://www.oran6e.com/>

Find a Friend...

Updates on Hakan
<http://gniste-eng.blogspot.com/>

Buck Hudson in Sweden
<http://buckhudson.typepad.com/>

Salt & Light Ministries in Europe
<http://www.saltlight.org/europe/>

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

If your church is looking for ways to reach out to your local community or a distant nation, here are some current projects that may help provoke you to good works.

Mario & Yoli Carrillo, Wellington
Serving meals for the community during the town's annual fair this summer.

Jerry & Brenda Curry, Waverly
Joining others to serve a free supper for hungry folks in town once a week.

Pat & Theresa Forbes, Mankato
Visiting teens in a youth rehab center every six weeks.

Doug & Denise Kreighbaum, Pittsburg
Pioneering *Revolution Church* on the university campus and holding summer worship events in the park.

Don & Cheri White, Omaha
Each family in the church supports a boy in an orphanage in India where they have an established relationship.

Jeff & Mary Fulk, LaCygne
Hosting vacation Bible school in July

Dave & Beth Limmer, Casper
Alternating Saturday night prayer meetings with Saturday night outreaches by families in their own neighborhoods.

Kris & Martha Palmer, Bethel
Heartland Christian College classes adopt a near-by town and do service projects in city halls, nursing homes, schools, and businesses.

The next Meeting of the Midwest Family of Churches will be during the Pittsburg Leadership Conference September 23-25th.

We will also launch e4 on Saturday morning, September 26th in Pittsburg.

THE LOST TREASURE

The subtitle of Doug Kreighbaum's latest book is *Reclaiming the Inheritance of the Church*. The book looks at Satan's ultimate design to steal the seed of the Kingdom in the lives of a young generation. It also points to God's promised victory when the heart of the fathers are turned back to the sons and every church truly becomes multi-generational in principle and in practice. Order your copy at the Covenant Harvest website www.covenant-harvest.org.

NEW FRIENDS AT PRAIRIE WINDS



We were glad to welcome Carter and Kammy Krumbach to the meetings in Omaha. They are planting a church called Prairie Winds Fellowship in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, and have made friends with Pat and Theresa Forbes in Mankato.

We learned our connection to Carter and Kammy actually

goes back to a relationship almost a dozen years ago, though. One of the key couples in Sleepy Eye moved to Minnesota from Spain.

When they describe the turning point on their spiritual journey, they point to a time when two zealous Americans visited their church in Spain. The visitors were Scott Woodard and Kris Palmer.

We were awed once again by the way God connects the joints and ligaments in the Body

of Christ.

At the end our time together, Carter asked to share a word. "Here is what I see in this group," he said. He then read from Ephesians 4, the scriptures that brought most of us together in the first place. It was good to know our mission is still clear enough to be evident in our conversations and at work in our lives.

And it is wonderful to welcome new friends who share our faith and our vision for the Kingdom of God.

Church to Church Connections

Restoration Church in Casper, Wyoming, graciously hosted two Life Encounter Weekends this month for Covenant Family Church of Mankato, MN. This is something they do locally three or four times a year for new members of their church.

The 13 men traveled to Casper, while the 6 ladies and 5 girls met partway between at a Wesleyan campground in Rapid City, South Dakota. The weekends began on a Friday evening and ended on Sunday morning. The emphasis was the Father's love and acceptance, as well as much time set aside for prayer to allow the Holy Spirit to identify core issues that needed to be dealt with on a personal level.

Some of the things people shared that impacted them were the recognition of their true identity in Christ as sons and daughters of a loving Father; the realization of the need to forgive no matter how long ago something had occurred and to acknowledge hurts and take them to the Father so that hearts could be healed and any bitter roots removed; the recognition of and repentance for accusations and lies we have believed about ourselves, about how God sees us, and about God and His nature.

Those who participated came away with a sense of acceptance, peace, and joy, and are thankful for the encouragement as well as the opportunity to make new friends. Thank you, Dave & Beth Limmer and the Restoration Church family, for laying your lives down for your friends. We greatly appreciate your joints supplying - using your unique graces to build up the body of Christ.



*A city set on a hill
cannot be hidden.
Matt. 5:14*

CovenantFamily, Mankato, MN
<http://www.cfcmanato.org/>

Covenant Harvest, Pittsburg KS
<http://www.covenant-harvest.org/>

Christ's Family, Omaha NE
<http://www.cfcomaha.org/>

Christian Life Fellowship,
Raleigh, NC
<http://www.clf-church.com/>

Life Church, Kirksville MO
<http://lifechurch.typepad.com/>

Murray Family Church,
Murray KY
<http://www.murrayfamilychurch.org/>

Legacy Community Church in
Junction City KS
<http://www.legacychurch.net/>

Restoration Church in Casper
WY
<http://www.wyrchurch.com/>

Heartland Ministries in Heartland
MO
<http://www.heartland-ministries.org/church.html>

Victory Christian Fellowship in
Waverly MO
<http://vcfwaverly.com/index.html>

PRAYER, PROJECTS, AND PRACTICAL NEEDS

Prayer:

Healing for Pastor Charlie's back, Heartland
Accreditation Process for Heartland Christian College
John Baughman, out of work with vertigo more than two years, Wellington
Transition of 100-year-old church culture in LaCygne, KS.
Serving our country: Ian Maertens, Jared Maertens, Joshua Bedore, David Rutherford (married to Crystin Barton)
Kammy's brother in law, Larry, who had a heart transplant in May, Sleepy Eye
Noreen Petty suffering from cancer, Omaha

Projects:

The church in Wellington will begin a remodeling project on their sanctuary this summer.

Practical Needs:

Prairie Winds Fellowship is looking for a keyboard.

COMING EVENTS

July 18-19, 2009

Gen Now leaders meeting in Mankato

July 18-25, 2009

Heartland Community Church to the Philippines

August 22-24, 2009

Mankato takes a baby shower to Lin Crum

Sept. 8, 2009

Steve Thomas, Dave Richards, Buck Hudson arrive from Europe. Travel schedule TBA.

Sept. 23-25 2009

Pittsburg Leadership Conference

Sept. 26, 2009

Launch of e4 USA in Pittsburg, KS

January 8-10, 2010

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