



GREAT HARVEST CHURCH PLANTING

May 2009 New Church Development
Prayer Emphasis-*God-given vision for church
planting through out the Church of the Brethren*

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Praise & Prayer

Praise God for the house we are moving into, we thank Him for providing (He is always on time) it's an answer to prayer as we are renting from brother and sister in Christ

In our last update we shared about our outreach with the Hawaiian team in Rockford, thank God for the success of that outreach. The teams were a blessing to us here in Rockford, Mt Morris, and Chicago. Pray that those who heard the gospel through this outreach would come to an understanding of God's love, ethnic and cultural diversity.

Pray for God to give us clarity of how to approach the different wards in Rockford, as our desire is to be a Church that is relevant, touching people where they have need.

Pray for the team that I am building up that we would be able to meet as a team together in the next week

I just returned from Orlando and Miami, after attending a gathering of new church planters in North America. It truly was a great inspiration to see others confirm God at work in our Nation and wanting to use church planters to raise the level of spirituality and bring new people to saving knowledge of Christ Thank God for all the contacts and for a Church in California (Nueva Vida) who is adopting us in prayer. Please pray for them as well. The Cross Cultural Consultation in Miami was a great opportunity for me to meet with fellow COB churches around the country that are seeking to see growth in multi cultural ministries.

Isaiah 2:2-4 (NIV) In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

PRAISE REPORT

Benjamin Amankwaa's petition for US visa has finally been approved!

Benjamin Amankwaa's petition for a visa to enter the USA was approved about two weeks ago. His case now goes to the National Visa Center and then it will be transferred to the US Embassy in Ghana. Ben will then need to undergo a medical exam and a visa interview. We still do not know when he will actually be entering the USA, but we are grateful that our prayers are being answered. Please pray that the balance of the process goes swiftly.

Continue to keep Dawn in your prayers. She is still struggling with some health issues following her gall bladder surgery.

Dawn reports that baby Caleb is growing and son Sean is doing well.

Pray for West Side Chicago Mission Point

Praise for the great turn out of people for the Hawaiian Outreach!

Praise that the Thursday evening fellowship group is growing. Pray for this group to continue to grow.

Pray for this ministry to deeply impact the Douglas Park community and for peace in the community as the summer months approach.

Please keep Betty's mother in your prayers as she struggles with health issues and Herman and Betty as they provide care for her.

