



The Conference Is Over But The Excitement Continues

“WOW! Wonder conference! So many wonderful people!” That is how one of the potential church planters for our district described the Church Planting Conference this year at Bethany. The conference was well attended with over 125 participants. We had several potential planters at the conference including many that you have been praying for. Thank you for keeping these folks and the conference in your prayers.

Praying for the Harvest

Please continue to keep Jack and Chris Flores in your prayers.

Jack and Chris will be participating in assessment in October at Green Lake Assessment Center. They are members at the Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren in Elgin. Jack’s dream is to plant a church in the Waukegan or South/Eastern Wisconsin area. Please pray for God’s equipping and leading for Jack and Chris.

Please keep Herman and Betty Ware in your prayers.

Herman and Betty Ware currently Pastor a church they started in Joliet. They have been able to raise leadership from the harvest for that church and feel that the Lord is calling them to start again. We had hoped that they would be attending assessment in June, but we have discovered that assessment is full. We are currently looking for an alternative. Please pray that a door of opportunity would open for them. The Ware’s have experience and a heart for inner city ministry. We ask your prayers that a door of opportunity would open in Chicago for the them according to God’s purpose and plan.

Pray for Doctor Brian Atra

Dr. Atra is currently Pastor of a church in Muddy Illinois. His vision is for campus ministry and he senses the Lord leading him to the Champaign area. We had also hoped Dr. Atra would be attending the June assessment at Green Lake. Please pray for an opportunity to open for him as well.

We are asking prayers for Benjamin and Dawn Amankwaa

Benjamin and Dawn Amankwaa are currently ministering in Indonesia. Keep Dawn in your prayers as she is recovering from a fever brought on by a mosquito bite. This is an exceptional couple that desire to return to the US to plant churches. I have asked them to be in prayer about Wisconsin.

Please keep Kurt Kelley in your prayers.

Kurt Kelley just completed his BA in ministry at Palm Beach Atlantic University and has moved back to Central Illinois. He too has an interest in the Champaign area. Please pray for discernment for Kurt as he seeks the Lord’s leading.

Pray for the team.

**Paul Kohler
Kay Weller
Terry Link
Jack Flores
Dawn Blackman
Lisa Fike
Lynda DeVore**

All of the individuals we have requested prayer for in this newsletter attended and were blessed by the Church Planting Conference at Bethany (with the exception of Benjamin and Dawn Amankwaa who are still in Indonesia.)

John 4:35-38 (NLT)

³⁵ You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.

³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!

³⁷ You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true.

³⁸ I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.”