



GREAT HARVEST CHURCH PLANTING

Look For Our Planters at District Conference

Be sure to stop by the Great Harvest Church Planting table and talk with our planters while you are at district conference. They are prepared to answer your questions about their work in the district. Pastor's, you will want to be sure to come by the booth to pick up your free copy of "Ripple Church" by Phil Stevenson.

THANK YOU!

New Church Development would like to offer our thanks to the Virden Church of the Brethren for hosting the Southern Illinois Planter Dinner. We offer a special thanks to the Virden youth for providing wonderful entertainment for the event. Thanks to all of you who attended the dinner in support of our planters.



Prayers for Peace in Rockford

A recent tragic incident in Rockford has created an opportunity for the Brethren peace witness to impact that community. Pastor Samuel Sarpiya along with other local area pastors has been working with city leaders to bring peace and reconciliation to the situation created in the community over a recent shooting by police which has led to a deepening of racial tensions. Please keep Rockford in your prayers along with Pastor Samuel and the other leads as they meet with On Earth Peace advisors for a Peace Seminar on November 11 and 12. Please pray that their work will have a powerful impact on this city and will pave the way for further ministry.



A Note from Pastor Benjamin Amankwaa

Please accept greetings from Ghana in the blessed name of the Lord Jesus, our risen Savior. We are grateful to the Lord that He has afforded us the opportunity to join hands with the Great Harvest Church Planting to form a dynamic team united in common for the purpose of planting a Brethren Church in Wisconsin.

Dawn told me she shared a few things with you concerning the ministry and our plans and I would like to highlight a few of them in this email.

The decision for Dawn to complete her nursing degree is to make sure we are positioned well financially. We've had financial challenges for the past 22 months and have not yet sprung back to shape. We think that it's better to have a regular source of funds than to rely entirely on donors. She will complete in May 2011. I have a Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Science in Ministry, and now have completed my Master's of Ministry with a Major in Christian Education. I have non-ministry diplomas – Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and Associate Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Administration. We were thinking that I find a job to take care of the family until Dawn completes her degree, then we can make the big move to Wisconsin. This way, we will have built donors and sponsors links in addition to our personal resources to be able to make the big move to Wisconsin.

It is our dream to create a church that targets the young professionals and college students. We aim at planting and developing a church that builds its ministry from the "outside in". We hope to use every creative means possible to communicate the love of Christ. We want to become a multi-sensory church, connecting Christ's thoughts in various ways. We want to be involved in community-based programs.

As far as prayer request goes, we ask that you pray for me to be reunited with my family end of November. Also, we are asking that you pray for Dawn to be successful and prosper as she completes her course work to be an RN. Sean is reported to be doing very well at school and Caleb is doing very well and growing and prospering as well. We ask that you continue to pray for them to continue to enjoy good health. Finally, we want to ask for prayer for Thomas and Linda Stanton for their support for Dawn, Sean, and Caleb. We ask that you pray for the Lord to multiply every seed they have sown into the lives of Dawn, Sean, and Caleb.

May the Lord's unfailing grace and steadfast faithfulness continue to flow to you. May He accomplish the vision for which he brought us in each other's path and establish this union.