



# Northern Plains Evangelistic Association

August, 2010

Dear Brother or Sister in Christ,

Pat Jorgensen is a member of the Northfield Church of Christ in Ft. Dodge, IA. In June they went on a prayer walk in Bismarck/Mandan, ND. Pat's testimony might encourage your group to come and pray on site. The Northfield church covered the travel expenses, and provided a vehicle for their group's trip. **Maybe more teams would come if their churches helped cover the costs, and if we believed God really does speak to us when we pray on site.**

## Pat's testimony:

I had never been on a prayer walk before, so I wasn't sure what to expect. I went with the idea I was to be praying for a new congregation and all the people, places, events, etc., involved in such a venture. **But God surprised me by causing some things to happen to me as well!**

On Friday evening we went to a beautiful scenic overlook to pray over the city, and then the prayer walk on Saturday. The day had been extremely windy and the wind was still blowing. As I was praying I was grumbling about the wind when the Scripture came to mind about not grumbling about anything and in everything give thanks. So I did. And as I thanked the Lord for the wind, He reminded me that the Holy Spirit came on Pentecost "like the sound of a rushing, mighty wind." **The wind and the Spirit will go wherever it desires and there is nothing capable of stopping it. It gave me "holy goose bumps!"**

Then on Saturday, the day was clear, sunny and calm. As we were walking the streets and praying as a team, I noticed a child's balloon that had been lost drifting aloft in the air currents. I also saw the "cotton" from the cottonwood trees drifting down and settling on the ground, in some places covering it white like snow. Again, the power of the Holy Spirit was brought to mind and I thought God is going to bring the Spirit's power over this city just like a balloon to drift here and there going wherever He wants. **And then there will be a time when the Spirit will come down upon the city in the location God will determine and settle there. A new congregation will be established!**

The experience of prayer walking was very exciting – to walk about, praying, looking for God in all my surroundings. And He brought to mind so many things to pray about and circumstances and people to pray for in this new congregation. **I never expected to be impacted in this way!** Perhaps as an older Christian I have become complacent about God's daily intervention in my life. I have been reminded I need to look for and expect God's intervention and direction in my everyday life. Thank you so much for this opportunity to be involved in the Capital Campaign. I will continue to pray for NPEA's efforts in Bismarck/Mandan.

## **Speaking of results, from prayer, for Bismarck/Mandan, ND, God has been very active.**

Within two days of arriving in Bismarck/Mandan, God secured jobs for Mike and Semille. They will be moving this month. Please see the enclosed support letter from them. They are trying to raise money to move their household through one-time donations. We made contact with a second possible launch team family that moved south of Mandan to help with a cattle ranch there. They are in the process of

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filling out an application. This could be our second launch team family. Pray that God would confirm this and supply us with at least one more launch team family.

**East 91st St. Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN, has become our latest "Living Link," joining the North Dakota Church Planting Network.** Historically this church is probably the most prolific church planting church in our movement. We are one of six church plants that they are partnering with this year. Steve Larson (a regional representative for E-91st, and our representative for this region; you recall Steve's name earlier as he is also the director of New Churches For Christ Evangelism, which is also a member of this network) has once again brought us more godly momentum to finish the funding for this project. We now only need 3¾ "Living Links" and \$25,000 cash for startup by January 2011, and the financial side of this project will be secured.

**The lead church planter for this project has yet to be secured.** The potential lead planting couple that went with us on our July prayer journey is convinced God has put them in a holding pattern as far as church planting is concerned. Pray that God gives them an action plan, that they will complete, to move forward in doing His complete will in the future. We also learned that another potential lead couple that we thought might come and pray over the city in August has declined. Pray for them as they seek His will. I just contacted my 34th potential church planter, and when they replied that "I heard it's cold up there," after you tell them where the church plant is, the rest is usually downhill from there. I am sure Jesus would have traveled right around (Samaria) North Dakota, only stopping for coffee to get warmed up. **Oh well, there has to be someone out there that isn't a pansy, afraid of a little cold weather. My family has weathered it for years, and we're not natives here.**

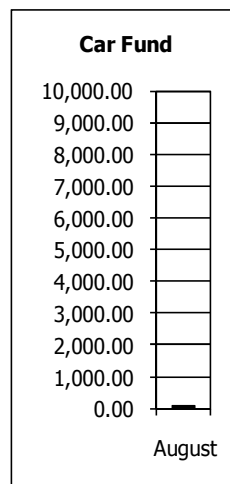
There you have it. Hope your summer has not gone by too fast. September is right around the corner and we are starting to take donations to pay for the Executive Directors Retreat. As usual we are asking God to provide \$1,000 to offset this valuable event for us. If that doesn't trip your trigger, as you notice from the graph below, we have started to take donations to replace NPEA's car as well. Anything you can do would be appreciated. Enjoy the rest of these dog days. In a few months it will get cold with a chance of snow, my favorite time of the year! What? That's not normal?

Thankful For The Power of Prayer,



Mike Sojka  
Assistant Director, NPEA

**P.S.  
We need a prayer team to come this month!**



Income/Expense	
January 1 — July 28th, 2010	
Ind. Income:	\$31,574.32
Church Income:	\$44,233.77
Speak Income	\$5,893.50
Total Income:	\$81,701.59
Total Expenses:	-\$75,431.75
Net Total	\$6,279.84
Transfer Bismarck	-\$5,000.00
Total	\$1,279.84

The Buick now has 206,000 miles!

Only \$9,900 to go! (\$100 given, so far)