



October 19, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

CHURCH PLANT CHILDREN

“I hope the church plant goes well.” One of the little boys in our core-group caught me after last Sunday night’s meeting. I turned and asked him, “Are you excited about starting this new church with us?” He looked a little bit concerned, and said, “Well, I don’t really want to go, but I guess I have to. I’ll miss my friends at the church here.”

This really touched my heart, and it is a reminder for us to pray for the adjustment that the church-plant children are going through, during these months. Our 26 core-group adults have (let me see if I can count correctly) 21 kids between birth and junior high. Many of these kids are trying hard to understand what it means to be part of a church plant. What will this “look like” for them?

Please pray for the children and youth to trust in the Lord as they wrestle with their feelings, both excitement and uncertainty regarding the church plant.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Please consider a generous gift to help support Lake Cities Community Church into 2007. The funds raised have two purposes. First, they will allow the church to purchase start-up items, which may include educational materials, chairs, children’s tables, sound system related items, etc. You can imagine all the details that go into starting a new church. While we anticipate donations and being able to start with some gently used items from Trinity Fellowship, other items will need to be purchased. Second, these raised funds will supplement the general operating budget for Lake Cities for calendar year 2007. Our small church will not be financially self-sufficient when it begins, and will need your generous support to make it through those very important first months and, perhaps, years.

How to give? Simply place a check into a white Lake Cities giving envelope, and mail it to Trinity Fellowship Church at 932 S. Greenville Ave. Richardson, TX 75081. If you need an envelope, just let me know. They are also available in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Fellowship Church.

- Progress: \$12,553.15 (increase of \$5,677.00 over the past week)
- Goal: To raise \$150,000 by the end of 2006 for start-up costs, facilities and operational expenses through 2007.
- Gifts are tax deductible and should be above and beyond your normal giving to Trinity, or the church you attend.

UPCOMING DATES:

- October 22, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Testimony sharing and discussion of Crown seminar outreach next Spring.
- October 29, Sun – Craig preaches at Trinity Fellowship. 2 Tim 4:1-8, “Motivations for Faithful Service.”
- October 29, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Ministry focus: Nursery.
- Nov. 5, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: Being a Peacemaking Church.
- Nov. 12, Sun – Core Group Meeting. 6:00-7:30pm. Topic: CE/Youth ministry.

- November 19-26 – Craig (and Tammy?) in Taiwan – Teaching at annual TEAM missionary staff retreat. Topic: Ruth, “Above and Beyond – Living a Life of *Hesed*.”
- March 3, 2007, Sat. – Rowlett Outreach. Crown Ministry: “Journey to True Financial Freedom” workshop. Location: Rowlett Community Centre, Room B.
- Easter, April 8, 2007, Sun. – Target date for first service of Lake Cities Community!

Pray for the Lord’s direction and that His will would be done at each activity.

CHURCH PLANTING QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

What do you know about Rowlett, Texas?

The Lake Cities area includes some of the fastest growing communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Here are some quick-facts about Rowlett:

- 54,000 residents and 15,008 households.
- 91% growth rate from 1990 to 2000.
- 2% - 4% growth rate projected for next 20 years.
- Median household income of \$79,000.
- 50% of residents between 25 and 55,
- Median age of 33 with 50% of all residents between the ages of 25 and 55.
- 56.4% of the population consists of family households with children under 18.
- 90% of all residents own their own home, among the highest percentages in the Metroplex.
- Average new home price is \$218,947.
- 45% of adult residents are classified as management, professionals or related occupations.
- 92% of all adult residents are high school graduates or higher.
- 32% of all adult residents have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher.

Source: Rowlett Department of Economic Development. <http://www.ci.rowlett.tx.us/>.

Pray for the City of Rowlett, that the Lord would be preparing hearts to hear the gospel and to be touched by the ministry of Lake Cities Community Church.

E-MAIL LIST INFORMATION:

The purpose of this e-mail list is to encourage prayer for the planting of Lake Cities Community Church. The anticipated launch date is April 8, 2007.

Each week new people are added to this list. If you are one of these – WELCOME! Past prayer letters and other information are available on Trinity’s website (www.TrinityFellowship.org). It is our desire that this letter will help you to pray effectively and stay up to date on the happenings of Lake Cities Community Church!

In Christ,

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