



November 16, 2006

Dear Prayer Partners,

WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK!

Do you remember that catchy tune from *Snow White* called *Whistle While you Work*? Those dwarves were so hard working – and with a spirit of joy! This is how I would describe the church plant these days. Every week people are grabbing their work gear and digging into the ministry, through ministry teams, core-group meetings, special events, committees and other venues. It is a blessing to see people joyfully doing the work of ministry.

The past two core-group meetings have been focused on children's education and nursery. The next two will focus on worship and service planning. Please pray for each person involved in making decisions. What a wonderful opportunity and big responsibility to establish priorities and a godly focus from the beginning!

TAIWAN UPDATE:

This will be the last update for about two weeks, as Tammy and I get ready to travel to Taiwan to minister to missionaries from TEAM and Morrison Academy (a missionary school) at their annual retreat. The missionaries are mostly American with some from Canada, Australia and Japan. We will arrive a few days before the retreat begins and have an opportunity to see some sights and become better acquainted with TEAM's ministry.

Please pray for safety, for my talks to be clear and helpful to the missionaries, for my parents (who are staying at our house and watching our kids), and for our kids. We will be gone nine days (11/18-26), which is much longer than we have ever been away from our kids before. We look forward to what God will do in our lives, and how this may be a blessing to the church plant, as we consider our role in world missions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Thank you to those who have already given to the church plant. If you sense the Lord leading you to give, simply place a check (made out to Trinity Fellowship Church) into a white Lake Cities giving envelope, and mail to Trinity Fellowship Church at 932 S. Greenville Ave. Richardson, TX 75081. If you need an envelope, just contact the church at (972) 690-9535. They are also available in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Fellowship Church.

- **Progress:** \$26,758 (increase of \$10,100 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.
- **Note:** Although I report the increase each week, I do not see or have knowledge of any individual giving. All giving goes through Trinity Fellowship's excellent finance people and is confidential.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's financial provision for both the church plant and for Trinity Fellowship's budget, which is currently a little behind for 2006.

UPCOMING DATES:

- November 18-26 – Craig and Tammy in Taiwan – Teaching at annual TEAM missionary staff retreat. Topic: Ruth, “Above and Beyond – Living a Life of *Hesed*.”
- December 3, Sun – Core Group Meeting 6:00-7:45pm. Guest speaker Dr. Tim Ralston, “Theology of Worship.”
- December 9, Sat – “Friends and Neighbors” Church Plant Holiday Social. 7pm @ Hilber’s.
- December 10, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00-7:45pm. Worship / Service planning.
- December 17, Sun – Core Group Meeting, 6:00 -7:30pm. Adult Education / Small Groups.
- December 17, Sun – Craig preaching at Trinity Fellowship. 3rd week of Advent.
- January 3, Wed night – LCCC Benefit Recital, featuring vocalist John Hendricks. At Trinity Fellowship Church.
- February 4, Sun – FIRST Preview Worship Service. Time/Location TBD.
- March 3, 2007, Sat. – Rowlett Outreach. Crown Ministry: “Journey to True Financial Freedom” workshop. Location: Rowlett Community Centre, Room B. (register at www.Crown.org)
- 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:

Here is a wonderful quote about Thanksgiving. It is from the book *The Baron’s Apprenticeship*, by George McDonald (d.1905), p 193. I highly recommend McDonald’s books. Thomas Wingfold, in the below dialogue, is a pastor and he is talking with a bitter man in his parish, Sir Wilton.

Sir Wilton: “Ah, yes! You’re a clergyman! I forgot. It’s your business to thank God. For my part, being a layman, I don’t know anything in particular I’ve got to thank him for.”

Pastor Wingfold: “If I thought a layman had less to thank God for than a clergyman, I should begin to doubt whether either had anything to thank him for. Why, Sir Wilton, I find everything a blessing! I thank God I am a poor man. I thank him for every good book I fall in with. I thank him when a child smiles at me. I thank him when the sun rises or the wind blows on me. Every day I am so happy, or at least so peaceful, or at the worst so hopeful, that my very consciousness is a thanksgiving.”

Sir Wilton: “Do you thank him for your wife, Mr. Wingfold?”

Pastor Wingfold: “Every day of my life.”

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!** 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!

Serving our Lord together,

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