

## The Gate October Newsletter

Luke 10:2—“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

This week I'm in the twin cities at a week-long church planting training seminar with the Center for US Missions (C4USM). Every day at 10:02, Peter Meier's (the executive director for the C4USM) phone goes off. It is his daily reminder to pray to God that He would raise up and send more workers into the field to reap a harvest. According to thearda.com and the 2010 census, Polk County, IA has 236,878 who checked the box “No religious preference.” That is 55% of the total population who do not identify with a particular religion. That remaining 45% includes those who would identify as Christian (or muslim, buddhist, Jewish, Mormon, etc.) but may not necessarily be actively involved. Here's the point- the harvest is plentiful. There are people all around us who do not have an abiding relationship with Jesus. Don't assume your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers know Jesus. Please join me in not only praying for these people but that God would give each one of us the courage to a) love people and b) take opportunities to proclaim the love of Christ to people.

### Upcoming Events

- **October 19-20, Junior Youth Gathering in West Des Moines.** Please keep our youth in your prayers as they attend the gathering.
- **October 20, Fall Harvest Party** at the Medick's. Join us at the Medicks starting around 4:30pm for a hayrack ride, games, food and fellowship!
- **October 27<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor Keith Haney, the new Missions Executive for the Iowa District West will join us for worship and will be guest preaching on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to come and show him our support. We're so excited to have him in the district!
- **November 15-17, Senior Youth Gathering in Downtown Des Moines.** Please pray that God would use this experience to enliven and strengthen the faith of our young people.

### Prayer Requests

- Praise God for 5 baptisms this summer!!! We baptized 1 adult, 2 kids, and 2 infants this summer. Join us in thanking God for working among us.
- Pray that God would give us at The Gate a Spirit of unity and peace.
- Thank God for our awesome mission partners, St. Paul, Ankeny, the Iowa District West, the LWML, and St. John's in Burt, IA.
- Pray for the 2:47 Network and its executive director, Eric Wenger, as they continue to help plant new churches and support church planters.
- For the Center for US Missions and the “Power Week.” Pray that God would multiply the vision and mission of the C4USM to start new ministries into all the people who came to the seminar and beyond.
- For pastor Keith Haney as he gets settled into his new position at IDW. May God bless him and his family and lead him to help our district reach the lost and make disciples of the found.

- That God would give us at The Gate a specific vision to serve our community and reach people disconnected from Jesus.
- That God would bless our new men's, women's, midweek kid's, junior and senior high school ministries and use them to lead our people closer to the mission of God.