

December 17, 2010

Supporters and friends of Nehemiah's Call
The Director's year end update letter

Dear _____,

May this update find you in a season of grace. We continue to evaluate the effectiveness of our ministry and bathe our efforts in contemplation and prayer. We are requesting an increase of committed people to pray for Nehemiah's Call during 2011 as we begin to launch some new work. I will explain in a paragraph below.

Some of the highlights in our ministry this past year:

- Lawrence has met with several pastors extending kindness, compassion, prayer support and occasional financial assistance.
- The board members are active in their home congregations and expand as they engage various streams of the body of Christ in their immediate region, especially in the area of prayer, evangelism and healing.
- Welcomed a new board member Stan Zehr from Northern Virginia. Stan has a heart for prayer and worship. He has been a constant encouragement in prayer and visitation to Lawrence since the early 2000s.
- Lawrence continues to work among the Trissels congregation as Sunday School superintendant, (term ends 8/31/11). Lawrence with Pastor Harold Miller and Jenny Mumbauer began a freedom in Christ prayer counseling track this past fall and anticipate others to carry this important ministry on within Trissels.
- Milford (vice-president of the board) and Carolyn Lyndaker work with the Gorton family in Costa Rica and assist in developing a plan for future ministry. Our organization assisted in building up a self sustaining goat herd and the extended Lyndaker family has provided carpentry and building experience on site. Milford plans a return trip either late this year or early 2012.
- Lawrence continues to relate to Pastor Basil Marin and the developing New Song Anabaptist Fellowship in Harrisonburg Virginia. Lawrence meets with Basil at least quarterly and Basil will be participating in the upcoming Conference ABIDE program. Pray for this special relationship to flourish and expand.

Opportunities in 2010:

- Lawrence plans to launch “church in the workplace” at his office beginning January 2011. Space will be offered Thursday evenings from 7 to 8pm for some teaching, prayer, sharing and support. The goal is for me to reach out to my client base (and others) and those who are not churching, hurt by the church or outside of Christ. Please pray for this important work.
- Lawrence has begun meeting bi-monthly with a group of pastors from the Broadway/Timberville area. Pray for this group that a renewed passion will flow.
- The vision to begin church planting in the New Market area is emerging. Lawrence and Bonnie are planning to implement a pattern cell and tweak the approach alongside of the ABIDE model, as sponsored by the Virginia Mennonite Conference. Our first ABIDE meeting is January 15, 2011 at Waynesboro Mennonite Church, hosted by Pastor Howard Miller.
- Lawrence has met with his new overseer Ervin Stutzman on several occasions. We as an organization continue to explore our usefulness to the Virginia Mennonite Conference in its current relationship. A number of options are on the table for this next year. We will decide at a May 2011 board meeting the future direction of this relationship. Lawrence would be excited to see the Conference begin a more intentional apostolic/prophetic/evangelistic cluster for broader ministry and church planter support among younger pastors. This matter needs constant prayer and is of utmost importance for the future.

Be sure to visit our website and look for Eyes to See and Ears to Hear postings.

Blessings in the harvest,

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