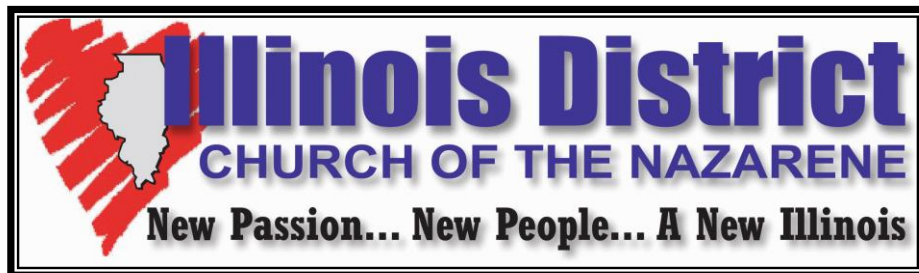


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James Spruce  
District Superintendent

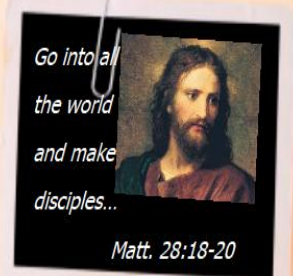
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**The District Finance Committee will meet  
immediately after Team Day North at 3:00 PM.**



**NOT SECRET**



**MISSION: IS POSSIBLE!**

MEMORANDUM: NAZARENES OF ILLINOIS

Greetings Nazarenes of the Illinois District. Your mission, should you choose to accept it is to go into all the world and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that Christ himself commanded. All authority in heaven and earth has been given to him, and he will be with us always even to the end of the age. Though heaven and earth should pass away, this message will never be destroyed.

If you accept this mission, please rendezvous at the following locations for briefing and training. You are responsible to gather other disciples to form your task force and join us there.

**RENDEVOUS DATES AND LOCATIONS:**

TEAM DAY NORTH - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012 - 9:00am

SHERMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

7085 Village Center Dr., Sherman, IL

TEAM DAY SOUTH - SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012 - 9:00am

SALEM GRACE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1900 N. BROADWAY, SALEM, IL

SEE YOUR PASTOR TO REGISTER!

**TEAM DAY 2012**

**NYI Council & SDMI Board Meetings**

NYI Council - 8:30 AM

SDMI Board - 11:00 AM

February 25, 2012

Collinsville Good Samaritan COTN

**ENCOUNTER**

March 9 - 10, 2012

Sherman COTN

Contact Rev. Will Haworth for more  
information: 217-496-3255

E-mail: [prwillh@yahoo.com](mailto:prwillh@yahoo.com)



## NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

Bill Brandon, District President  
18 Sandstone Ct., Troy, IL. 62294  
618-667-0828 E-mail [csifsr30@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csifsr30@sbcglobal.net)  
"That the world may know"



**David & Sheila Bailey** are hosting their annual **Work & Witness Trip** to the Bradenton, Florida Missionary Village. They will leave Decatur on March 12, 2012 and return to Decatur on March 24, 2012. You can contact David & Sheila at: 11380 Darnell Rd., Mechanicsburg, IL. 62545-7986; ph: 217-364-9533; Dave's cell: 217-620-3485; Sheila's cell: 217-620-3297  
Please contact Dave or Sheila for further information. Please pray for safety for this Team.

**In 1948, Rev. Elizabeth Vennum**, Global Council member, was asked to think and pray about a challenging project for NMI. Rev. Vennum knew if God wanted the project to take place, He would provide the plan. On the return trip from Kansas City, God gave her His plan of giving "love" gifts. It was modeled after the sacrifice of the woman who anointed Jesus' head with expensive perfume poured from an alabaster jar (Matthew 26:6-13).

At the Global NMI Council meeting in 1949, Mrs. Vennum told of the **Alabaster** plan God had given her. The Council unanimously adopted the plan, and the first offering was received in 1949.

The Board of General Superintendents approved the plan for Alabaster funds to be used exclusively for buildings and properties in cross-cultural ministries.

Now, more than 60 years later, Alabaster is still strong, having provided more than 8,600 projects since 1949. Faithful Nazarenes around the world have given approximately \$95 million dollars for this much-needed ministry.

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects, and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land and construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.

**How Are Alabaster Offerings Received?** The Alabaster Offering gets to the mission field via several avenues. The most widely used is the Alabaster Box. Individuals are challenged to regularly contribute the cost of items they desire but do not need. The boxes also serve

as reminders to pray for those people who will benefit from Alabaster buildings.

In September and February, the money is collected. Sometimes a "march offering" is received with individuals carrying their boxes to the front of the church and pouring the money into a large offering container. The way an offering is received is as varied as the world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has a presence; however, it is always accompanied with a spirit of rejoicing.

Many churches receive regular offerings throughout the year that are designated as Alabaster funds. (This is often a part of the Faith Promise plan for missions giving.) However, the semi-annual offerings should still be received, allowing opportunity for giving by those not participating in other ways.



The plans for the **Spring Deputation Tour** are tentative but as it stands now we will be blessed by having Dave and Marquita Mosher who are presently serving in Malawi. The tentative dates are May 7 - 18, 2012. Deputation Coordinator, Sandy Stickler is presently working out the details. If you have questions, Sandy can be reached at 217-508-7265.

David and Marquita Mosher are global missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene serving in Zambia, Africa since 2008. Previous to this assignment they served in Sao Tome and Principe.

Their assignment in Zambia includes assisting in pastoral leadership training on two districts. David serves as field treasurer and Marquita assists in training children's ministry leaders.

The Mosheres began their missionary service in the Kingdom of Swaziland in 1983. They spent 10 years working at Siteki Nazarene High School. They also assisted at the Nazarene Bible College and were involved in outstation church work on the weekends.

In 1994, the Mosheres were assigned to the northern provinces of Nampula, Niassa and Cabo Delgado in Mozambique. Their ministry involved training lay leaders as well as directing church planting and training of church leaders. The main work there was among the Macua tribe, which was the largest unreached people group in Africa at that time. The Mosheres served in Mozambique until assigned to Sao Tome and Principe in 2001.

David received a B.S. from Southern Nazarene University, in Bethany, Oklahoma. He received an M.A. in missiology from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1993. Marquita received a B.A. in religion from Southern Nazarene University. David and Marquita were both ordained in Maputo, Mozambique, in 1996.

The Mosheres have two adult children, LeCrecia and David C.

**DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL &  
DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

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This is my second contribution to the booster. As I write this article I am preparing to leave tomorrow for the Leadership conference in Kansas City. My first session will be for new SDMI Chairpersons. So, by the time this article comes out, I should (theoretically at least) have a better idea of what I am doing in this position. (Smile) ☺

As we look to the month of February we think of Presidents day, (you know Presidents Washington and Lincoln); Valentine's day with Cupid and flowers for your sweet heart; black history month and of course the Super Bowl. Here on the Illinois District we are looking at Team Day North at The Sherman Church of the Nazarene on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>. So, Pastors, be sure to have the registration forms available and encourage your people to sign up early for this great event. Laymen, if they are not available, ask, or you can go to the district website for them. (Those of you in the south be planning ahead for team day south on March 17<sup>th</sup>.) The last thing we look at for the month of February is, this year it has 29 days, because it is leap year. So, could this be the year your Church has a fabulous February and have a leap in attendance, not just in February but throughout the coming year?

Your SDMI board will be meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> to make plan for the coming year. If you have any suggestions please e- mail me. As a board we value your ideas.

As I indicated last time, continue to pray for our Pastoral Staff and their families, both senior pastors and associates.

Remember Jesus' words in John 16 :23b "I tell you the truth my father will give you anything you ask in my name." So, as we pray let's think big, remember Jesus said "anything".

Now, let's have a fabulous February.

In Christ,  
Jim German



JOURNEY  
FROM ASH  
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TO PENTECOST  
WITH YOUR  
CHURCH

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TEAM DAY 2012

**IT IS NO  
SECRET...**

## Sunday School Report December 2011

Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School	Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School
Anna First	97	75	Highland		
Arcola First	42	28	Jerseyville		
Arcola Spanish			Laclede	23	18
Auburn	55	71	Lincoln First	40	26
Barry			Mahomet	45	35
Beardstown	89	67	Mansfield Community	28	
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic			Marion First		40
Belleville Emmanuel	58	51	Mattoon East Side	106	94
Belleville First			Mattoon Real Life Com.	50	15
Belleville Korean	26	1	Monticello		
Benton First			Mount Carmel	18	9
Bethel Community	55	39	Mount Erie	41	23
Carbondale New Begin. Com.	42	26	Mount Sterling	28	18
Carlinville First	44	41	Mount Vernon Faith	30	24
Carmi			Murphysboro	65	39
Casey	180	85	Nebo	61	31
Centralia	65	59	Oakwood	6	
Champaign First			Ogden		
Champaign New Day Com.			Olivet	68	50
Chrisman			Olney	56	48
Clinton First	82	49	Pana First		
Collinsville Good Samaritan	134	67	Paris First	58	44
Decatur First	724	508	Pittsfield	281	176
Decatur Oak Grove	50	42	Quincy Emmanuel		
Decatur Parkway	73	64	Rantoul	61	34
Decatur Trinity			Roxana		
Decatur West Side	81	53	Royalton First	105	102
Du Quoin			Salem Grace	417	225
Dupo Bluffview Christian Cnt.			Shelbyville	222	
East St. Louis Rush Mem.	6	4	Sherman	77	70
Edgemont Grace	24	17	Sparta		
Fairfield Fountain of Life	17	11	Springfield First	235	142
Fairview Heights Parkview	55	46	Springfield Trinity		
Flora	197	130	Taylorville First		
Georgetown	62	54	Tuscola	41	9
Glenview	93	57	Urbana Lighthouse	68	64
Godfrey	44	40	Vandalia		
Granite City CTM			Virden		
Griggsville			West Union		
Harrisburg Oasis Community			<b>Total</b>	<b>4,625</b>	<b>3,021</b>





**NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL**

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All Adult Youth Sponsors will now be required to complete a background check in order to participate in any district-wide activity.

[http://www.newweb2011.illinoisnaz.org/html/district\\_screening.html](http://www.newweb2011.illinoisnaz.org/html/district_screening.html)

Thank you!!

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**DISTRICT NYI CONCIL MEETING: FEB. 25<sup>TH</sup> 8:30 A.M. @  
COLLINSVILLE GOOD SAMARITAN CHURCH OF NAZARENE**

**DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE: MARCH 23-24 (ROXANA)**  
[http://www.newweb2011.illinoisnaz.org/html/nyi\\_events.html](http://www.newweb2011.illinoisnaz.org/html/nyi_events.html)

**REGIONAL CELEBRATE LIFE: MAY 17-19 (ONU)**

**\*\*\*\*NOTE: CAMP DATES: June 25-29 (Camp Table Rock)\*\*\*\***

**BUDGET REPORT DECEMBER 31, 2011**

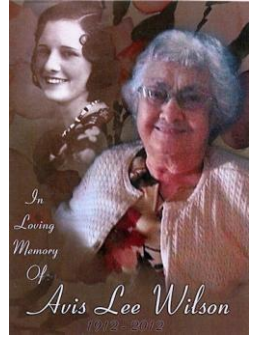
Church Name	District	Olivet	NMI	SDMI	NYI	WEF	P & B
Anna First	\$6,095.95	\$3,216.47	\$543.02	\$275.51	\$354.73	\$6,024.06	\$2,573.18
Arcola First	\$1,894.25	\$726.07	\$168.73	\$85.60	\$110.22	\$1,692.37	\$619.19
Arcola Spanish	\$609.89	\$338.50	\$54.32	\$27.56	\$35.48	\$1,180.50	\$178.00
Auburn	\$1,886.84	\$1,000.00	\$168.08	\$85.28	\$109.80	\$2,195.00	\$800.00
Barry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Beardstown	\$5,314.00	\$2,665.46	\$473.36	\$240.20	\$309.23	\$6,552.26	\$2,230.42
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Belleville Emmanuel	\$343.92	\$192.23	\$30.64	\$15.55	\$20.02	\$1,422.71	\$321.31
Belleville First	\$6,984.58	\$1,886.80	\$622.16	\$315.66	\$406.44	\$5,000.00	\$2,954.74
Belleville Korean	\$2,478.06	\$300.00	\$220.75	\$112.00	\$144.19	\$700.00	\$650.00
Benton	\$580.56	\$306.08	\$51.71	\$26.24	\$33.78	\$898.92	\$249.72
Bethel	\$3,490.25	\$1,404.00	\$310.90	\$157.74	\$203.11	\$5,212.00	\$1,385.00
Bluff View Christian Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carbondale New Beginnings	\$940.36	\$0.00	\$83.77	\$42.50	\$54.72	\$1,014.64	\$377.70
Carlinville First	\$1,476.76	\$518.94	\$131.54	\$66.75	\$85.94	\$950.67	\$622.24
Carmi	\$686.82	\$514.00	\$61.17	\$31.04	\$39.97	\$1,805.00	\$638.00
Casey	\$8,076.26	\$4,148.35	\$719.40	\$364.99	\$469.97	\$14,601.00	\$3,595.50
Centralia	\$1,982.96	\$1,047.00	\$176.63	\$89.62	\$115.40	\$2,571.00	\$941.00
Champaign First	\$4,621.07	\$2,151.02	\$411.63	\$208.84	\$268.92	\$4,732.20	\$1,720.82
Champaign New Day	\$58.69	\$37.00	\$5.23	\$2.66	\$3.42	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chrisman	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clinton First	\$5,199.32	\$2,550.00	\$463.14	\$234.98	\$302.56	\$6,620.00	\$2,380.00
Collinsville Good Samaritan	\$1,336.29	\$705.08	\$119.03	\$60.40	\$77.76	\$1,792.91	\$564.06
Decatur First	\$19,372.57	\$10,784.45	\$1,725.66	\$875.52	\$1,127.33	\$33,366.48	\$8,627.45
Decatur Oak Grove	\$1,429.96	\$632.00	\$127.38	\$64.62	\$83.22	\$1,672.00	\$610.00
Decatur Parkway	\$5,591.15	\$2,736.81	\$498.05	\$252.67	\$325.37	\$6,857.09	\$2,358.96
Decatur Trinity	\$2,163.90	\$1,136.54	\$192.77	\$97.80	\$125.93	\$2,500.39	\$909.23
Decatur West Side	\$3,969.08	\$3,723.71	\$353.56	\$179.38	\$230.98	\$5,337.21	\$1,955.11
Du Quoin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
East St. Louis Rush Mem.	\$264.17	\$160.00	\$23.55	\$11.95	\$15.38	\$307.00	\$112.00
Edgemont Grace	\$1,137.44	\$0.00	\$101.33	\$51.40	\$66.19	\$734.92	\$269.63
Fairfield Fountain of Life	\$335.44	\$0.00	\$29.88	\$15.16	\$19.52	\$1,078.12	\$664.76
Fairview Heights Parkview	\$2,394.28	\$879.73	\$213.27	\$108.19	\$139.31	\$2,707.00	\$1,262.50
Flora	\$4,479.58	\$2,628.93	\$399.03	\$202.46	\$260.68	\$8,579.95	\$2,103.14
Georgetown	\$5,341.86	\$600.00	\$475.84	\$241.42	\$310.86	\$5,500.00	\$2,259.69
Glenview	\$4,040.61	\$1,754.95	\$359.92	\$182.61	\$235.13	\$5,374.00	\$1,575.14
Godfrey	\$757.90	\$160.41	\$67.52	\$34.26	\$44.10	\$502.37	\$323.76
Granite City CTM	\$45.46	\$25.00	\$4.05	\$2.05	\$2.64	\$52.14	\$20.00
Griggsville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Harrisburg Oasis Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highland	\$214.14	\$0.00	\$19.09	\$9.70	\$12.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Jerseyville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.66	\$0.00
Laclede	\$542.38	\$256.16	\$48.31	\$24.52	\$31.56	\$951.06	\$238.59
Lincoln	\$2,029.40	\$1,030.00	\$180.77	\$91.73	\$118.10	\$2,350.00	\$870.00
Mahomet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mansfield Community	\$2,493.99	\$1,313.00	\$222.16	\$112.71	\$145.14	\$2,860.00	\$1,051.00
Marion First	\$508.17	\$455.00	\$45.28	\$22.98	\$29.57	\$1,285.58	\$350.00
Marshall	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mattoon East Side	\$3,387.88	\$1,724.05	\$301.78	\$153.11	\$197.14	\$5,564.39	\$1,494.60
Mattoon Real Life Community	\$2,287.98	\$1,069.89	\$203.80	\$103.40	\$133.14	\$2,646.62	\$965.85
Monticello	\$1,595.01	\$1,068.59	\$142.08	\$72.08	\$92.82	\$2,553.00	\$546.00
Mount Carmel	\$1,078.05	\$0.00	\$96.03	\$48.73	\$62.72	\$610.25	\$494.13
Mount Erie	\$1,488.18	\$635.47	\$132.56	\$67.26	\$86.61	\$1,598.49	\$585.44
Mount Sterling	\$368.56	\$0.00	\$32.83	\$16.66	\$21.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mount Vernon	\$653.28	\$50.00	\$58.19	\$29.52	\$38.01	\$120.00	\$300.00
Murphysboro	\$3,374.36	\$0.00	\$300.61	\$152.53	\$196.37	\$0.00	\$1,409.76
Nebo	\$2,015.55	\$804.34	\$179.54	\$91.09	\$117.28	\$2,077.96	\$762.24
Oakwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Ogden	\$3,153.23	\$2,197.39	\$280.88	\$142.50	\$183.49	\$4,194.87	\$1,535.31
Olivet	\$3,034.05	\$835.00	\$270.27	\$137.12	\$176.56	\$2,000.00	\$1,205.00
Olney	\$2,746.45	\$1,282.86	\$244.63	\$124.11	\$159.80	\$2,720.37	\$1,159.29
Pana First	\$1,179.80	\$1,108.31	\$105.09	\$53.32	\$68.65	\$2,499.22	\$908.83
Paris First	\$1,951.00	\$930.52	\$173.80	\$88.18	\$113.53	\$3,995.89	\$943.86
Pittsfield	\$10,601.52	\$5,594.05	\$944.36	\$479.15	\$616.95	\$15,921.05	\$4,689.75
Quincy Emmanuel	\$2,087.52	\$447.86	\$185.95	\$94.34	\$121.48	\$3,636.55	\$875.52
Rantoul	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$970.00	\$222.23
Roxana	\$10,896.36	\$5,614.18	\$970.62	\$492.46	\$634.08	\$13,327.97	\$4,849.92
Royalton First	\$2,498.18	\$898.00	\$222.53	\$112.91	\$145.38	\$3,250.00	\$718.00
Salem Grace	\$17,545.60	\$9,056.97	\$1,562.89	\$792.99	\$1,021.01	\$21,363.77	\$7,778.46
Shelbyville	\$8,181.37	\$3,526.47	\$728.77	\$369.76	\$476.10	\$8,843.44	\$3,238.98
Sherman	\$3,898.59	\$1,928.96	\$347.28	\$176.21	\$226.86	\$4,734.30	\$1,722.66
Sparta	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Springfield First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,897.00	\$3,822.01
Springfield Trinity	\$1,389.29	\$1,025.12	\$123.76	\$62.79	\$80.84	\$2,822.00	\$1,400.27
Taylorville First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuscola	\$1,683.72	\$500.00	\$149.99	\$76.09	\$97.97	\$2,910.00	\$800.00
Urbana Lighthouse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$265.41	\$98.64
Vandalia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Virden	\$350.26	\$44.43	\$31.20	\$15.83	\$20.38	\$372.75	\$44.43
West Union	\$1,137.13	\$0.00	\$101.30	\$51.40	\$66.17	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$199,751.23	\$92,326.15	\$17,793.37	\$9,027.79	\$11,623.93	\$261,616.51	\$90,933.02

# CHURCH NEWS

## Thank You

Dear Illinois District Family,  
Your kindness expressed through your thoughts, prayers, cards, beautiful plant and attending the visitation and/or funeral, has been a great comfort to us during the loss of our loved one, Avis Lee Wilson.

Sincerely,  
Paul and Davette Lee and family



**Available for ministry!!** Rev. Gary Clark has informed the district office that The Clarks are available for ministry in churches on Monday and Tuesdays and Thursdays - Saturday. They will be happy to help you with special music in revivals, special services or in concert. If you would like to schedule them contact Rev. Clark at 618-889-5065.



## Prayer Encounter

April 13 - Decatur  
April 14 - Belleville

More Info Coming Soon!

## District Leadership Team-

I want to take a moment to **thank you all for your support of my trip to Thailand**. The trip was a beautiful experience, where God continued to open my eyes to His mission through His people around the world. I was able to hear incredible stories of how the kingdom is advancing in places such as Columbia, Bangladesh and Thailand itself. Being able to meet and worship in unity with 225 other young leaders, from 65 nations is an opportunity that most people will never have this side of Heaven. I was able to form friendships which continue beyond the event itself and will serve as a source of encouragement in the years to come. As North Americans we find ourselves in challenging times as our churches and leaders struggle to adjust to the new context we find ourselves in. This being said I am encouraged by the leaders I have met from all over the globe who are fully dedicated to see the Kingdom advance in every nation. We are a part of a dynamic, unified church which is being used by God in powerful ways in the nations. Thank you so much for support!



P.S. I have attached the group picture from the event.

Blessings,

**Matthew R. Soulia**





**Missional Strategy**  
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### **Urbana Lighthouse on the Move..... by Pastor Wayne Clevenger**

*Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed." -- Habakkuk 2:2-3(NLT)*

It had been over three years of praying. After several potential building disappointments, the natural response of any body of people let alone a body of new Christian believers would be woeful. Yet they stood on the scripture found in Habakkuk 2, and knew it would have to be in God's time. The people were challenged to make the space of their basement worship area a real issue and they did. Then the people were challenged to support what they believe in and they developed and built a building fund. As God sorted through the Israelites while wandering in the wilderness before leading them to the promise land, He too developed and secured heart felt and Spirit led individuals to build His church in Urbana.



As Pastor Wayne prayed for God to send someone that would be willing to work with his congregation, and a building they would be able to use with little or no work to do in changing its cosmetics, the Lord said it was time. The people of Urbana Lighthouse had been faithfully praying and giving towards the ministries of the church. The congregation that had started out with the Clevenger's and one was now in the seventies. The building fund was growing. People were witness to and receptive of God's awesome power in healing miracles and His transforming grace. The church was on the move and ready to take the next step.

After years of praying and faithful giving, God sent a man to Pastor Wayne with a building. The man was an old friend who Wayne grew up with and from whom he had learned a great deal. The man heard of the church and said to Wayne, "I got what you need", and led him to a building that was move-in ready. Wayne was caught dumbfounded and speechless, then the man also said he



was willing to work with the Urbana Lighthouse people as they transition and would keep rent at the same rate they were currently paying for a building one third the size of the one he offered. Yes, the new building would be ten thousand square feet, complete with fellowship rooms, a huge nursery area and several Sunday school rooms. Again speechless Pastor Wayne could only say, "I'll get back to you." As Wayne sat in his vehicle asking the Lord if He could give him a sign if this truly was the place, he felt the Lord asking, "What more sign do you need"? The Lord reminded Wayne of his prayers and revealed to him how they had been answered. The owner continued to work with Wayne, the city worked with the Church, and approvals were given. Urbana Lighthouse

now worships in a new ground level building giving them more opportunity to be the beacon to the community they know God wants them to be.

The Upward Basketball ministry of Urbana Lighthouse is bigger and more families are being ministered to this year than ever before. They have seen the youth group and the Caravan program grow as a result of the greater space. They are on track to teach a Financial Peace class for those of their Upward community. Karen and Wayne are also CPR instructors and have already been asked to teach CPR classes through their church.

God has opened many new doors for them as they crossed over into their new building. The first Sunday they had seventy-seven in attendance and celebrated the New Covenant as the Israelites did after crossing the Jordan. Lives were changed that Sunday and they closed the service with communion as they dedicated their ministries and lives to Christ. The people of the church – Urbana Lighthouse – have learned the rewards of God's timing. Pastor Wayne says; "We are a blessed group and we understand that as long as we let God lead us, just as it was in the days of Joshua, 'No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you....This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'"



God is alive in a manifested way in Urbana, and the work has only begun. Pastor Wayne can only say, "We are truly blessed!"