

January 2010

As we begin a new year, we look back and give thanks for all that God has done over this past year. As we do that, we are keenly aware that you are part of God's work here. And so as we give thanks to God for this past year, we want to also thank you for your part in this work. We understand that your part is at least as important as ours. For as Bernard of Chartres said, we are dwarfs standing on the shoulders of giants.



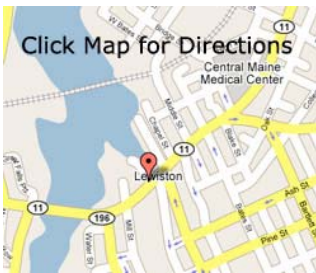
missions trip to New Orleans

663
prayer partners



10
clients

2009



praise services



15
praise services

home group

~38
average attendance

84
Facebook fans and group members



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Ken & Linda arrive



WARM RELATIONSHIPS BANISH THE BLAHS

by Ken

It's that time of year again. The beginning of a new one, that is. The old has gone; the new has come. As is customary in our culture, we now look forward to resolutions, broken resolutions, Valentine's Day, tax season and, most importantly here in Maine, spring. And, I'm told, until my front lawn frees itself from its snowy confines and peeks at me, I will remain cocooned in my own home. Sounds depressing, doesn't it?

At this time of year it's easy to feel emotionally crushed by winter weather, holiday bills, returning to work or school pressure or even a sense that last year was personally unproductive. Winter's biting coldness and dark days beckon many of us to hunker down, retreat from relationships and pray for strength until the light of spring begins to shine. Don't do it!

God created us in his image, and he is relational. He has commanded us to love one another and share one another's burdens. How can we love one another if we do not know each other? We cannot! We only know one another through time spent together.

Winter calls us to insulate ourselves, stay indoors and hibernate. God's call to relationship never takes a season off because we always need relationship, both with him and with each other. So this winter buck the trend. Keep attending church, small groups and events. Invite people to dinner, help shovel a neighbor's driveway, have a game night. By all means, if you're married continue having date nights. Don't let cold, clouds and weather keep you from loving your neighbor.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✎ Praise God for the wonder of his work in and through us. Praise him for the many reminders he gave in 2009 of his promise to us in Christ Jesus.
- ✎ Pray that we would find ways to build relationship as we and so many others want to go into our winter cocoons.
- ✎ Pray for Ken as he builds relationships with local pastors and others who can refer clients to Jordan's Bridge. Pray for new clients and for Ken as he counsels and brings the power of the gospel to his clients.
- ✎ Pray for peace and security in God's provision as many in Free Grace face difficult times financially. Pray for Free Grace as the economic times catch up to our partners and we seek new partners to replace those who have had to drop off.
- ✎ Pray for Free Grace as we look towards beginning weekly worship. Pray for a sense of urgency in us to be active in preparing for this and a sense of openness to God using us to speak to friends about Christ and the church.
- ✎ Praise God for all who have been called to be a part part of his work at Free Grace. Rejoice with us for the people he has raised up in this area, and for each of you and the part he has given you in this work.



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