

CELLAN UPDATE

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ABRAHAM AND SARAH...A NEW MINISTRY ADVENTURE

Dear Friends,

While unpacking our suitcases on a cold, dreary Tuesday morning in January, Jerry walked into our bedroom and asked, "Guess what, Sue? We've been on the road 58 days in the past three months!" Oh my! No wonder I was feeling a bit weary.

In early 2007, I accepted Jerry's prayerful challenge to become Sarah if he became Abraham—with the conviction that we would travel to "the land God would show us," just like Old Testament Abraham and Sarah did in Genesis 12. As most of you know, on Nov. 2, 2007, God confirmed to us that "the land" he was showing us is Eau Claire (EC), WI. Our next ministry assignment is to plant a new Evangelical Free Church in Eau Claire!

Since Nov. 2nd, we have traveled to Eau Claire on regular three-day weekend trips, and have attended two challenging church planting seminars in Austin, TX and Deerfield, IL. Jerry has regular appointments with his church planting coach and steering team, to help him establish this new church.

Each time we plan a trip to EC, we ask God for "Divine appointments" to meet people who don't yet know Jesus Christ, as well as to share our ministry vision with people who are already Christ followers. Our weekdays are filled with planning, strategizing, reading, networking by cell and email, preparing messages—and **LOTS OF PRAYER.**

Our current ministry focus is to build a financial support team, a prayer team, and a launch team who will be the



Waiting for our house to sell

core members of this new church.

Church planting is the most faith-stretching ministry we have ever been called to lead. As Ed Stetzer, a guru of church planting, said in his message at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School on Jan. 29th, "**The ONLY reason to plant a church is because of what Jesus did on the cross for us.**"

The power of the gospel message that has revolutionized our personal lives, our

marriage and our family, is our motivation to plant a church that will bring others to Jesus Christ, and ultimately display God's greatness.

The Cellans

PLEASE PRAY!

- For the sale of our house, so that we can move to Eau Claire.
- Growth of the EC financial team, launch team and prayer team.
- Strategic appointments with spiritually curious people and Christ followers in EC.
- Joy and excitement as we face each new, unpredictable day, and blessing on our kids as they watch this adventure unfold for their parents!!

YEA GOD!

Year-end giving toward
\$25,000 goal:
\$21,954.50

As of 2/1/08 – 40% of
2008 EC church plant
budget raised.

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be part of the Eau Claire
Church Planting Team.

VISION

Our vision is to establish a strong, growing and vitally healthy church in Eau Claire that will spearhead a church planting movement in western Wisconsin. We dream of 1,000 people of all ages coming to faith in Jesus Christ during the next 10 years. We envision lives radically impacted for Christ and entire families changed forever. We see God using this new church to plant four other churches in the next 10 years.