

## CELLAN UPDATE

MAY 2008

## THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES...

Dear Friends,

**One of our favorite passages on prayer is found in Luke 18, where Jesus instructs his followers to “pray and never give up”.** As many of you know, we have been praying for the sale of our house since March of 2007. Many of you have joined us in that prayer.

**On April 7<sup>th</sup>,** Sue received a text message from our son, Dango, which said “I finished my fast. You should get an offer on your house.” Our Stoughton house had been on the market for 53 weeks, and although it had been shown over 40 times, we had not received one offer until that very day! On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we accepted the offer, after a few counters back and forth.

**The following weekend (April 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>)** we traveled

to Eau Claire to house hunt, as well as meet with the Eau Claire Church Plant Launch Team.

**On Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>,** we made an offer to purchase a house we had seen over the weekend. Our offer was accepted the same day with no counter-offers!

**Then, the excitement began!** Because we had an April 25<sup>th</sup> closing on our Stoughton house and a May 1<sup>st</sup> closing on our Eau Claire house, and we already were scheduled with ministry responsibilities for the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, AND we needed to be in Orlando, Florida, for a church planting conference April 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, we literally had three days (April 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>) to

pack and load up all of our belongings and move to Eau Claire.

**In the meantime, Faith Evangelical Free Church of Fall Creek hosted a powerful prayer walk in Eau Claire on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>,** to pray for the new Eau Claire Church Plant. Although it was a cold, windy day, God was honored by the team made up of Stoughton, Janesville, Madison, Fall Creek and Eau Claire folks.

In closing, we are reminded of Jesus’ final comment to his story in Luke 18. He said that when the answer to prayer finally comes, it will come “QUICKLY”. The past month has been incredibly fast-paced, as God has an-

swered prayer after prayer. We are so thankful that God has clearly and QUICKLY directed us to Eau Claire to join Jesus in building a new EFCA church for His glory. Thanks to those who prayed and offered practical help this past month. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue this adventure!

*The Cellans*

**Matching Fund Offer**

A Christian businessman has offered up to \$3,000 in matching funds for another \$3,000 matching commitment given in 2008 to the Eau Claire Church Plant. To donate, contact [www.forestlakes-efca.org](http://www.forestlakes-efca.org).

**PLEASE PRAY!**

- For the Launch Team to experience significant growth this summer.
- For the Church Plant to be fully funded for 2008.
- For the Cellans to successfully reach out to their neighbors.
- For Jerry to find favor with community pastors as he meets them.
- For the Prayer Team to grow to 100 people committed to pray regularly for the Church Plant.

If you want to join the prayer team to receive regular email updates, contact Jerry at [jecellan@yahoo.com](mailto:jecellan@yahoo.com) or Deb at [oakchaser@aol.com](mailto:oakchaser@aol.com).

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Call to learn how you can be part of the Eau Claire Church Plant Support Team.



April 26th Prayer Walk Team

**VISION**

**Our vision is to establish a strong, growing and vitally healthy, multi-generational 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.**

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