



THE PARRS—WESTERN CHURCH PLANTING

9/26/06

Dear praying friends,

Thanks for the continued prayers. Since we have arrived in Anacortes a little over a month ago, the blessings just keep coming.

The home we are in is more than we could have hoped for. It is just what is needed for having Wednesday night meetings; there is plenty of room for fellowship.

We needed a piano for Chelsea (our church pianist!) to practice on, and the Lord provided a Hardman spinet free of charge. Someone had moved from the area and didn't want to ship it. It was left at a hardware store until the owners of the store heard about our need and told us to 'come get it.' It is beautiful and has many years of use still in it.

One of my concerns has been renting a building in Anacortes for meetings. Our support level is at 70%, which just covers our living expenses here. We have more deputation meetings in the near future, but Pastor Coursen and I are hoping to start our first service at the beginning of December, after we canvass the town using a phone canvassing program. Needless to say, I've been wondering how we could rent a building. Some pastors in the area spend over a thousand dollars a month just renting facilities for four Sundays a month. On my first day investigating I found that the new public library in Anacortes has a conference room that seats 80 comfortably (its maximum occupancy is 143). The library staff checked city policy and told us that we could use it for as long as we needed it, provided we declared at the outset that it isn't our permanent "residence." My heart leaped. It is a beautiful facility. I asked what the rent would be, and they told me it is free because it is a public service. Praise the Lord for another amazing answer to prayer!

We began permanent Wednesday night services at my house two weeks ago, and last Wednesday night, a 17 year old who is a friend to our core families wanted to talk with me after the prayer time. I took him out to the only place we knew of that was open at 9 PM, MacDonald's. We each ate a burger, and I was able to share the gospel with him and answer some of his questions. I asked him if he wanted to be saved, and he said he did. I asked him if he wanted to pray in MacDonald's, and he said, "let's go out to the car." We sat in his car as he "called upon the name of the Lord" to be saved from his sins. It really was thrilling to see the Lord work in his life. Pray for Lance as he grows in the Lord. He already is showing strong interest in the Bible.

Thank you for praying for us so faithfully. As we move forward, we know that our hope of seeing a faithful church here in Anacortes is dependent upon the Lord's active working. Please continue to pray for us.

In Christ,

Tom Parr and family

PS: We have a name now: Cornerstone Baptist Church.

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*Declare His glory
among the heathen,
His wonders among
all people—Psalm
96:3*

Please pray:

- *For the phone canvassing program*
- *For increase of support level*
- *For more people to be saved*
- *For services to start in December*
- *For ability to be faithful in the details*

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