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News Of The Gate Church, North Lima, OH



Claiming the Hope of Heaven Together John 10:9-10

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## Knick Family News

**Jessica** is doing very well in school (2nd Grade). Vanda and I are quite pleased at the development of her desire to read. She reads beyond what the required homework stipulates. Also, she is quite excited about finishing her book at AWANA and moving up to the Blue Book.

**Emma** has been having some trouble with the tubes surgically placed in her ears last August. She may need another set put in a few months down the road. Please pray for her because it can be quite painful at times. Emma did perform successfully in her school's Christmas play (1st Grade). She was "Dancer" the reindeer. Her favorite part was when they got to wiggle their backsides as they sang.

**Zach** (3 1/2 yrs. Old) is speaking much better. He had tubes put in his ears as well over the summer. We discovered that his ability to hear was very poor until then, so he has had some catching up to do. His teachers at pre-school have done a tremendous job. His favorite part of school is getting on and off the bus.

**Vanda** (29 yrs old . . . again) is loving her job as a Librarian at the Hubbard Library. She has recently made the tough decision to discontinue teaching music lessons in Poland, OH.

## Prayer Concerns

- The pre-Christians in North Lima
- Support Raising
- Larry Wehr's eyesight
- Evangelism Training of the Launch Team

## Church News

O.K. The name's a bad pun on the *Vindicator*, the local newspaper of choice in the Mahoning Valley. But it does serve to illustrate one of the many beauties of doing a church plant. We are free to try anything to find out what works for us! By the way, if you haven't caught on yet (and for those of you not familiar with the ministry plan for The Gate), the word "claim" is highlighted because it outlines the five key values that we hold to in achieving the vision God has given us:

**Celebrating** (worship), **Living** (small groups), **Assisting** (Spiritual Gift based service), **Increasing** (Evangelism) and **Maturing** (Education).

We also have the freedom to choose the logo that best suits us. The picture above is another concept created by Kim Wetzl (she did the fish one at the top of this page, too). I'll continue to share with you some of the ideas we have for Newsletter names, logos and other ideas and will readily accept any comments you may have.



The new year brings on a new chapter in the story of The Gate. We are now full time church planters! I often marvel at the task God has laid before us—both the work yet to do and the provision the Lord Jesus Christ has given in the early stages. Our Launch Team is forming rapidly. I've had the opportunity to meet with several people during the first week of the New Year that are interested in partnering with us.

So, fasten your seat belts! As Steven Curtis Chapman sings, get ready for the ride of your life! God is with us, so we can, and must, expect unfathomable things to happen along the way.

## Financial Support

Budget per month	\$9,250
Current raised amount	\$5,083
Needed	\$4,167

## Let the Training Begin!

Our first Launch Team Meeting will be held at the Pine Lake Social Hall this Sunday, January 7. The first aspect of our training will be held the four Sunday Evenings in January. Our discussion will center around Bill Hybels' new book **Just Walk Across The Room**. I have read the book and am very excited to share Pastor Hybels' thoughts on how changing our approach to bringing people into a knowledge of Jesus Christ can change our lives as well as theirs.



The Pine Lake Social Hall is a beautiful setting on the shore of Pine Lake. It's right off of Market Street (Route 7) about 2 miles south of the center of North Lima.

This picture is the sign that is out front. The building with the

archway appears to indicate that it is private property, but even though you'll need to go under the archway of the building, Harbour Lights Road is a public road. The road T's at the base of the hill (Mapquest doesn't indicate this). Turn right. It is the first building you come to. For you Mapquesters, the address is: 14105



Market Street. Columbiana, OH, 44408. Call my cell if you need help getting there: (330) 261-5753. There's no need to let me know that you are coming Just show up and join in!

Please pray that the Launch Team is inspired by the Spirit of God as we undertake this most crucial aspect of this incredible Journey.