

The

# Vindiclaimer

The Gate Church of Columbiana / North Lima, OH

www.GateChurchLife.org  
Dave@GateChurchLife.org

(330) 726-8767



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

Vol. 1-8, August, 2007

Pastor Dave & Vanda Knickerbocker — Church Planters  
Kim Wetzl — Worship Leader

## Our Wish List . . .

- **A drum set** and a drummer would be useful, too! We believe that God has someone in mind, and we may even know who it is!
- **A trailer.** The school will have storage, but it will not be enough.
- Good quality **Carafes** for the coffee house.
- **Video game units and games** for the Gatekeepers!
- **Walkie-Talkies** for communication on Sundays.

## A Quick Thought (Pastor Dave)

We've come a long way since God began the vision for The Gate. As I am writing this newsletter, we have less than a month until the launch of this new church, and, believe me, the butterflies are coming out! This has prompted me to look back on what God has done.

Just fifteen months ago our church had neither a name nor funding. Possible locations have since shifted from south Boardman to Poland to North Lima and, the eventual location, Columbiana. The Gate was merely a ministry plan that outlined the core values that would define the personality of this new Body of believers. Kim had just begun to put together a logo that would fit our purposes, and had only dreamed of being a worship leader on staff of a new church! Vanda and I didn't even know most of our current 22-member launch team the many friends who support us in prayer and finances. And, up until just six weeks ago, we didn't even know where our church would be meeting!

God often tells His people to **remember**. In Deuteronomy (Moses' farewell speech) Moses tells the Israelites to remember that they were slaves once (5:15). All they had accomplished was due to God. They were powerless to change their situation, but God came through and not only saved them, but gave them a purpose - A full life!



Columbiana High School

## Prayer

- The "unconvinced" in Columbiana/N. Lima
- Kenny Wehr's eyes
- Support Raising (Both the Knick's & Kim)
- Launch Team Growth (8 new members!)

## Church News

We are counting down the final days to lift-off! The launch will be on September 9, at Columbiana High School, and the launch team is working hard to make it a successful one! There will be a **Preview Service** held at the high school on **Sunday, August 26, at 6 pm.** There are many purposes for the preview service. We need a "dress rehearsal" for launch day so that we can anticipate any problems. For those who have an interest in what we are doing but want a little more info before becoming fully active on our launch team, this will give you insight into whether or not this ministry is for you. Please bring as many people from your church as possible to encourage us as we approach lift-off!

Our children's ministry (pre-school to 4th Grade) has been named **KidQuest**, and the middle school ministry (run by **Kevin and Kimmy McLaughlin** . . . *definitely* sent by God Himself!) is called **Gatekeepers**. We are in great need for more volunteers to help in these areas! It has been designed to require little or no planning from those who may volunteer every other Sunday (or even once a month) to help get us started in the early stages of The Gate.

Our **small groups** are already in action, under the guidance of **Rick Rupe!** There are three groups that each meet once a week in different homes of our launch team membership. During our pre-launch phase, we will be focusing on small group leadership training so that we will have several small group leaders who are prepared to launch their small groups as guests show a desire to be more involved in the "living" aspect of The Gate. Small group leadership has a great deal to do with praying for, and relating to, people and nothing to do with having a Bible degree!

You are invited to join the members of the launch team. We have added two more people since the last newsletter, and there are some who are still considering helping out. Please pray that God sends more workers because the harvest is great! Thanks again, for all of your support! God is at work, and we are enjoying the ride!

## Financial Support

Budget per month	\$9,250
Current raised amount	<u>\$6,500</u>
Needed	\$2,750