

February 2009 Zach's House Newsletter

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Things going well ministry wise. We never complain about the way things go with our church planting work, at least on the people side? Some of our highlights during February include Mary Ann's time spent with Cindy who you know a little about her from our newsletters. Like most people, Cindy craves friendship and needs our prayers. Mary Ann got to spend a Sunday evening with her, first at McDonalds with the kids and then at her apartment. Mary Ann and our son Zeke didn't get back home until 11:30 p.m. I'll try to get a picture of Cindy and her family for our newsletter next month.



The above Starbucks in Euless is home of our latest small group. We began this group with Chris who has regularly been coming to our Wednesday night pizza and prayer groups. Praise God for this new group. It won't always meet at Starbucks, sometimes we'll even take field trips like we did last Wednesday night when we went to visit a local congregation where one of my old professors was speaking on the gospel in the old testament. Also found out that Chris' brother Cody might begin visiting our pizza and prayer nights. It looks like we might need to have two groups meeting for pizza and prayer if we get a few more people. One evening we had thirteen people and some great prayer request and praises.



Lushaj's Pizza (home of our pizza and prayer night)

Our Heartland Church work is going well. We worked with 19 people one of our Sundays in Feb. It was a great day. We love each and every resident, care worker and family member that comes our way. We have even been looking at revamping our missions work and are inquiring about providing money for cataract surgeries in Bhutan instead of our current effort in helping those in Yushu, Tibet. Unfortunately, we have lost all of our funding for Heartland and are working on replacing that \$400 a month. Our lives would be empty without this work. I also created a website for Heartland. You can see it by [clicking here](#). Spoke about our Heartland work while I preached at North Irving C of C at the end of February. It was a good homecoming for me but also sad. It looks like the church will soon shut its doors.

Spent more time talking with Summer and Joe (Starbucks baristas). Finding out more about their lives and saying they have had a turbulent upbringing is an understatement. Pray that we can be with them more. Usually I get to spend time talking with them while I visit Starbucks. Unfortunately, money is again an issue. Less money, less Starbucks visits, less money, less time to spend with Joe and Summer in any other social environment too. If you would like to know more about Summer and Joe and pray for them, please email or call us.

I began using twitter during February. We're making some friends in our community, even fellow church planters, using this form of social media. If you're on Twitter, follow me @casadezach.

Our fundraising is looking very hopeless to say the least. I know it isn't really hopeless but the results so far are not encouraging. We received \$100 in the mail today from a kind minister in Hamilton, NC. We've got eleven churches to speak to in October and November and some decent donations scheduled for then. Pray that we can last until October. Pray that money will come our way soon! Tomorrow, I will dilute the last of our mutual funds to pay rent and insurance this month. We've now spent our life savings over the past 18 months to do this work. Has it been worth it? I would say so. Others might disagree. It would be a waste to end everything now. We just sent out a personal fundraising letter the other day, our first one. Hopefully it will yield some good results.

As you know, I'm a photographer and writer. I sold my first greeting card and my first editorial image in February, and on the same day! Good news. Here's hoping for more. The image was in the February 16th Financial Times in London. Mary Ann and I are poised to have an "Amazing March." We both have begun focusing more on our spiritual life and are doing our best to put God first, not just in talk, but in the use of our time. More prayer together will be beneficial. She's still looking for prayer partners that understand the difficulties of ministry. Qualified applicants can apply anytime via email :)

I've already seen some benefits of an Amazing March. We're praying for all Zach's House members and friends to give up or add something to their lives that will help them have an amazing month and will see them walking closer to God and becoming a better person. Please pray for Zach's House each day this month. We'd appreciate it. I hope you will also visit the Heartland website and see the prayer requests there each week. Thank you for reading this extremely long newsletter. Imagine this, I could have written more but I am falling asleep. Hope your March is amazing too.

God bless y'all,
Brian Humek and family (March 2, 2009 11:39 p.m. G'night!)