

Fourth Day Newsletter

Dakotas' Walk to Emmaus

Greetings from Your Emmaus Board

February 2009

I'm sure many of you have read, heard, or said the Prayer of Jabez. One part of that prayer is to expand your territory. Well, God does do what you ask, but perhaps not always how we think he should. But he does do what we ask if it's for His glory!

In January, I became your new Community Lay Director, I could say "I heard that train a coming!!!", but I am proud to have been asked to be your Community Lay Director.

I feel you have a great board to represent you. But with all that, the reason why I am writing

this letter is to ask for your help! We have two Walks coming up in March with two outstanding teams ready to give God all that they have. However, we need your help in getting pilgrims signed up.

As you know the board had to cancel the Men's Walk at Storm Mountain last fall. We do not want to have to make a decision like that again. Remember back to when you went on your Walk and what God has done in your life since **your sponsor sponsored YOU? PLEASE, if God is placing anyone on**

your heart – respond.

I would also like to encourage all those that have not had the opportunity to work on a Walk, to consider helping on one of Agape teams. I have worked on many Walks in the conference room as well as on the Agape team – and most people will agree, the opportunity to work on the Agape team was probably the most satisfying.

Your Brother in Christ,
Boyd Heckel
Community Lay Director

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Upcoming Walks:

Men's March 12–15
Ladies March 19–22

See our Web site for more information:

www.dakotaswalk.org

Bringing People to Jesus

As the time draws near for Walks #35 & #36, we need to be reminded that we are called to be a "Disciple of Jesus Christ." We have all been given the responsibility to tell others about Christ. After Andrew heard

what John had said about Jesus, he became a follower of Jesus. John 1:41 tells us that the first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him "We have found the Messiah (that is, the Christ). And he brought

him to Jesus." Imagine the excitement that Andrew felt when he became a follower of Christ. He couldn't wait to go tell his brother that he had found the long awaited Messiah!

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Please sign up to support the upcoming Walks in prayer:

www.dakotaswalk.org

From the Lay Director of the Men's Walk #35

Wow! Yesterday the temperature was 50 degrees and today it's supposed to be similar. Spring fever is in the air!

Speaking of spring, it is just a few short weeks until the Emmaus Walks will take place at Inspiration Hills. The Men's Walk is March 12–15 and the Women's Walk is March 19–22. Our first practice session occurred at Huron Riverview UMC on January 23–24. It was a busy, exciting time as fourth dayers gathered to sing, worship, and share their talks. God is preparing wonderful messages to touch the hearts of the pilgrims. It was an enriching time as Pastors Peter W. Wagner, Jan Price, and Karen Garrison led us in worship and communion. The second practice session was held at the Dell Rapids UMC on February 20–21.

The formation of the Men's team has been a delight. Last fall when the telephone calls were made, nearly every person contacted agreed to fulfill their role as table leader, assistant table leader,

spiritual leader, or assistant lay director. Since that time, Peter W. Wagner, spiritual director of Men's Walk #35, has kept us in contact by providing devotions for us to read and meditate on. We are asked to respond to the devotions by explaining how the message correlates with God working in our lives. It is touching as one reads of the impact God's Holy Word has on His believers throughout the area. I thank Peter W. for his faithfulness and insight toward preparing us for the upcoming Walk.

Doug Prunty, last year's lay director, has agreed to head up the Agape team. He is busy gathering workers. If you and your friends want to participate in a spiritually rewarding weekend, call Doug (605.528.6996) and volunteer to help make this the "best weekend

ever" for the 36 pilgrims.

With the preparations God has made for the upcoming Walks, it is important that we do our part by providing the pilgrims. We have been praying for fertile seedbeds for the Word of God to fall upon. Now is the time to act; we must ask those people who need to hear the Word to attend. I am personally contacting 8 people with the hopes of having two attend. Like what has happened in our Men's Group, when one went, he convinced another to go, who convinced another, who convinced another, etc. If the Walk to Emmaus touched your heart, tell your best friend and bring him to this Walk. God will provide the incentive, but you must do the inviting. Pilgrim sign-up and sponsor sheets are available on-line at Dakota's Walk to Emmaus.

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Tom Baruth

Lay Director for the Men's Dakotas' Walk to Emmaus #35

"With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation."

—Isaiah 12:3

Bringing People to Jesus *(continued)*

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Are you excited to tell others about your Walk to Emmaus experience? Are you praying and asking God to reveal the names of those pilgrims that He is calling to participate in these upcoming Walks? Do you find it difficult to talk to others about this spiritual journey with Christ for 72 hours? Isn't it funny how we can talk to anyone about the weather, the economic situation our nation is in, or about the best movie we saw last weekend. But, when it comes to talking to others about Christ, we "hide our head in

the sand."

Do you remember how excited you were when you completed your journey on Sunday evening and started your 4th Day! The big question we all had to answer was "What are you going to do about it?" It is our time again to do something about it!! If each one of

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

—Philippians 4:13

us would sponsor just one new pilgrim, both conference rooms would be overflowing. Let's get excited to share this Walk to Emmaus experience with a new pilgrim! Be praying daily to see whom God wants you to sponsor in March. Please don't limit yourself or God, because "all things are possible."

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Tonya Whitmore

Lay Director for the Ladies' Dakotas' Walk to Emmaus # 36

2009–2010 Dakotas' Walk to Emmaus Board Committee Assignments

Agape	Marcy Bourk
Button Maker	Sarah Hock
Community Supplies	John & Jane Hurley
Database	Betty Duncan, Boyd Heckel
Facilities	Carey McBride (West River), Deb Mack (East River)
Forms	Bob & Joann Barden
Gatherings	Howard & Deb Pearl
Group Reunions	Bob & Joann Barden
Historian	Howard & Deb Pearl
Lit/Promo/Communication	Betty Duncan & Carey McBride, Marcy Bourk
Newsletter	Craig Walters, Sarah Hock, Retha Settle, John Duncan
Nominations	Iva Laudermitth, Martha Brandt, Bob Crawford, Bob Settle, Deb Pearl, Jan Price
Past Community LD	Bob Crawford
Prayer Chain	Linda Hebert
Registrations	Carey McBride (West River), Linda Hebert (East River)
Scholarship Team	Boyd Heckel, Iva Laudermitth, Bob Barden, Carey McBride, Linda Hebert
Team Selection (East River)	John Hurley, Boyd Heckel, Iva Laudermitth, Kevin Hebert, Deb Pearl, Jan Price
Team Selection (West River)	John Hurley, Boyd Heckel, Iva Laudermitth, John & Betty Duncan, Bob & Retha Settle

The Untold Story...

The Dakotas' Walk to Emmaus community numbers several hundred people. Each of those community members has a story of what (and how) God is moving in their lives.

Some of these stories get shared with others, but I venture to guess that the vast majority of them are never shared beyond a small circle of believers.

If you wish to share your story of how God is moving in your life, please send an e-mail to dakokorg@dakotaswalk.org or a letter to me:

Craig Walters

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Be blessed!

Colossians 2:1–10:

¹I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. ²My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, ³in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. ⁵For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

⁶So then, just as you received

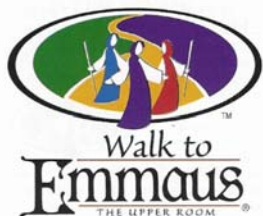
Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

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We're on the Web!
www.dakotaswalk.org

The Back Page...

by Craig Walters

This is where I used to try and say something profound. Unfortunately, 2008 was a difficult year for me, so I am not sure how profound I can be at this point in 2009.

With the coming of Lent, I look forward to a time of spiritual renewal and the opportunity to reawaken my faith. Lent (and especially Easter) has become my favorite time of the year.

Sunday night I attended my "evening" church and we birthed a new church to reach the lost of Sioux Falls.

It was an incredibly moving experience. I have never

witnessed a new church coming to life, but as I reflected on the meaning of this event I realized how much Jesus' loves the church and each of us.

I wish I were able to convey just how powerfully God spoke to me at that service. The feeling of love was overwhelming and the sense of calling and purpose were clear. As followers of Jesus, we are called to live lives filled with love.

Loving fellow Christians, family members, and friends is not difficult, but loving those who are indifferent or even hostile to the message of Christ is tough.

I think of the words Christ spoke at the end of Matthew, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

I pray that in this season of Lent each of us who claim Christ as Lord and Savior reflect long on what those words mean...and the call they place upon our lives.

My prayer for each of you is that God's love would be made more real in each of your hearts so that each of us is more fully able to love those who need love most.

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