

## **WHAT IS AHEAD FOR 2008?**

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In October, our Leadership Board set six new specific goals that will take us into 2008:

1. We're praying and working towards establishing **5 Active Link Groups by June 2008**. A Link Group is two or more people associated with Lanse Evangelical Free Church who are primarily led by a commissioned Link Group Leader and meet together at least once a month for the purpose of spiritual growth in biblical community. We have 2 active Link Groups now and want to see at least 3 more in place by June.

Are *you* in a Link Group?

2. We're praying and working towards holding **2 Servant Outreach Events by June 2008**. A Servant Outreach is when we go OUT into our community and serve people in Jesus' name and build bridges for the gospel. We believe that good works build good will for the good news. To get these outreaches going, we've established an Outreach Ideas Team whose job is to come up with ideas for Servant Outreaches (big or small) and help us to implement them.

Would *you* like to join the Outreach Ideas Team?

3. We are praying and working towards an **Allegheny District Church Planting Prayer and Support Team with 30 adults praying and raising \$300/month**. We are serving as a guinea pig for this initiative to pray for and fund church planting throughout our District (the district goal is 1,000 praying people and \$120,000). So far already, we have 20 adults praying and more than \$300 per month has been coming in! Praise God!

Is God calling *you* to join the Prayer & Support Team?

4. We are praying and working towards **Totally Eliminating Our Debt**. With just a little over \$3,000 to go, this goal is right within our reach!

5. We are praying and working towards **Developing a Master-Plan for the Next Three Years**. We are hoping to get every leader and ministry involved in developing vision, goals, and plans for furthering the ministry here at Lanse. We want to make sure that we are ready for the future that God has for us. I am hopeful that by next

year's Annual Report, we have a comprehensive plan in place and operating, a plan that is Cross-Centered, Prayer-Driven, and full of Vision.

6. We are praying and working towards a **Leadership Restructuring Completed and Approved by June 2008**. As I mentioned above, we have been working on this for around 3 years and now have some specific proposals to work through with the whole church family. I am hopeful that we can have all of the changes proposed by our April meeting and ready to be put into effect by June or July. I think these will significantly help us to grow into the church God wants us to be.

It's important for us to make goals. And even more important for us to allow the Lord to lead us every step of the way. "The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD" (Proverbs 21:31).

I don't know exactly what the future holds, but I know that God has good things in store for us! I'm hoping to work alongside you in ministry for the next decade!

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14).

In His Grip,

*Pastor Matt*