

UPPER MIDWEST CHURCH PLANTING

The ISEMINGER Family



May/June 2023

ALEXANDRIA

May and June were all about finishing up the new space. A lot of work needed to be done with installing sound equipment, monitors and connecting the old room and the new room via a sliding barn door.

We ran into a pretty significant problem with a lack of ventilation or air-conditioning in the new space. The man who was going to be installing the duct work had trouble ordering the correct pieces and when the pieces were finally ordered, he was also supposed to come in "a day or two". He never came. Still hasn't come. But as the temperature grew outside and the body count grew in the new space, it started to become pretty noticeable. We have put a bandaid on the situation with the sliding barn door, but the need for proper HVAC is still there.

We had a Spiritual Gifts Conference that brought in about 12 visitors, but this was also a really good meeting for our people. The message of the meeting was that God wants to use you in the church.

We picked up our first foreign-field missionary. The Duran Family, church planters in the Philippines.

We also started a mid-week, children's Awana ministry. A young lady in the church is heading this up and doing a great job! We have been averaging between 15 and 20 in attendance each week.

Our church is in an interesting position at the moment where I believe that we are fighting for identity. Everything we do is geared towards evangelizing and reaching the unchurched, but we attract a lot of folks that are churched, but looking for something different. They bring beliefs and preferences with them, some of them are great and helpful, but we often see

that they are incompatible with Biblical teaching and the New Testament church. We are loving folks and teaching the Bible, but are consistently met with varying types of resistance as it relates to our overall goal of seeing a local church established here in Alexandria. Attendance is up, spiritual growth is happening, gospel seeds are being continually sown, and God is at work, but this is an area where we could really use prayer. I may discuss this more in the next letter.

WADENA

Things here are moving forward really well. There is a young lady that has attended and described herself as "searching". I've given her a clear gospel presentation and another lady from the church is going to start meeting with her to do a Bible study. Pray that she makes the time for it. She has also been "searching" with the Jehovah's Witness.

The Macedonia Meeting is only a month away! August 14-16. This is our big outreach project in Wadena, with folks coming from all over the state and country to help us out. We are hoping that this will lead to some salvations and a boost in attendance.

FAMILY UPDATE

We are going to have another BABY! He (yes, it's a boy) is due on January 9th. In May we took a weeklong vacation and met my sister and brother-in-law in Branson, MO. It was great to be with family and get to tell them in person about the new addition. When we told little David that he was going to be a big brother he said "I know, I've already prayed for that."

PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) The new baby Annemarie as she carries him
- 2) The Macedonia Meeting in August
- 3) Shayla who is "searching" to find Jesus
- 4) People attending church to root themselves in God's Word.

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