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A HUGE STEP OF FAITH . . . THE PURCHASE OF A NEW MINISTRY VEHICLE



We purchased our 1993 Chevy van in 1997 by FAITH, trusting that God would supply our need and God certainly did just that. Our Chevy van has been the perfect ministry vehicle. We are looking at the next 10 years and realize that our old faithful van is just that, OLD. We believe a new van would meet our needs well into the next decade.

At our January ESM TEAM/board meeting, it was decided that we will pursue the purchase of a new ministry vehicle. From a human perspective, this is probably one of the worst times we could consider such a decision. We are well aware that with the current economic climate, our timing is NOT perfect. That is why it is the perfect time for God to do what He does best, the impossible. We can secure a 4.5% loan and could make payments for the next six years, or we can wait on God and pay cash. We are asking God to allow us to forgo any finance charges and be good stewards with a cash purchase. We are making you aware of this to consider partnering with us through prayer and financial support.

Until now, our greatest challenge has been simply locating a vehicle to meet our need to transport a few people and hold all our "stuff" (Arnold & friends, magic table/cart, object lesson material, video equipment, projection screen, boxes, bins, etc.). We have previously not considered the purchase of a new vehicle. Our search has been for a van about two years old with around 30,000 miles. To this point, we have not found anything meeting our parameters.

We are considering the purchase of a Ford "Transit Connect" (I have a Chevy bias). This vehicle has been sold in Europe for a number of years, and was introduced in the U.S. this year. It comes equipped with an optional second row of seats, so we could transport three people conveniently and have a substantial area in the back for equipment. It has a four cylinder engine, so we would at least double our fuel mileage. Our vehicle needs would be met for the next 10-15 years with this purchase.

We of course, remain open to the Lord's leadership and direction. We are asking you to pray with us as well. We are asking you also to consider a special gift to make this possible. (NEXT PAGE)

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If you and/or your church wish to assist financially toward this project, please indicate that by noting "Van Fund" with your gift. We are certainly aware that not all have the means to give, nor are impressed to do so, but all have the ability to pray with us. Maybe you have considered giving to Eagle Summit in the past but did not or could not. Now is the perfect opportunity to reconsider. If God blesses you to bless us, know that we will in turn bless those servants who serve God.

Besides launching, Eagle Summit in 1996, this is our biggest step of faith. I had a friend gently advise me that starting ESM was probably not a wise idea. He told me that half of new ventures don't make it past 2 years and about 90% are gone after five year. Just as we had questioning moment fifteen years ago, we have moments now when we think this is the dumbest idea we've ever had. Then we realize that if God is in this, it is only a matter of time and money. What is time and money to God?

Our home church, New Hope Bible and friends in the church, have recently given \$850 toward this goal. We are very appreciative to our church family for their generosity and encouragement. I have already been asked at church if we have the new van yet. These folks have the faith I need.

Our goal is \$26,000. We currently have over \$7,000 saved in our "Van Fund." We are over 1/4th of the way to our goal. Will you consider holding our arms up in ministry?



**"ATTEMPT THINGS SO IMPOSSIBLE THAT UNLESS GOD IS IN THEM,
THEY ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE."**

"EAGLE SUMMIT VAN FUND"
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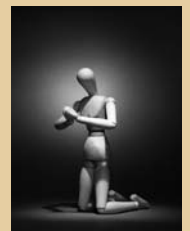
Partnering Through Prayer

PRAISES

- Tabernacle Furniture Set—\$249 / Purchased and it is really unique. We are working on developing a teaching series on lessons from the Tabernacle.

PRAY

- Pray for 10 new churches and/or individuals to commit to monthly financial support
- Pray with us for ministry opportunities and effectiveness.
- Please continue to pray for Diane— several ongoing health challenges
- Wisdom as we plan for the future.





Thoughts from Diane . . . “DAD”



My dad was a very interesting man. I could tell a lot of stories about him but this is not a story it is about one sentence. I was only 12 or 13 at the time but I remember standing there like it was yesterday. All sorts of things make it in to our memory banks and this was one of those short sentences that stuck. I don't remember exactly what it was telling my Dad, but he looked at me and said, “You know, you can tell a lot about a person by listening to how many times he uses the word 'I' in a sentence.” I've remembered that sentence many times over the years. Whether it's talking about something that's happened to me, something I've done or something that's been done to me, the big “I” triggers that memory. Sometimes I've gone on about the big “I,” and even when I'm talking, God brings conviction to my heart. . . . “Diane, it's time to be quiet now.”

Romans 12:3 “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think . . .” Paul goes on to talk about the different gifts that God gives to each of us. We don't all function the same, yet we are all one body.

One overriding theme of this chapter is this, it's all about God first. God is the one who created, gave, distributed and designed us as spiritually gifted individuals to serve the church body. Sometimes we get too caught up with ourselves. Whether it's sharing how good we are or how worthless we are, it still ends up being about us. My personal challenge this year is to spend more time in the book of Proverbs. I want to deepen my understanding of our world from God's perspective and in turn the people in the world. Through Solomon, God penned these words, “There's nothing new under the sun.” God knows what is going on with me, the people around me and even the things I cannot see. He has everything under His control. If I can remind myself of that truth, then I am no longer compelled to focus on the importance of who I am. I am freed from self to bring glory to the One to Whom it is due.

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of His glory and grace.”



I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm! Diane



We're Starting Over . . .

Change is the one constant in our lives. Starting over is often part of that change. It seems that just when we think we have a good system going, we get to restart. In many ways, we are starting over in our ministry. With pastoral changes in a number of the churches we have served in the past, we must make new contacts and rebuild relationships and trust. This takes time. Your continued support makes it possible for us to do just this. I am hoping to be able to devote more time to personal contacts with face to face visits, phone calls and e-mails to pastors.

We are also building a Pastor's Prayer and Encouragement List. Our goal is to have each of our board members making frequent contact with two or three pastors to pray for them, their families and ministry. We will also be checking in with pastors to see if there are other needs we can possibly meet.

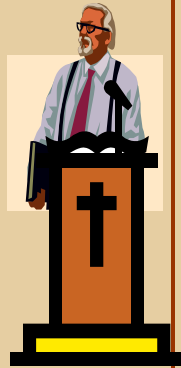
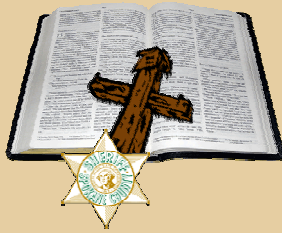
We are also considering putting together a video conferencing seminar. We are in the beginning stages of brainstorming this idea to accommodate the differing work schedules and travel time for many of the pastors we serve. We will be considering the possibility of this over the next year. In these challenging days we need the wisdom of God and the encouragement of His saints more than ever. Keep doing your part. WE THANK YOU.



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YES, WE'RE STILL AT OUR ESM OFFICE . . .

We still occupy our office at 2610 N. Pines. Until there is an offer to purchase or lease the building we are able to maintain our office.

Keep praying with us for God's direction.

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Until a new owner occupies the building, there is no office mail delivery.



Where We've Been, What We've Been Up to & Where We're Headed Next . . .

February 13 — Elk Community Church / Valentine Banquet, Elk, WA

February 15 — Mending Fences / Leadership Meeting, Spokane, WA

February 21 — Lind Community Church, Lind, WA (John McCain)

February 22 — Cedonia Community Church / AWANA Club, Cedonia, WA

March 17 — Fernwood Community Bible Church, Kid's Club, Fernwood, ID

March 27 — Orchard Crest, Spokane Valley, WA

June 27-30 — Camp ALACCA, Harpster, ID



We are available for pulpit supply even on short notice.

Does your church need a speaker for your special outreach, AWANA Club, Sunday School, teen or kids winter camps, or any other special event?