

Celebrate Changed Lives

During the **40 Days of Purpose** campaign nearly two years ago, Debbie E. and Pam J. held a group study at their place of business. One of their co-workers attended the study, and also listened in on discussions about faith and church that Pam and Debbie had on the job. Later the woman and her husband moved to Texas. Pam and Debbie received word this week that both the woman and her husband have been baptized and are very involved in a church. The woman says that her whole life has changed. She is elated at how God has worked in her life and her family.

We praise God for sharing this good news with us. It is very encouraging. We do not always know how God uses our witness and Bible teaching efforts. So be sure to take encouragement from the stories we do get to hear. Give God thanks for these two changed lives. Thank God also for using Emmanuel Baptist in the process of changing them.

Another lesson to learn from the above news is that God can use any of us to work in people's lives. Pam and Debbie were both fairly young Christians at the time, and somewhat leery of facilitating the group study. Their faith, faithfulness, desire to see co-workers saved, and prayers were what God honored in using them.

All of us must have those same qualities as we seek to **Change Lives for Christ**. So don't focus on what you can't do. Rather focus on what God can do through you.

We are currently making plans to gain a list of 50 children prospects by the end of the year. There are many things that need to be done to make this a reality. And there are many ways you can help. If you have faith in God, are faithful to the work you can do, desire to see people saved, and pray accordingly, we will see God work in people's lives.

You might ask, "Why have we set such a goal?" The reason is that people need to be saved. Jesus died to save them, wants them to be saved, and wants to use us to reach them. That is why we have set such a goal.

So please pray as we pursue this goal together. At our business meeting this past Sunday we voted to subscribe to the CCN network that members read about last week. Pray for God to use these teleconferences to reach lost families in our community.

Pastor Robin