

NORTH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH NOW CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION

FIRST FEW MONTHS

A BLESSING

We have had many visitors although we average a small 12-14. We have some that attend only in the morning, some only for the evening service and the "Old Faithfuls" who are there every service. We were blessed to have a youth group, from one of the churches we presented our ministry during March, to be with us for a Sunday morning service. They were traveling to Chicago to serve a few days at the Pacific Garden Mission. Their youth leaders wanted them in a fundamental Baptist Church that morning and knew we were nearby.

NEW CONTRACT

The business hotel where we have been meeting only rents to a customer on a three month contract. We were able to renew that contract for another three months. We had to streamline our rental needs to fit our budget which eliminated a meeting room for Wednesday nights so we turned to technology . . .



USING TECHNOLOGY

Our men came up with the idea to use the internet to do a webinar format for our Wednesday service. We contracted *iLinc* to host these. I will do the lesson by webcam and those with webcam can interact, ask questions, etc. Those without webcams can watch the entire service. We hope to have this up and running by the end of July.

FUTURE BUILDING HOPES

We are looking beyond the fall to procure a park district building in a nearby city that will allow us access to the facility all day on Sundays and have fellowship meals etc. These are prohibited at the present location where we meet. This will greatly enhance church fellowship and involvement.

CHURCH GROWTH— "PHONES FOR YOU"

We are using the slow summer to prepare for the "Phones For You" program. This involves obtaining a criss-cross directory, setting up an office, procuring 7-10 phone lines and recruiting people from other churches to call residents in the area to find the unchurched. This then is followed up with mailings, follow up calls and visitation. At the time of this writing we have obtained an online criss-cross directory service for \$700.00. In the next few days we will be talking to the phone company about phones, trying to find a place to do this for about one month, contact churches for people to help us call and then do mailings. There is a lot of work to do yet. Please pray for us .



MARINE CORPS, AIR FORCE, ARMY AND MEPS MINISTRY

OUR FIRST MILITARY FAMILY STILL BEING FAITHFUL

Brenden and Jackie Stephens are very faithful. Their little girl Kaylee captures the attention of all our regulars and visitors. Jackie is due with a boy in November. Brenden still works as Marine Corps staff at the Marine Corps Reserve Station located at Great Lakes Naval Base.

PLANS FOR EXPANDING EFFORTS TO THE MILITARY

My son Mike, Jr. is preparing a presentation for nearby Bible colleges to recruit military soul winners for launching out to

reach the sailors at Great Lakes Naval Base this fall. I will train them first so as to observe all rules so I don't have to bail them out of the brig.

347th AIR FORCE RECRUITING SQUADRON

My commander contacted me this week to start plugging me into his commander's calls (all personnel assemble for awards and information). He as a new commander has been slow to use me. He is now moving to use me more with his squadron as our former commander did. He stressed that he wanted me to attend the annual squadron training in October. Rosalie and I are looking forward to being there.

MEPS MINISTRY

The MEPS ministry has gone well in many of the other MEPS where we have chaplains. Milwaukee has not fared as well. After the MEPCOM commander issued orders that no Bible could be passed to recruits nor could we speak to them concerning spiritual topics, our chaplains have justifiably lost some interest. They are busy men and don't want to waste their time unless they can justifiably have some souls reached. I agree. I am trying to jump start the ministry there and repair the damage. I recently met with the Milwaukee commander. I will do so again. Pray that we can get it done