

CELEBRATION NEWS

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NEW BIRTH

On January 10th, we celebrated with John Mattern in baptism. We experience victory in Jesus Christ by pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are delighted to have shared the joy of this moment with him, and likewise with Marshall Sveska as they committed their lives publicly to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.



John Mattern

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

In response to a sagging economy we are seeking to reach out to our community by providing food for the body and soul. We are applying to become a food site for Angel Food Ministries. Further details can be found at angelfoodministries.com. Pray for favor in the community and as we serve and evangelize through this opportunity.

ANGEL FOOD TESTIMONY

"We have used Angel Food Ministries for two months and look forward to using it again next month. We find that it helps us stretch our food budget with good quality and nutritious food for less money than we can get these items for at the grocery stores in town. We are also able to exercise an option for additional boxes of good quality beef and chicken when we get the monthly box with a good variety of food for \$30." --Anonymous

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

every Saturday at Rochester Assembly of God

6 P.M. SNACKS & FELLOWSHIP

We serve a light dinner over which relationships can be formed and encouragement expressed.

7 P.M. WORSHIP

Worship Celebration that includes teaching on recovery principles, the Christian 12 steps, and "testimonies from the trenches."

8 P.M. GENDER SPECIFIC GROUPS

People safely share their thoughts and feelings as we work through the biblical steps of recovery.



Marshall Sveska

"Happy are the pure in heart."

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PRISON MINISTRY

Prisons are a place of isolation and ultimately transition. To prepare prisoners for life on the outside, Celebrate Recovery has a ministry called CR Inside. We are beginning a Celebrate Recovery study at the Federal Medical Center here in Rochester, Minnesota. I had the privilege to speak with several men at an information fair, and on March 18th I will represent CR along with state CR representative, Wade Hamilton, at another information fair. Also, we have contact with the State of Minnesota as we desire to minister inside of Faribault State Prison. I spoke with the drug rehab counselor there and he is very interested and has given the materials to his supervisor for approval. Pray with us for this approval and that God will touch men and families with effective change on the inside. ~Dale

REGIONAL MINISTRIES

Celebrate Recovery in Mankato just celebrated a one year anniversary! Congratulations to Gil Bily and the Mankato Evangelical Free Church in this beginning milestone! Pleasant Valley Church in Winona will celebrate one year in May. Pastor Joe McConkey is a great ministry leader. Dale is working with Ashley Gorka to be the trainer in Winona. Other churches are consulting with Dale and our state representative to begin CRs in their congregations. The vision in Rochester is for a CR seven days a week. Dale has been working tirelessly with the groups in both Winona and Mankato to establish these ministries. Congratulations to both groups!

NET MENDER GATHERING

A Net Mender gathering is being planned in March at Rochester Assembly for an informal time of dessert and information sharing. Local net menders and their friends are invited to come and hear what God has been doing and future expansion possibilities. More information on this later.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Net Mender and long time ministry partner, Bob Robb, went home to glory on 1-28-09. The only things that separates us is the time we have left on earth.



Bob Robb

Thank You
supporters
for a great
2008!

- Net Tender, Carl Pecinovsky, on a Hawaiian beach with his bride Jana. Congratulations on your January 10th wedding and life together.



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