

## **Stories from across the MidAmerica District**

### **Elvin Torres - New City, Bellevue, NE**

- Michelle starting attending New City in 2016 because her son's girlfriend invited her. She is now a regular attender and brings her children with her often. Her daughter asked to apply to work with our Kids City ministry. As she filled out the application, the question about salvation, faith in Jesus, and eternal security stumped her. She answered with, "I'm not sure." Our Kids City Coordinator shared the gospel with mom and daughter. Both were in tears and Michelle (mom) received Christ right then and there! How awesome is it that a question on an application can lead to spiritual conversations that lead to helping someone know, love, and follow Jesus!

### **Myron Pierce - Mission Church, Omaha, NE**

- I'm discipling a guy (ex-gang banger) whose mom was murdered by his dad. He is planning to get baptized soon.

### **Austin Edwards - Citylight Lincoln**

- Taylor is a junior at UNL and she placed her faith in Jesus in the beginning of our church plant. Her boyfriend, Luke, grew up in a strict Lutheran home and didn't understand all of her raving about Jesus and desire to remain pure. My wife and I got to sit down and have dinner with them. He started reading his Bible, listening to our sermons, and ended up giving his life to Jesus! Since then, he and Taylor are pursuing purity, he is discipling other guys, and reading his bible daily. He lives in Kearney and drives up every week to come to church and serve in the kids' ministry. He is now carpooling with 4 other guys every Sunday!

### **Wayne Prussa - Vintage Church, Atkinson, NE**

- We found a building to meet in. The owner lives in another town but he has been praying that God would use his building for the Kingdom. He sees our plant as an answer to his prayer and plans to lease the building to us for \$100/month (the cost of the utilities). We can remodel or decorate the space however we want and there is also lots of room for expansion as we grow.

### **Doug Stevens - Citylight Council Bluffs, IA**

- Chloe is a teenager who lives across the street from the church. She was recently diagnosed with aggressive brain cancer. She and her family came to church and we are praying with them and providing meals for them. Chloe is inviting her friends to church on Facebook. Pray for her to come to know Christ very soon!

### **Jerry Breedlove - Reclaim Church, Lenexa, KS**

- Philip and Brooke, a young engaged couple who are expecting a baby, have started coming to church. They have enjoyed their experience so far and want to

continue. Phil works with our associate pastor and was intrigued by Reclaim's ministry model. Interestingly enough, Phil and Brooke are not yet believers, but they are being attracted to Jesus.

### **Andrew Rutten - Citylight Aksarben, Omaha, NE**

- Our 5 City groups are off to a great start. We launched the church with groups because we believe as the church we are not just a Sunday gathering but a family. Most of the groups are beginning to create a family-feel and are loving it. This is a HUGE praise. In only 4 weeks, a lot of our people are bonding and growing closer together.

### **Julie Arant - Global Friends, Omaha, NE**

- Our ALME (Alliance Licensed Ministry Experience) missionaries in training are seeing God work in exciting ways...
  - Hannah started a Bible Discovery time with a young woman from a 98% unreached country.
  - Matt arrived in Omaha in the fall and some of our Chinese students already view him as their best friend!
  - Quinn has been discipling and deepening a friendship with a new Japanese believer. This week God answered our prayer and brought several new Japanese friends to Global Friends!
  - Brittany has made great inroads into an unreached refugee people group. She has found favor with the matriarch who is opening the door to the larger community.

### **Jon Classen - Camp Rivercrest, Fremont, NE**

- We have had several retreat groups this month and it is encouraging to hear the stories of what God is doing in lives as a result of being here for a weekend. Here are a few:
  - God brought comfort and peace at a time of challenge.
  - I had good discussions and thoughts about who I am in Christ as well as my relationship with my wife and what God wants our relationship to be like.
  - I learned how to be amazing and to give my life to Christ.
  - I feel like I grew closer to him and I really felt him move in my life. The woods are really pretty and I love God's beauty.