



September 2008

Friends,

A NEW FACE FOR A NEW PHASE:

No doubt, you have noticed the subtle change in letterhead logo over the past few months. This shift is in response to the regional expansion God has been orchestrating over the last year. Over the past 4 years, a small core team of dedicated warriors have been working to build up a fresh expression of unity that leads to transformational efforts city wide. We have operated as *Redding Transformation*, but in essence, all along we have been laying the groundwork for the **WeR1net**. The enclosed brochure explains the 1net, inviting those with like hearts to join in. This net will be wider than Redding and likely take in the whole Sacramento River watershed area north of our capitol. By opening our umbrella wider, we can accommodate teammates who want to implement transformation in their communities. This vision, which is now expanding and being affirmed, started small, caught on, and stayed solid.

DINING WITH KINGS:

Our August 26th Community Leaders' Lunch was a confirmation of this. Whenever you get the DA, the sheriff, the potential future police chief, head of probation, county CAO, the former undersheriff, 2 current city councilmen, a county supervisor and a retired superintendent of schools / youth violence prevention council coordinator and 30 other leaders from various local fields in one room to talk transformation, that's a good sign. These guys are busy and don't give away their time easily. Also present at this meeting, were potential WeR1net ring leaders from Red Bluff, Anderson, Whitmore and Redding. Compelling testimony was shared, a context set and an invitation made to come together to build up 1net in this area. The conversations that emanated from that meeting are electrifying - I keep getting goosebumps.

DIVINE CONNECTIONS:

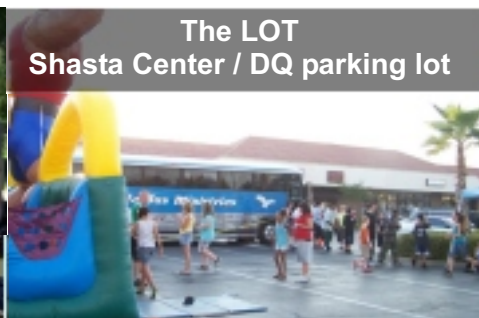
One friend who showed up to that meeting had just been nudged by God a day earlier to pick up a 'calling' that's lain dormant for years and connect with the local pregnancy center. He sat down at our lunch, quite unknowingly, next to the director of our local Carenet center! Boy, did they have a lot to talk about. Immediately after the meeting, I met with this man in a local coffee shop. As we talked, his excitement caught the ear of a young man who was sat nearby sipping coffee. He timidly approached and said, "Excuse me, you guys seem to be talking some pretty amazing stuff, can I sit here and listen in?" We found out that he is doing transformational connecting and community developments in Chico. He has already mobilized many to engage in mentoring and service projects. We were all blown away at this connection! I'll meet with him soon.

READING YOUR LOCAL PAPER WITH NEW EYES:

Between meetings though, I drove to a local trailer park whose dispute between tenants and owners made front page news here last Sunday. The situation is not pretty and really needs God's grace to get in there. It's a real hot spot of turmoil and ugliness in the city. As I arrived, the people were being evacuated due to a fire that was burning nearby. My hope was to find out how we could come alongside them without taking sides



Church in the Park
Anderson River Park



The LOT
Shasta Center / DQ parking lot



Community Leaders' Lunch
Library Community Room

and help them get things up to code and expectations. I met many of the residents personally and we plan to mobilize on-the-fly our Grace in Motion team in immediate response to this situation. From city leaders to some of the most troubled grassroots people in less than 60 minutes! Are we having fun yet? Connecting and relating, it's the Jesus way!

FAVORABLE INVITATIONS:

Our band was blessed to be invited to lead the worship for Anderson's annual Church in the Park this year. Some 700 people were on hand and things went very smoothly. When I got home, I opened the bulletin and saw how they had printed a very generous page about our ministry and our band. They had also included a flyer highlighting a luncheon on transforming Anderson through workplace ministers, hosted by one of our Anderson teammates. It looked to me like one HUGE ad for WeR1! What kindness and favor they showed! This has gone from being a "Redding thing" to being an "all of us" thing!

LOOKING BACK:

Many first time visitors came to the August 15th LOT event in spite of the record breaking temperatures. A bus arrived bringing in kids from a downtown hotel where many families live, a direct answer to Kary's prayers. We also had several divine encounters: one young man who was working off community service hours by setting up the staging with us connected with an old friend who spoke truth to him; one was a married lady who was considering divorce and received a word from the Lord about her marriage; and a young man who had lost everything who became convicted of his need to forgive his father after speaking with one of the band members. The band that played thanked us saying, "We want to get out there and play, but opportunities like these are few and far between." It reminded me of when I was a teen and the life impacting moments I experienced standing in the public places declaring the word of the Lord through music. The Lord is doing so much on so many levels through the LOT!

LOOKING AHEAD:

The INUNDATE week of prayer is coming up in September and all around the region people are making preparations. We plan to be on TV for 3 nights and see prayer tents pop up again in at least 5 surrounding communities plus 5 tents in Redding alone. We have been so encouraged at the response as we put out the word earlier this month to some of our area prayer tent leaders. Without pressure, we simply offered them the opportunity to get out there again with other willing hearts and they jumped at it! People love doing this and the region is receptive.

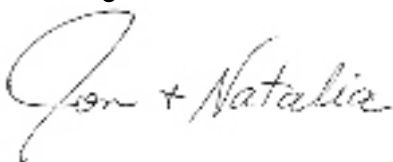
We hope you can join us for any or all of the following:

- SEPT 20 GRACE IN MOTION work day, 8:30 am - noon
- SEPT 21 GRID SUNDAY at local fellowships region-wide.
- SEPT 22 - WORKPLACE INFLUENCERS LUNCH, noon, Round Table Pizza, Mt. Shasta Mall
- SEPT 23, 24, 25 Tracking with Transformation TV show on KGEC-TV, 8:30-9 pm
- SEPT 23, 24, 25 PRAYER TENTS, all day, all over the region
- SEPT 26 - UNITED WORSHIP & PRAYER GATHERING, Oasis Community School, 6:33 pm

PRAY!

This month, four key Christian men in town have agreed to explore the potential of teaming up to lead this movement together with me. Pray for our gelling this fall. Support letters went out this month to 50 new potential donors. We find ourselves almost \$4000 behind on salaries and in need of shoring up our support base at this crucial moment of expansion. We have been placing our newspaper all over town with great success. Leaving stacks here and there gave us many chances to share with folks and pound the pavement for new advertisers. We know God is our provider and He will do it.

Blessings abundant,



Jon & Naty

FINANCIAL STANDING

	NEEDED	RECEIVED
June	\$6355	\$6679
July	\$8897	\$5607
August	\$6686	\$5989