

News from Around the District. . . .

October 2011

Welcome! to these new official workers in our district:

Mr. Daniel Boal was recently accredited and approved for licensing in our district. Dan is on staff at Riverside Church in Big Lake/Monticello, serving as **Pastor of Student Ministries**. He and his wife, Amy, currently live in Woodbury, MN.



An installation service was held at **Verndale Alliance Church**, September 25, 2011, for their new associate pastor, **Rev. Fred Hartley IV**. Fred and his wife, Joanna, and their children, Allan,

Gabrielle, and Luke, moved to our district from Lilburn, GA.

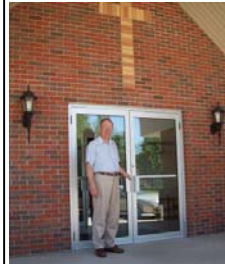
Rev. Roger Eng came to us from Fremont, NE, where he was Associate Pastor at the Fremont C&MA Church. He began serving as **Pastor at Living Rock Church** in Norwood/Young America in September. Roger and his wife, Cindy, have three children: Richard, Reggie, and Kai Rose.



The River in Chaska, MN is moving to a new meeting location. Pastor Rob Mapstone says, *“this new location will give us more flexibility and the opportunity to have more of a presence in the community. It is a space where we can put up a sign; and where we can meet during the week when needed.”* The building is located at 2510 Chaska Blvd. They are sharing the location with Ebenezer Christian Church.

75th Anniversary Celebrations!

Two of our NWD churches recently celebrated 75 years of ministry.



September 18, 2011—Living Hope Alliance Church, Huron, SD. Pastor Dick Birr writes, “The 75th Anniversary Celebration turned out to be a wonderful reunion and homecoming because of the many people who returned for the event, including former pastors and those currently serving in other

ministries. Those included Dick and Priscilla Dugan, Steve and Beth Hammer, Rich Gorman, Ruth Schilberg, Glenn and Selby Hofer, Sheri Dugan, Mike and Janelle Wood, Clyde and Earlyne Leimberer, and David and Nadine Cotner, who all helped us walk through the past decades of ministry through the Huron Mission Church, giving the Lord all the praise for what He has done. District Superintendent Don Wiggins, who attended with Linda, gave the charge for the future as the newly renamed **Living Hope Alliance Church.**”

September 25 was the day for the Hawley Alliance Church 75th anniversary celebration. Pastor Steve Chamberlain gave this summary of the day: *“Hawley Alliance had a grand day celebrating our 75th Anniversary. A two hour service was filled with music from several past and current musicians, hearing from 4 previous pastors, worship from the current worship teams, video clips from missionaries and former pastors and a challenge to continue to move ahead in faith as we see God expanding His work in the lives of the people in Hawley. “*



Hawley Alliance 1938



Hawley Alliance 2011



Generous Participation!

The 'Great Commission Fund' is the central funding mechanism that the Alliance uses to advance the Gospel worldwide. More than 2,000 U.S. Alliance churches support more than 800 workers worldwide. While the 'GCF' provides the funding for our 'regular' missionaries, 'Great Commission Ministries' giving supports 'regular' missionaries, CAMA workers and Marketplace Ministries personnel.

Earlier this year churches shared their generosity through 'Great Commission Sunday' nearly all of our churches participated in raising a U.S. total of \$948,000, resulting in a nearly 4% increase in 2011 than last year. Our own District family of churches is generously participating and giving more than last year!

Prayer - it's a great way to be engaged! Plus, you can pray anywhere, at any time!

Fall Greetings from Big Sandy!

With retreat season well under way, we welcomed 40 seniors at Big Sandy Camp September 26-28. The fall weather was absolutely perfect, the coffee ever flowing and fellowship sweet. We all had a grand time with hay rides, boat rides, the medallion hunt and of course Brenda's sour dough bread lesson for the ladies! We were also delighted to hear from Carletta Roche as she continues the work of scripture translation in Peru.



Nestor and Edith Korpi presented a written history of Big Sandy Camp. This brought us laughter (Tree stumps and dynamite?!) and tears as we thought of the many faithful supporters, developers and staff that have gone before us!

We look forward to this grand event once again in 2012. Please encourage your seniors to attend this fun and relaxing getaway. We'd love to have many more attend!

All of our upcoming events are listed on line. Whether you're a quilter, horseshoe thrower, teen, tuber or just an afternoon napper-there's something for you at Big Sandy Camp. Remember to check out our website and remind your congregations of upcoming events.

Please check our website for our latest promo video. Download and use accordingly! www.bigsandycamp.com

Dave

ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO CONSIDER ADF FOR YOUR CHURCH LOAN FUNDING!

The Alliance Development Fund Writes Rebate Checks Totaling \$300,000

In spite of challenging financial times, The Alliance Development Fund (ADF) realized strong enough returns on the investments of capital and reserve funds to send rebate checks totaling \$300,000 to churches with ADF loans. ADF's finances are very strong for investors and future church projects, making it possible to bless in this way the churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance. For more information on ADF check out their website at: www.adf-inc.com

Dates to Remember



October 3	LO&CC—District Office
October 7-9	Women's Retreat at Big Sandy Camp
October 10	Superior (formerly HOLPA) Prayer Area visit—Grand Rapids, MN
October 12-14	Church Planting Couples Retreat—St. Cloud, MN
October 18	DEXCOM Meeting—District Office
October 29, 30	C&MA Men—2nd annual Leadership Roundtable Retreat at BSC
November 1	SW Minnesota Prayer Area visit—Redwood Falls, MN
November 3	Metro North Prayer Area visit—place TBD
November 7	LO&CC—District Office
November 8	Ordination Seminar—9 a.m.—3 p.m.—District Office
January 16-18	Ministry Couples Retreat—Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, MN
February 24-26	C&MA Men's Retreat at Big Sandy Camp
April 16-18	District & Prayer Conference—Rose Hill Alliance Church, Roseville, MN