

the garden report *January 14, 2012 Kevin & Amy Edlefsen Fond du Lac, WI*

Provision

A big part of the Advent Conspiracy is shifting our mindset from one of scarcity (focusing on what we don't have) to one of abundance (gratitude and generosity). There were many individual stories this year. But I did want to share about how our year ended. We were able to raise just under \$900 in our 'fill the stable' project (49 chickens, 29 fruit trees, 7 bags of maize seeds, 7 rabbits, 6 goats, 1 sheep, 1 pig and 1 calf!).

The goal for our year-end offering was \$7000, for a summer intern and to cover a budget shortfall in the first 6 months of 2012. Thanks to many generous gifts, the total offering came in at \$16,200! **Thank you so much for all who gave so generously.**

Vision

The amount was a surprise (and a gentle rebuke to my lack of faith!), but I think the timing was even more important. Unable to make any hard plans till we found out how our year end offering came out (including potentially needing to reduce my salary or make other long-term decisions), the Vision Team set finances aside in December and just prayed and dreamed about what might be next. As we felt God challenging us to make ambitious plans for 2012 (even when we weren't even sure we'd have the money to maintain what we're currently doing), we could feel the excitement growing. And after committing to pursuing these goals, God provides the resources – not enough to solve all problems or relieve our need to grow quickly or trust Him for tomorrow, but enough to remind us that if we pursue His vision, God will provide all that we need to achieve His purposes. The order is important – **we stay committed to following God in mission, He provides both direction and resources.**

The orienting concept for 2012 – **developing capacity for mission.** We do not have any timeframes set, but we are praying about how we multiply in healthy ways at every level – disciples, leaders, even worship gatherings. We are taking stock in what would be needed for us to launch a second site (Saturday or Sunday evening, perhaps in a downtown location) and challenging leaders in each area of the church to reproduce themselves. We don't want to simply maintain what we're currently doing or add a few people at a time. We desire exponential growth with the new connections and opportunities that a new site would provide. **Pray with us to see Kingdom growth that is both healthy and explosive.**

For the display of His splendor!

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Praises

- **great times with family** in Chicago, Florida and Nashville, plus chances to host family in Fond du Lac.
- **God's abundant provision**, not just finances, but also rest, renewed vision, health, safe travel and more!
- **new volunteers & new visitors** (always appreciated and always want more!).

Prayer Points:

- **focus and learning** before, during and after my D. Min. class January 22-27 – particularly as I choose my research focus.
- **God's guidance and wisdom as we seek to be faithful in mission.**
- **transformed lives and numeric growth** as we seek to develop capacity for mission.