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THE ROWE REPORT

notes from the northwoods

April 2015

Spring has finally sprung here in Wisconsin! After getting close to 5 inches of snow on Friday, we are now finally enjoying warmer temps. With the spring weather comes all the excitement of finishing up the school year. Both girls are still in high school; Jenny is finishing her Freshman year, and Sarah is finishing her Junior year. Where did the time go? Spring also means prom, but more on that later!

THE PRINCESS PROJECT

The word is out on the streets in White Lake that if you don't have the money to buy your own prom dress this year it's OK- someone is LOANING them out! Thanks to many generous people,

and someone is left for a few times a year during special occasions such as Homecomings, Winter Formal, and Prom, our guest loft will turn into a crowd of giggly girls trying on dress after dress until they find just the right one- and believe me, there are LOTS to choose from!



We received donations from churches, individuals, and thrift shops in Wisconsin and Illinois. Brian drove to Rockford last week to pick up a HUGE load of donations. Thank you to the many people who worked so hard to get us a good starting inventory for this youth outreach!



We spent the weekend getting to know a couple of girls from the high school. They earned volunteer hours for their college applications by helping to sort through donations. They were shocked to see all the dresses and the wonderful quality of them. In one afternoon, with their help, our loft went from this...



...to this! Over 100 dresses
clean and ready to wear to
prom! We shared a meal
together, prayed together, and
they of course got to try on
some beautiful dresses!

All in all, it was a great way to connect with the girls and get to know them better. They are ready to spread the word and get "The Princess Project" going. Prom is just 5 weeks away and I know the White Lake girls are anxious to come see what we have for them to wear!

Did you miss out on this dress collection? That's OK, you can still help.

First, we will always need to add to our "inventory" as dresses get stained or torn beyond cleaning or repair. Contact us to find out how to organize a dress collection at your church. After prom there are usually many dresses looking for a new home! Secondly, we have some donated dresses waiting in the wings because they need to be repaired, dry cleaned, or altered before use. If you would like to help get these dresses on the racks, we are looking for sponsors to help pay for these services to our "special needs" dresses. A one-time or monthly donation can help get all dresses on the racks and keep them in good condition.

OUTREACH BIBLE STUDY

We have chosen Stranger on the Road to Emmaus as the curriculum for our outreach Bible study. Using the DVD clips as a springboard for discussion, we believe it will provide a good foundation for those who are open to studying the Bible but may not understand what it really means to have a relationship with Christ. Our hope is to start this week. We are excited about the opportunities this Bible study may give us for sharing the Gospel with the seekers and "religious" people in our community.

DINNER FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our Dinner Fellowship Group continues to meet. Sharing a meal, good fellowship, and sweet

worship has been refreshing and healing for our group. The group contains some from the church plant who have not found a new church home, but also new faces as well. We are not sure how God will use this group. Maybe it will be a transition for these people into an existing church body, or maybe a church plant will grow from it. God will show us in His timing. In the meantime, please pray for healing for these people who don't understand the need for church in their lives and don't know the blessing of a home church and church family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is vital to our ministry. We hope you'll join us in prayer for:

- the Princess Project, that it helps to form relationships with the youth of our community and potentially be the bridge to a youth ministry here
- for our new Bible study, that it helps people understand who Jesus is and what it means to have a relationship with Him
- for our Dinner Fellowship Group, that it helps to show the need for meeting together with other believers for fellowship, prayer, and worship
- for Brian, that he be a light to the unsaved bikers in the area that God has placed in his path

As we continue to serve God here in the Northwoods, we count you, our ministry friends, among our blessings. Your support- whether it is through prayer and or financial support-helps us continue God's work here. Thank you for being a part of our ministry team.

*With Love in Christ,
Brian, Lori, Sarah & Jenny Rowe*

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