

# Moving toward March!

## Dates to Remember

- **February 16th** – Mainline  
Denominational Vision Breakfast  
8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Petroleum Club  
11110 108 Street
- **February 22nd** – South Edmonton  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Coast Terrace Inn  
4440 Calgary Trail North  
RSVP by February 18
- **February 29th** – West Edmonton  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Royal Inn West Edmonton  
10010 - 178 Street  
RSVP by February 24
- **March 2nd** – East Edmonton  
7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Festival Place  
100 Festival Way, Sherwood Park  
RSVP by February 28
- **March 4th** – North Edmonton  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. St. Albert Inn  
156 St. Albert Trail, St. Albert  
RSVP by March 1
- **March 11th** – Grande Prairie Vision/  
Fundraising Breakfast

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- widow

## Vision Breakfasts

As the March 31st deadline quickly approaches, the momentum of the Power to Change campaign has picked up. At the end of December 1999, the Power to Change committee had noticed that the business contacts, that were initially surfaced through word-of-mouth, were decreasing. As a result, a decision was made to slightly shift the fund development strategy. This shift primarily resulted in presenting the campaign to one-on-one pastor and board meetings with churches such as Central Baptist Church, Beulah Alliance Church, and West Edmonton



*"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God"*

1 Corinthians 1:18

Christian Assembly. Out of these positive and encouraging meetings, regional fund-

raising breakfasts were developed. Pastors that back the campaign 100% would then invite out leaders they know who may be interested in helping see this campaign come to fruition.

In the next two weeks there are five fundraising breakfasts, and approximately six more that are in the planning stages in areas such as Camrose, Red Deer, Drayton Valley, Fort McMurray, and Edson/Hinton. If you are interested in any of the fundraising breakfasts or know of someone who could help the campaign become a reality, please call (780) 436-6011 ext. 33 as soon as possible.

## The Widows Mite

Maybe you have heard the story. Yoido Full Gospel Church of Seoul, Korea was facing imminent financial collapse due to an unprecedented increase in building costs when God touched a widow's heart to give everything she had: *"I have nothing of value to give to my Lord; yet, Jesus has graciously saved me. These items are only things in the world that I possess..."*

The widow then gave an old rice bowl and a pair of chop-

sticks. Their value? Only a few pennies. Still the woman thought, *"I know that I will die soon, so I don't want to meet Jesus without giving Him something on this earth..."*. As a result, everyone started to pledge their possessions including a businessman who bought the widow's possessions for a thousand dollars. This widow's spirit of giving was what saved Pastor Cho's church from financial ruin.

*"We must always remember how much Christ has done for us and be grateful...this campaign is a REALITY not just pie in the sky"* (IT Wong, a businessman on the Power to Change committee).

Reaching one million people in Northern Alberta is a reality when God is the one that touches individual's hearts!



*"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always"*

*1 Chronicles 16:11*

### Prayer Requests

1. Praise God that we have approximately \$180,000 in pledges so far. Pray that another \$250,000 in pledges and \$100,000 in actual funds will be received by March 31.
2. Please pray for the team working on the campaign at this point. Pray that they will experience God's peace, joy and strength as they persevere.
3. Pray that God will prepare people's hearts in Northern Alberta for the message of this campaign and stir Christians to be involved.
4. Pray that God would bring a large number of leaders to the breakfasts already scheduled, and that the marketing of the breakfasts is done in an effective manner.

Please feel free to join us to pray every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. for the campaign at our office (Suite 709, 10080 Jasper Avenue)

We will have coffee on!



## Maintaining Focus

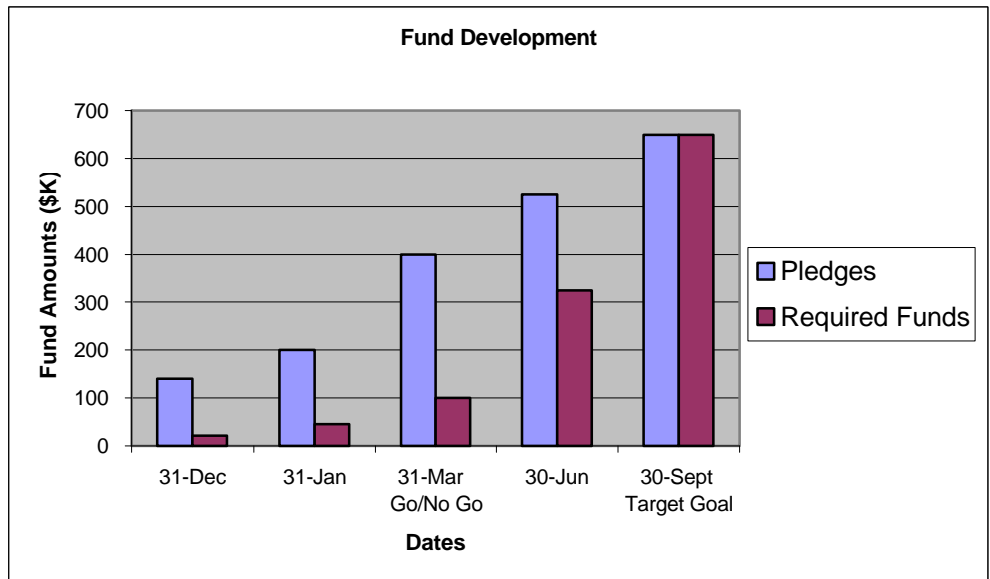
As the chart below illustrates, pledges have now reached \$180,000. However, the actual funds received totals only \$45,000.

In order for Power to Change to go ahead, we need to meet have \$400,000 in pledges by March 31st and have \$100,000 in actual

funds to move ahead with the media buy.

The next six weeks of fundraising are crucial and will determine whether the campaign will actually go ahead. As a team, we are all focused and committed to this process. You can continue to lend your support by sharing the need with those in your

circle of influence. In addition, you may wish to increase your pledge toward the campaign as the Lord leads. But, most of all we ask that you **PRAY**. We have seen God do amazing things happened as people have begun to pray individually and corporately. As 1 Chronicles 16:11 says, "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."



## Power to Change (Maritimes)

Beginning March 12, people in the Maritimes will hear how they can know Jesus Christ personally and experience the Power to Change. This campaign will last for six weeks ending with a tag line "attend a Power to Change church this Easter Sunday".

The campaign is being spearheaded by leaders in 12 different communities, each motivated by a

desire to share Christ with their friends and neighbors. Working as a team, they are raising funds, organizing special outreach events, training lay people in the church to share their faith, reaching leaders, mobilizing young people, and reaching women.

As more people get involved and begin to pray, great things are beginning to happen. In fact, there is a rising expectation that the entire community may soon be

turned upside down for Christ. As these leaders have stepped out in faith, their walk with God has deepened and their faith stretched as they begin to trust Him for the truly impossible. Through this process, they are learning from each other and encouraging one another like never before.

We look forward to seeing what God will do on the East Coast. The next stop for Power to Change? Perhaps Northern Alberta next fall.