

# Spring has Sprung and so has Power to Change!

## It's a Go!

### Prayer Requests

1. Praise God that we have \$400,000 in pledges. Pray for another \$250,000 in pledges to reach our total budget, and that we will start to receive pledges that have been made.
2. Please pray for key leaders to volunteer and help chair the campaign in the Edmonton area. Praise God that some leaders have stepped forward in Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, and Fort St. John.
3. 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.
4. Pray that God will prepare people's hearts in Northern Canada for the message of this campaign and stir Christians to be involved.
5. Pray that as the campaign in the Maritimes comes to an end on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, people will continue to respond to the testimonies in the media, and to the events that are being put on by local churches. And, ultimately, that people hear about God's love and saving grace.

That's right! Praise God! As of 10:30 p.m. on March 31st, the remaining pledge of \$23,000 came in. In the fall of 2000, Northern Canada will be saturated with the gospel! One million people will hear how they can have the Power to Change. God made the impossible possible! He touched the hearts of men and women. In fact, some pledges came in from individuals that had never been to a fundraising/vision breakfast but knew this was a way that their community could be reached for Jesus Christ. Not only has the go/no go pledge amount of \$400,000 been reached, but there has been a growing



*"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

interest from churches and from various denominations. To date we have approximately fifteen

denominations. Unity in this region is increasing and in turn, glorifying God (Romans 15:5).

The next phase for Power to Change is not only raising the remaining \$250,000 in pledges, but spreading the awareness of the campaign to every church in the Northern Canada region. Strategy meetings will follow.

At these, Power to Change representatives will meet the pastoral & lay leadership in churches to help them strategically plan how to augment and leverage existing ministries in their church with the awareness created through the campaign.

## Faster than the internet

One has said that *"the only connection faster than the internet is prayer..."*. This was seen a couple days before March 31st: *"I am feeling the energy from here, this is a big day!! I'm very confident that God is in control and I am praying along with you for God's best."* (Michelle Hubert – email recipient) Our email distribution list includes approximately 250 people and continues to grow. As a result, a foundation of prayer is being built. As we sent out

pledge updates people responded immediately with both encouragement and support which has helped us not only persevere but rejoice and praise God together. In addition, we are excited about the partnership we have created with Canada in Prayer. Every update on Power to Change is passed on to their network of 1200 intercessors and added to their website:

([www.canadainprayer.com](http://www.canadainprayer.com)). Bill Bright writes *"History*

*records no significant movement of the Spirit of God that has not been preceded by a very strong prayer emphasis"*. With these two growing prayer networks we expect to see God move in Northern Canada. Thank-you for your continued prayers, and if you are not on our email distribution list please email us at [info@crusadenorth.org](mailto:info@crusadenorth.org) Communication is essential and we want you to be informed as quickly as possible!

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Note:

At the moment we have received approximately \$70,000 of the \$400,000 in pledges.

Please send in your donations for the amount you pledged. Cheques can be made to "Power to Change". Or to make your donation by VISA or MasterCard, please phone our office.

*"Is the Lord's arm too short?"*

*Numbers 11:23*

Prayer is the backbone of this campaign! Please 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!



### Harvest Stories

God is moving and like it says in Matthew 9:37, the "harvest is ripe". The most exciting thing during the fundraising phase, is that people are making decisions for Christ. In fact, a school teacher received a Power to Change booklet from a friend. God moved his heart to share the booklet with his grade four class during religion class. As a result, 24 children made decisions for Christ. Praise God! The teacher and class are committed to reading through the book of John and focus on ways to grow as they begin their spiritual journey. As well, they are actively praying for the campaign.



### Stretched

They say that the most useful time for an elastic band is when it is being stretched. During this initial fundraising phase the Power to Change committee can all agree we have been stretched. Eight days before the go/no go date there were only \$190,000 in pledges. Not only has our faith been stretched but we had people calling in weeping for the campaign to go even if the deadline would pass without meeting the goal. However, during this process we have clung to God's word and His faithfulness to provide the funds. Just as the Lord said to Moses in Numbers 11:23 – "Is the Lord's arm too short?" (vs. 23b) Moses thought it was impossible to have enough quail to feed approximately 2,000,000 people. But the Lord

said "you will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you" and enough quail came in that "no one gathered less than [60 bushels]" (vs. 32b). As 1 Chronicles 16:11 says, "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." As we were seeking His face, we had a strong sense God was in this campaign but we struggled with the lack of pledges and leadership. However, we also knew God that was touching hearts and doing something special as we saw specific prayer requests, especially from our Monday mornings, answered.

### Can anything good come from Nazareth? — YES!



Bill Hybels says that vision leaks! That's not the case in Fort St. John where 70 people turned out for the vision/fundraising lunch on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The hearts of those who attended were unified and passionate to see their community won for Christ. They were also happy to be included in the campaign and desirous to make a huge impact!

Who says great things don't come from small places?