

A Fresh Vision for 2012

With the new year, comes reflection on the last and vision casting for the new. In this month's letter I want to share with you some of the things God has done through GO WILHD Ministries and where the ministry is headed in the future, especially in light of our new church planting effort, Pueblo Family Fellowship.

Last year brought with it some new challenges. First, I had the opportunity both spring semester and fall semester to teach **New Testament** and then **Old Testament Survey classes** through a long distance learning program of Golden Gate Baptist Seminary. The program was designed to bring seminary level education to the field for bi-vocational pastors, Sunday School teachers, and other church leaders. While I have taken these classes twice (once in college and once in seminary) it is not the same as teaching them! I grew a lot this year in my knowledge of the Scripture as I prepared to teach for three hours on Thursday nights. I had a total of 8 different students who took one or both classes. It was a great discipling experience to be used by God to grow His people's faith in Him and His Word!

Secondly, I had the opportunity to travel to Riverton, Wyoming and present what I call a "**GO WILHD Discipleship Conference.**" At that conference I was able to lay out the principles and design of the GO WILHD model of discipleship. It was a great opportunity to test the truths that God has been teaching me these last few years.

Thirdly, I started the **Soul Spring Discipleship Journal**. I designed it to be a collection of articles and bible studies that would encourage you and help you grow in your discipleship efforts whether you are a mom or dad, teacher or pastor, mentor or missionary. There has been a good response of people sharing with me how various articles have made a difference in their lives. Distribution has grown to over 400 subscribers.

Fourthly, God led Sheri and I to start a new church in Pueblo. Early last year God began laying the neighborhoods of Belmont and University Park on my heart. We prayed about it and then went to church planter basic training to learn what this church planting thing was all about! In September we held a vision casting party at our house and invited people to come. Out of that, 5 families have joined with us in launching **Pueblo Family Fellowship**. We met at New Heights Baptist Church last fall on Sunday nights for bible study and dinner. Now with the new year, we have moved into a more permanent situation by meeting at Belmont Baptist Church. I am also officing there. This gets us into our target neighborhood and provides a perfect location to meet. We are now meeting on Saturday nights and have begun a regular worship service. Pray for God's guidance and provision for us as we reach out to these spiritually needy neighborhoods with the gospel.

Lastly, I must tell you about what God is doing at **New Heights Baptist Church**. In January of last year I began working with Pastor Dave Grossmann at New Heights. He asked me to come and do some training with his praise team. Well, God had something different in mind and to make a long story short, I ended up working there the whole year! I moved from coaching and training to actually leading worship and planning the worship services. This afforded me the opportunity to not only train and lead the praise team but also model worship for the entire congregation. It proved to be a long but successful method of instruction. Along the way, the team grew in cohesiveness. They became steadier in holding the tempo, staying together, and playing at various dynamic levels.

During the course of the year God saved three teenagers in the church as well as brought a couple new families to the church who became members. The congregation began to sense that God was doing something new. They were enjoying the Spirit-led worship and did not want to go back to the way things were. But I couldn't stay forever. So, I began working with Pastor Dave and his search team on finding God's man to be their next worship leader. God's timing is always perfect and He brought a couple to Pueblo for the wife's teaching job this summer. So when the church began looking in earnest in the fall

for an Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Worship, God had already led them here. They connected, interviewed, and were hired January 8th of this year. God is amazing! Here is what Pastor Dave had to say about working together last year.

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To whom it may concern,

Tim English has been a windfall to our church. He came to help New Heights Baptist step beyond where our praise team had been. He has not only taught the team about the flow of a worship service but also he has shown individuals how to improve voice and instruments. Our sound guys learned a boatload of info. Tim has done much more than what we expected him to do. He saw the opportunity to start a young adult class and disciplined the group. In the area of the praise team he included family members, sometimes with instruments, some singing, sometimes just being around to cheer.

I have personally been encouraged by Tim's friendship. He has coached me through some daunting tasks such as how to find a Powerhouse Pastor (one connecting with young adults).

Tim's heart is in discipleship where believers are taken deeper in their faith and commitment to the Lord.

I'm glad to have served on the same team with Tim.

Sincerely,



Dave Grossmann

With all of things that God did last year, you may be wondering what He has in mind for this year. You may also be wondering how planting a new church will affect the rest of the ministry. Those are good questions and I will do my best to answer and lay out the vision of what I believe God is wanting to do through GWM this year.

First, the focus will be church planting. I will not be teaching any seminary classes this year or taking any long term ministry assignments (i.e. New Heights) so that I can concentrate on helping Pueblo Family

Fellowship reach people for Christ. With that said, there are still other aspects of GWM that will continue.

Secondly, church strengthening is still a passion of mine and will continue to be a focus here at GWM. Through supply preaching, teaching various seminars, church health consultations, and leadership development, I hope to be used by God to impact the Kingdom here in Colorado.

Thirdly, discipleship is the heartbeat of this ministry. Throughout all I do, I believe the best way the Kingdom is served is by helping God's people grow and live out God's calling on their lives. So I will continue to disciple men one-on-one and in small groups as God leads. I will also continue to put out Soul Spring Discipleship Journal to broaden GWM's discipleship influence.

Lastly, I believe Jesus is coming back in our lifetime and I want to take as many people to heaven with me as I can! The best proven way to do that is through church planting. So, I am believing that God is at work in Pueblo and the surrounding areas and wants to raise up harvesters for his fields (Lk. 10:2). That means I am dedicated to praying for, searching for, and training workers in church planting that will go out and bring in the harvest! My vision is for Pueblo Family Fellowship to not only become a church planting church but a mission strategy center that God uses to start a church planting movement right here in Pueblo!

So in closing, let me remind you that you have been a part of all that has happened last year. You have made it possible for people to be discipled, God's Word to be taught, churches to be strengthened, and Pueblo Family Fellowship to be started! You are to be commended for your faithfulness and dedication to Jesus Christ. Without your partnership in the gospel these things could not have happened.

The same is true for this year. As we stand together we are able to do more than we can separately. Through trusting God to provide and being generous with the resources He has blessed us with, we are able to do more than we ever imagined.

I have compiled a report of GWM's ministry activities, including a financial statement showing how much you gave to God through this ministry in 2011. You can find it on this web page. I would encourage you to read it and see God's faithfulness. For instance, in this tough economic year, your giving went up 4.5%. Praise God! And that was despite our overall number of trailblazers (financial partners) being down. The average GWM supporter gave \$46.43/month this year! That is amazing! My hope and prayer this year is that God will bless you as you have blessed me, my family, and this ministry.

Keep on Fighting the Good Fight,

Tim English

P.S. Please remember to make all checks payable to: Majestic Baptist Church and put PFF in the memo.