

Our walk together

by Steve Linn

A few years ago, Steve was part of New Life on the inside of the walls. Now he lives and works in Sioux City, Iowa.

"I can't take it anymore!"
said one foot to the other.
My life stinks and is lonely,
I constantly feel smothered.

What brightens your darkness
all through the day?
What lightens your load
along our troublesome way?

You say it's the Savior,
who comes from above,
who offers you comfort,
and makes you feel loved.

Is He what's behind
that invisible force,
that tugs on our consciousness,
and keeps us on course?

How can I meet Him?
Where is He found?
I'm with you always,
I've not seen Him around.

"Turn from your sin and repent!"
said the right to the left.
Know Jesus loves you,
so much He has wept.

Ask His forgiveness
from all of your sins.
Bare your soul at the cross,
let the Holy Spirit come in.

When He knocks at your door,
open it wide and don't shirk.
For by God's grace you are saved,
through your faith not your works.

Believe He has risen.
Be transformed in His peace.
From the stresses of life,
you'll find no greater release.

You're a child of God,
let His Word set you free,
and thank you, Lord Jesus,
for showing Yourself through me!

Prayers & praises

by Rose Admiraal

We give thanks and praise for:

- New Life being able to gather on the evening of August 29 for worship and a fellowship meal.

We ask for prayer for:

- The Iowa Department of Corrections and Newton to discern when to open up for volunteers to come back into the institution.
- Those in the New Life family who need healing.
- All who have returned to society and those who are preparing for their release.

A summer of cycling

by Pastor Rick

Pedal for Prisoners XI was a tremendous success!

Thanks to your support, we've already raised \$25,000. We had ten riders this year: Keith Van Gent; Scott, Kristi, and Katy Roose; Lisa Groenendyk; Kristin Bierma; Gary and Avery Verhoef; and Annaliese and Rick Admiraal. Keith planned to ride the Five Boro Bike Tour in New York City, but it was postponed due to Tropical Storm Henri. Fortunately, he was able to explore the city on foot before the arrival of the storm. Annaliese and I completed the 79-mile Copper Triangle in Colorado, but



Continued on back Annaliese and Pastor Rick in Colorado.



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A summer of cycling *Continued from front*



Scott and Katy Roose during RAGBRAI.

it wasn't easy. We were challenged by high altitude, steep climbs, and smoke from the western wildfires.

The Rooses rode an 82-mile RAGBRAI day from Waterloo to Anamosa. Scott Roose said, "The New Life jersey is a good conversation-starter, and it opens up opportunities to create awareness for the ministry. We are happy to support those who bring the good news of salvation to men in prison. They are in a unique situation, and many may be open to making positive changes in their lives."

Gary Verhoef and his granddaughter, Avery, rode the whole week of RAGBRAI. It was a challenge—there were some very long days and oppressive heat. Gary said of New Life, "God calls us to minister to prison inmates and staff. Many are receptive to the Gospel and become instruments of His peace in the prison community."

It was Kristin Bierma's first year doing Pedal for Prisoners. She rode 17 miles on the Volksweg Trail. She saw a doe and her fawn along the trip. Kristin said, "We wanted to support the ministry and individuals who are part of the prison congregation. We are always encouraged to hear how the Gospel is affecting the lives of the men in Newton Correctional Facility through New Life Prison Church."

Lisa Groenendyk also rode the Volksweg Trail, from the Vermeer Pavilion to the Cordova Tower and back. She enjoyed it very much despite the high humidity. She also saw two beautiful deer and enjoyed the trees and views of Lake Red Rock. Lisa said, "New Life is a vital ministry for those in prison, touching and impacting their lives with the love of Jesus. My continued prayer is that many will commit their lives to Christ and continue to grow in their faith and share the good news with others. I feel pedaling for prisoners is one small way I can reflect on the hills and valleys faced by prisoners."



Lisa Groenendyk at the Cordova Tower.

Worship conference highlights unity and community

by Rose Admiraal

In early July, my daughter and I attended the National Worship Leaders Conference in Nashville.

This was my first time at the conference, and I looked forward to growing and learning.

The setting was different than it has been in the past. Only about 150 people attended the event, which was held at a historical Civil War barn that has been transformed into a church. We began and ended both days with worship and general talks or "sermons." Then we broke off to attend specific learning sessions.

The worship was amazing, and we sat in the round with the band in the middle. The theme verse was **Psalm 133:1: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"** As a leader, I learned I need to pray for **unity** and know my identity to build **community**. I also learned that as I keep my focus on God, serve in His kingdom, and act as an encourager to others, my attitude and actions will flow out to the congregation.

The last speaker called us to be a voice for God. The conference was powerful—I learned so much and met other worship leaders from across the country. It was also great to spend time with my daughter. I can't wait to get back into the prison and share some of my ideas!

Note: Pastor Rick and Rose plan to attend a Vermeer Leadership Alliance event in Pella on September 20–21. In early November, Rick plans to journey to Albuquerque for the Christian Reformed Church Pastors' Conference. The theme verse is: "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you" (1 Kings 19:7b). Have you ever felt that way?

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