

## Prayers & praises

by Rose Admiraal

### We give thanks and praise for:

- The release of Steve P. to a halfway house!
- New jobs for Purvis M. and Steve S.
- Opportunities to serve God in unique ways!

### We ask for prayer for:

- New Life member Bud Gilchrist and volunteer Bob Vermeer. We mourn their loss. Both fought for life and are now resting in the arms of Jesus.
- Those who are earnestly praying for their loved ones to find Jesus.
- Patience as we continue waiting for permission to rejoin our church behind the walls of the prison.

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– Keith Van Gent

## Pedal for Prisoners XII

by Pastor Rick

**Pedal for Prisoners has been an incredible fundraiser for New Life Prison Church for 12 straight years.**

This year, I didn't ride RAGBRAI because the dates conflicted with the Admiraal family reunion. Instead, I biked 71 miles on the Raccoon River Valley Trail with my friend, Wayne Gallipo, a retired prison pastor from Sioux City. His jersey has a picture of bike handlebars with the words, "Life Behind Bars." We had a great day!

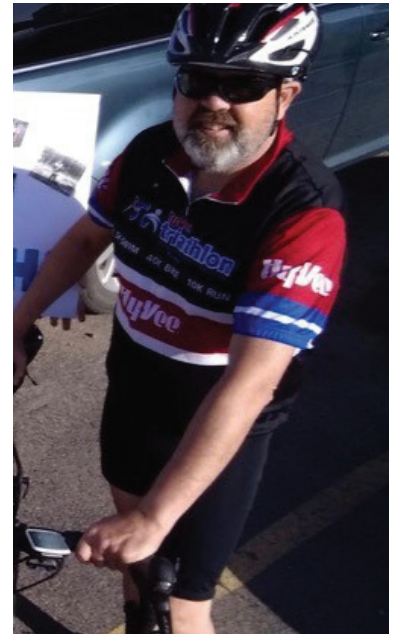
On a beautiful day, Lisa Groenendyk rode from the Vermeer Founders' House in Pella all the way to Cordova Tower and back (approximately 40 miles). While she rode, Lisa made up the acronym PEDAL: We can ask God for **P**atience, **E**ndurance, **D**etermination, **A**nd **L**ove as we face challenges or try new ventures.

Keith Van Gent, a New Life elder and mentor, also rode his bike for our fundraiser. Keith reflected, "I always feel good about doing Pedal for Prisoners every year. It gives me the opportunity to do something I enjoy while helping New Life Prison Church and its members."

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Lisa Groenendyk at Cordova Tower.



Keith Van Gent, a cyclist and New Life elder and mentor.



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Contributions may be sent to: **New Life Prison Church, 408 Maple St., Pella, IA 50219**

You can also make an online gift: <http://www.newlife-prison.org/donate>



## Pedal for Prisoners XII *Continued from front*

Scott Roose completed the 49th RAGBRAI, the annual seven-day bike journey across Iowa. He rode from Sergeant Bluff all the way to Lansing on the Mississippi River. His daughter, Katy, rode the second half of the event with him. Wednesday's century ride was challenging, but pleasant weather and a western wind helped riders complete 100 miles. Scott shared that churches could be counted on to serve meals. Everyone was quite friendly and eager to feed the weary riders.

"I think about the hope New Life brings to the men in Newton Correctional Facility," Scott reflected after RAGBRAI. "While the riders are tired and drained from their week-long adventure, most have families, homes, and jobs to go back to. The residents at the prison have likely lost many of these benefits, which we often take for granted. I can only begin to imagine how God can use New Life as a refuge on their weary paths."

Many of you have donated, but we haven't yet reached our goal. It's not too late for you to give—donate to New Life today!



Scott and Katy Roose during RAGBRAI.



Pastor Rick on the Raccoon River Valley Trail.

## Excuse me

by Albert "Bud" Gilchrist

### Bud passed away in prison on July 24.

Bud's mentor, Pastor Sheldon Starkenburg, reflected, "When Bud met the Lord, it changed his entire life and his eternity."

Bud was known for his poetry. He recited the following poem at a New Life worship service.

*Please excuse me for leaving,  
had to learn how to Love.  
How precious this gift is  
that comes from above.*

*The devil had taught me  
how to lie very well.  
Whenever I'd speak,  
my lines they would sell.*

*The words so convincing  
to everyone else,  
would say them so often  
I'd believe them myself.*

*Please excuse me for leaving,  
for my family I'd turn.  
My time before dying  
I pray Love to learn.*

*I asked God to help me.  
Please open my heart.  
My prayers were soon answered.  
Christ would be my new start.*

*His son He had Loved so,  
then put on the cross  
for the sins of the whole world.  
This much the cost.*

*Please excuse me for leaving.  
I've so much to learn.  
Without God and His words,  
I surely would burn.*

*Lord, please forgive me  
for all that I've done.  
I know Love will follow,  
a light comes with Your Son.*

*Truths that are His words  
bring hope to my life.  
Thank You for Your Son,  
our Savior, Lord Christ.*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Sunday, September 25,  
4:00 p.m.

New Life Prison Church will have a worship service at the **Calvary CRC Youth House** (408 Maple St., Pella, IA 50219). Glenda Vander Leest and Linda Zuidema will be installed into the New Life Prison Church Outside Council. **A fellowship meal will follow worship.** We plan to record the service on DVD for the men to view in the prison chapel.

## New Life Prison Church Outside Council

<b>Dave Gritters</b> (Governing Elder)	<b>Linda Zuidema</b> (Administrative Deacon)	<b>Pastor Rick Admiraal</b> (New Life)
<b>Keith Van Gent</b> (Governing Elder)	<b>Jim Williams</b> (Administrative Deacon)	<b>April Nieuwsma</b> (Treasurer)
<b>Glenda Vander Leest</b> (Governing Elder)	<b>Tricia De Haan</b> (Administrative Deacon)	

