

the MISSION

* Matthew 9:37-38 *

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Katalyma

Katalyma is the Greek word for inn or guest room. If you ever find yourself traveling to Omaha. We want you to know, you are always welcome to join us in whatever we have planned and stay in our katalyma.

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## Support

While raising support is not my favorite part of planting a church, it is a reality of the life God has called us to.

If you would like to partner with us please see the form below.

Thank you to all who have partnered with us this past year. We pray you have a blessed New Year!

Bren and I enjoy riding bicycle, plus it is great exercise. It has also been a great activity to do with our neighbors as we get to know them. Within a few blocks of our neighborhood we can ride on a nice trail that goes around three different little water ponds. The trail is not flat; in fact a friend who rode his bike through our area said he didn't know we lived in the mountains.

The trail also has many curves with trees and plants on both sides of the path concealing what lies ahead. When the weather is nice you have to pay close attention as you approach a curve to avoid running into someone else on the trail. This makes it difficult to have a conversation with someone because you cannot ride next to one another.

There is one section of the trail that is on top of a berm along one of the ponds. The trail is flat, wide open with no trees guarding it and you can see ahead for half a mile.

While riding with one of our neighbors this fall they pointed out a toy plane flying near us. Because we were riding on the safe, wide open part of the trail I confidently turned to look at the plane while riding next to one of our neighbors. I soon found myself falling to the concrete, skinning up my hands, knee and my pride.

I love the flat open part of the trail where the ride is easy, but that is not where my heart is receiving the best workout. My heart-rate is peaked climbing the hills and paying close attentions as I round the

hidden curves.

I want my life and starting this church to be safe and easy as well. But God knows that when I am confident I don't rely on Him. It is then that He allows something to try me so that I always remember this is about Him, and not me. Sometimes He allows the hidden curves in our path so that we have to pay attention, listen, and rely on Him.

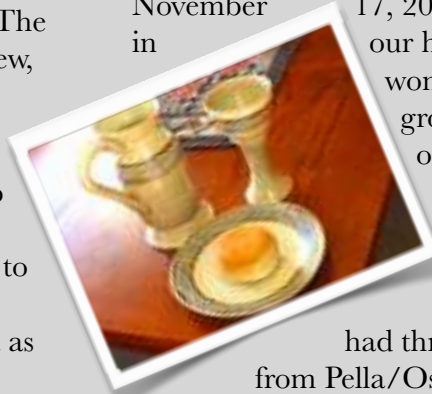
Are you willing to choose the curvy path?

*He knows the way that I take; when He has tried me, I shall come out as gold. Job 23:10*

## Update

Since a major part of starting this church is based on building relationships, winter time definitely becomes a more difficult time to try to do this. The moments of seeing your neighbors outside are few, and for a short time.

We recently purchased a ping pong table to have some fun with our family at Christmas. To get it home I had to ask a neighbor to haul it home with his pickup. It was a great way to get to know him a little better and later it gave me an excuse to bring him some smoked brisket as a thank you. After we had unloaded in the garage I saw our neighbor kid outside so invited him to come look at the box the table was in. I told him I was going to skunk him when we play sometime. His eyes got big with the challenge, and he has called several times to come over and play. We hope to have a neighborhood ping pong party this winter.



We didn't have plans to have worship services till we had more interest from our Missional Community but this past fall a couple said they were interested in being a part of this. On November 17, 2013 we had our first service in our home. It has been a wonderful blessing watching the group participate in all aspects of the service as well as the meal that follows each week. Even the kids have been taking turns playing the cajon. This past week we had three friends and their families from Pella/Oskaloosa, IA join us to show us their support. We also had two others attend for the first time. It was such a blessing to have a house full and eat lunch in the basement because there wasn't enough room upstairs.

Our Missional Community is looking forward to caroling at a nursing home, Super Bowl parties, prayer walks at the youth jail and anything else God puts in our path. Even if the path is not straight and flat and we don't know what is around the curve.

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