

## **REPORT FROM HILLS OF GRACE CHURCH IN RAPID CITY SOUTH DAKOTA APRIL 2011**

**Hello partners in ministry and prayer warriors!**

**I pray this email finds you and yours well!**

**As always, we are very busy people up here in Rapid City, South Dakota. It was in the 70s just a few days ago, and right now it is snowing again! That's Rapid City spring for you, and it's normal for this time of year. We look forward to the summer weather, which by Texas standards is very mild and pleasant.**

**For the past month we have been getting geared up for Easter. We hosted a variety of community friendly outreach events in March, like free family movie-nights and a magic show. Each event brought us new connections with families in the community.**

**Last Saturday we hosted our second annual community Easter Egg Hunt. Who knew that Easter egg hunts could be so popular? Well, around here it is serious business. With much work on publicity and going door to door to 2000 homes to invite people to our hunt as well as our Easter worship services, we had somewhere between 800-1000 people in attendance! It was exciting to make so many new connections with new faces in our community. This years' hunt went much smoother than last year, and we were ready for the crowd. We had 4 different hunts, giveaways, inflatable bounce houses, popcorn, cotton candy, drinks, free pictures with the Easter bunny, and over 11,000 eggs stuffed with prizes and candy!**

**Easter is next Sunday, and we are excited about all the people that will come and join us for worship. Join me in praying that all of the connections that we have made over past 2 years will be refreshed and renewed, and that those families would join us for our Easter celebrations.**

**Our family is doing very well. The boys are always ancy to get outside to play! Jennifer is ancy to get her garden planted. We can start planting a few plants that are cold-friendly at the end of April, and the rest will be planted at the end of May. That means I need to catch up a little on my honey-do list! Josiah seems like he is 3 and half years old going on 16. His strong attitude reminds me of many of the teenagers that I have had the honor of serving over the years in youth ministry! Paul is now 16**

months old, getting into everything, and trying to hold his own with Josiah. They fight a lot, just as all brothers do. Paul's only defense mechanism is screaming, and he's good at it! Remember, you can always keep up with our family by going online to <http://dancerfamilytales.blogspot.com>.

Please join us in praying for:

- All of the new contacts that we were able to make at the Easter Egg Hunt. Pray that God would impress on their lives a deep awareness of their need for Him! Pray that God would lead them to join us for worship next Sunday for Easter.
- We are having 2 worship services that day, 9:15 and 11am. I will be sharing the gospel as I trace God's redemption plan through the Old Testament leading to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection through a storying delivery method. Pray that God would draw people to Himself and many would come to a life-transforming experience with Jesus
- Our summer outreach. We will be doing a lot of neighborhood block parties throughout the summer, and hosting a large Vacation Bible School like event in our space at the mall in mid-July. Pray that all of the details come together, and a God's sized vision would be embraced, and a God-sized harvest would be the result
- Pray for wisdom as we pray intently about starting our first daughter church of Hills of Grace. We have a few churches that want to partner with us. If you think you or your church might want to be involved, please let me know soon!

Know that I am prodigiously grateful for the friendship that we share, your faithful support of the work that God has called us to here in South Dakota, and for your investment in the kingdom!

Until next time, may we all experience God's transforming power daily as we all labor for the great cause of lifting Him up in our own homes and communities!

In greatest gratitude and love,  
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