



Ministry Update

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Good-bye 2009 - a Year of Change! Hello 2010 - a Year of Promise!

The year 2009 was extremely challenging, yet wonderfully exciting for us. We became even more versatile in the types of programs we did and broke out into the secular market with "Fun Magic and Puppets."

Some statistics from 2009 include:

- Ending up the year with a total of 154 events, including:
 - * 22 church outreach events
 - * 5 speaking/preaching engagements
 - * 13 Awana evangelism programs
 - * 2 school assemblies
 - * 9 creative ministry workshops (at three Awana Leadership Conferences in three states)
 - * 6 carnivals/festivals
 - * 4 magic camps
 - * 3 VBS classes
 - * 1 Senior High post prom event
 - * 1 Girl Scout Day Camp program
 - * 1 Cub Scout presentation
 - * 2 Family camp programs
 - * 1 Senior Center program
 - * 67 Preschool programs
 - * 2 Library presentations
 - * 13 Birthday parties
- While most of events took place within the state of Iowa, we did end up visiting an additional four states (South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri).
- Our busiest month was June with 23 events. Our busiest week was June 14-19 with 14 events.

- Hundreds of hands raised in response to the gospel invitation (all to God's glory).

Challenges arose for us during this year as we worked hard to make ends meet financially. God was so good to us in providing for our needs - most of our "wants" had to be put on the back burner.

Earlier in 2009, we made the commitment to go with Power to Change (Campus Crusade for Christ in Canada) to India for a short term missions trip. Initially scheduled for September, it was then rescheduled for January of 2010.

During the summer, we felt God was prompting us to prepare for some coming changes...we weren't sure at

that time what they might be, but God made His direction clear to us.

In September, God opened the door for us to relocate our home and ministry from West Des Moines to the Kansas City area. We found a home owned by a wonderful Christian family who were praying for someone like us to rent it. God then provided a full time job for David which would give us much needed income for the ministry in the coming year.

Because David had to begin his job before we were able to make the move, he commuted for several weeks. On one of his final trips back to West Des Moines from Kansas City, the Astro van he was driving (God's provision of our "elephant-sized" prayer) was totaled as a result of a collision with a deer. While we were very disappointed that our "new-to-us" van was no longer usable, we were just as thankful that David had not been driving the Sebring, in which case he would have definitely been seriously injured or possibly even killed in the accident.

But we were left with a new problem. We needed to get a new vehicle, and the only financial resource we had available to us was the money that had been set aside for our missions trip to India. After seeking counsel with our pastor, we decided to go ahead and use those funds to purchase a new vehicle with the hope that we'd be able to replace those funds in time.



Check out our calendar at
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for upcoming events.

When it became apparent that we would not be able to replace the funds necessary to cover our expenses for the missions trip, we notified the organization that we would not be able to participate at this time.

It was only a few weeks after we made this decision that we found out the missions trip was going to be canceled anyway. It was discovered that the Campus Crusade staff in India was not going to be available to assist the incoming team at that time.

We are in the process of contacting those who donated to us specifically for this trip. Their support and trust in us to follow where God was leading has meant so much to us. We look forward to the day when God will open the door once again for such an opportunity.

We are getting settled here in Raytown very nicely. We've gotten involved in an awesome new church, and we've begun to make some new friendships.

While David is busy as the new manager of the US Toy Co. Magic Shop in Leawood, Kansas (just a stone's throw away from where we live), Gayle is getting herself settled into the role of marketing manager, advertising manager, booking agent,

and any other hats that might fit, in order to ensure that the ministry of Williamson Productions continues as God opens the doors. The opportunity exists for us to minister at hundreds of Awana churches within the metro area, and Gayle will be responsible for doing the contact work that David had been doing the past couple of years.

Gayle is also working on her own children's entertainment program that she will start marketing to the local preschools in the near future.

With some of the financial burden for the ministry being lifted with David's full time job, we can now focus more on doing ministry events for ministry sake rather than worry about how bills are going to be paid.

We aren't quite sure why God has brought about these recent changes in our ministry at this time, but because we've seen Him in every step of the ministry since its inception, we have complete trust that this is all happening according to His purpose and plan.

As long as God continues to open the doors of opportunity, we will continue to present the truth of His gospel in a unique and memorable way, reaching kids - of ALL ages. This ministry con-

tinues to be our primary passion and life purpose.

Your continued prayers and encouragement are priceless to us. Whether we see specific answer to prayer or God is answering prayer "behind the scenes," we know that "the prayer of a righteous man (and woman!) is powerful and effective." (James 5:16) Thank you!

It is still our intention to travel for events as those opportunities arise, so if we can bring a ministry event to your church, be sure to let us know as soon as possible!

Our prayer for you for this new year is that "God will make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8)

Serving Him with joy,



Rev. David and Gayle Williamson

Our New Year's Resolution: "...But one thing (we) do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, (we) press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called (us) heavenward in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 3:13b-14 - NIV)

Please remember to pray...

General Requests:

- For wisdom in discerning God's direction and leading
- For opportunities to lead kids and adults to Jesus Christ.
- For those individuals who have made decisions for Jesus that their walk with the Lord would continue to grow.
- For God's provision of some specific needs we currently have.

Regularly check our online calendar so you'll know where we'll be as you pray.

Thank you for your support!!