



# News from the Network...

## *The Question is "When?"*

No longer do we have to ask, "How can we, the Church, serve together?" or "Who is in need?" God has allowed this question to be answered for central Arkansas, and it is soon to be shared all over the country.

The Nehemiah Network would like to introduce to you a state of the art tool called Meet the Need that's now available to those, whether a church or ministry, that have a desire to unite in serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities in central Arkansas.

Meet The Need is the product of a ten year study and development project that facilitates the opportunity for the body of Christ as a whole to publish needs and work together to fill needs for the community, for families, and even churches. What a blessing to be able to mobilize people to serve, to

give, and to receive the blessings of God in serving others.



This happens in real-time as needs arise and churches and ministries share these needs by making them available on their own web-

sites through Meet the Need. This allows you to share with your congregation or ministry organization the volunteer and goods donation opportunities that are in our communities. Whether a disaster relief effort, the cleaning up of a neighborhood, a family in need of food, or a new church or ministry looking for items needed to support that ministry, the list of possibilities goes on and on.

Go to the SERVE page on our website, [www.NehemiahNetwork.org](http://www.NehemiahNetwork.org), and click on Church Resources to view a video regarding Meet the Need. Also, our staff is available to meet with you and your leaders about how you can use this tool to help mobilize thousands in central Arkansas for the glory of God. Many churches and ministries can share with you how it has made a major difference in getting the Church connected to the needs in our community.

So the question is "When can we get connected?" and the answer is "NOW!"

## ***Connecting through Literacy***

In an effort to rally 1000s of literacy tutors in the three school districts in the central Arkansas area, the Nehemiah Network will be partnering with the "Church" to provide these much needed resources. In an answer to the call to serve in the area of education, our hope is to connect churches and elementary schools to bring all children up to grade-level reading by the third grade. Stay tuned for more exciting information about this initiative!

### Connecting through:

- Prayer
- Service
- Initiatives

### Upcoming events:

**October 20th**, Pastor's Prayer Connection at Immanuel Baptist Church

**November 17th**, Evening of Prayer at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church

*Get in on your calendar now!*

**February 27-29th, 2012**, Pastor's Prayer Summit

### In our next issue:

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Serving Families

Partner Profile



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## Partner Profile

This issue, we are thrilled to highlight a member of the Nehemiah Network that has embraced the call to get their congregation out of the pews and into the community. **Cornerstone Bible Fellowship**, located in Sherwood, led by their Teaching Pastor, Dave Reynolds, hundreds of members of the church were mobilized in a weekend of service in several projects in their area. In an effort to involve as many as possible, Cornerstone utilized Meet the Need under their "GO SERVE" banner to register and organize the congregation. According to both church members and leaders, the weekend was a huge success and was greatly facilitated by Meet the Need. Some comments included "I thought the "Meet The Need" program was a win-win for project leaders and participants. The leaders didn't have to spend days recruiting help and participants can browse and volunteer for the projects that align with their specific skill sets." "I think MTN was vital in our service project campaign. It was easy to use and I loved being able to log on and check up on the status of our projects." "Once we successfully guided our people to register online, the volunteer positions filled quickly. We had almost 300 sign up in a matter of weeks, and all were mobilized for our large outreach initiative." Thank you to Cornerstone for your willingness to demonstrate the love of Christ and to be on the leading edge in using Meet the Need to effectively serve those in the community.



### ***Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus***

The Nehemiah Network supports all churches in serving as the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. We also feel called to help mobilize believers to serve together with other believers when opportunities arise. In this effort, we are encouraging churches and congregations throughout central Arkansas to seek God's call for them in His Kingdom building.

As we work with churches and Christian leaders, God appears to be gathering the Church in Seasons of Service. Believers are called to respond in outpouring of compassion during the Thanksgiving and Advent season. As many churches implement technology to help reach out and meet the needs

of others this season, we pray that partnering opportunities among churches and Christian ministries might grow.

We also believe that the Church is called to serve in the fields of our community. As we have supported Sharefest and CityFest in the past, we are calling churches to help revitalize our neighborhoods with clean up and outreach to those in need during the Spring through a citywide organized effort. As in the past, the purpose is to demonstrate love to our neighbors in a tangible way. Our desire is that churches throughout the community will serve as a body during the last two weeks of April to

be a light for our cities.

Raising up children in a healthy environment is also God's call. Churches have always been advocates of education throughout the years and we are calling churches to unite in that effort in the fall of 2012 as we begin the school year. We pray that all churches would be in partnership with at least one school and to come alongside them with volunteers. We applaud City Connections in their efforts toward church/school partnerships and encourage all churches to be engaged to the degree they are led and to live out that partnership whether it be through school

cleanup projects, providing backpacks and school supplies, mentoring/tutoring, or other forms of classroom and teacher assistance. God has given us His Word; may we help our schools to enable all of his children to be able to read His Word.

We also ask that you pray for our church, our community and our schools; that they would be shining places with Kingdom views in Central Arkansas.



*The Nehemiah Network is a relational network of pastors and Christian marketplace leaders uniting and strengthening the Church in Central Arkansas to live and serve as The body of Christ in our community.*