

## **Eight Prayerwalks in 2008\***

1. **Empower Omaha Prayerwalks**—calling believers from all over the city to stand together in hurting areas of our city.
  - Saying to hurting neighborhoods, “You are not alone! We are the body of Christ standing together.”
  - Encouraging people to take spiritual ownership of their neighborhood by establishing an ongoing prayer presence.
  - Status: Active and Growing
  - Contacts: John Ewing, Willie Barney, Femi Awodele, Dave Gehrls, Linda Reid
  
2. **First Responders**—selected spiritual SWAT like prayer teams who respond quickly to pray onsite at major crime, community crisis events and other significant attacks on the community.
  - Habbakkuk says that human bloodshed is violence to the land and all its inhabitants. First Responder crime prayer teams will pray onsite within 48 hours of violent crimes beginning with murder to cleanse and reclaim the land to make it difficult for Satan to kill people in our city.
  - First Responder Teams will also help to quickly mobilize the body of Christ to prayer at crisis events in our community like the Westroads Mall Shooting in December of 2007, the Neo-Nazi Rally at the Mexican Consulate on Sept 1, 2007 and the Ponca Tribe Proposed Casino in 2008.
  - Status: Active— but still in early development.
  - Contacts: Dave Gehrls, John Ewing, Linda Reid,
  
3. **Walk the Block Prayer**—congregations, usually after a service, walk their neighborhood in small groups.
  - As they walk, they are looking with spiritual eyes and also looking at their physical surroundings. They pray and then let God lead them to other things that need to happen in our community.
  - Example from Willie Barney: “In one housing project we noticed that the playground was in bad shape. We prayed and then made some calls to help get things taken care of. We want to take this to the next level in 2008. If every church and their partners were really looking out for their Adopt-A-Block, getting to know neighbors, praying, and helping in tangible ways we will continue to see transformation.”
  - Status: Active and Growing— This is working well in North Omaha and it should spread to other areas.
  - Contacts: Willie Barney, Empower Omaha
  
4. **Evangelistic Prayerwalking**—encouraging churches and home groups to prayerwalk neighborhoods, praying blessing, protection, and favor as they seek God's heart and priorities.
  - Prepares neighborhoods for more effective outreaches or church planting.
  - Combined with prayer mapping and journaling it confirms God's heart and gives us the spiritual keys to the neighborhood.
  - Mapping and journaling also identifies the "Cornelius's" that are ripening fruit in God's garden.
  - Status: Active and Growing— Several churches have hosted this training and more are being scheduled.
  - Contacts: Dave Gehrls

5. **Marketplace Prayerwalks**—prayerwalking businesses with their owners and/or managers to ask for God’s wisdom, protection and favor.
  - Mapping and journaling also identifies areas of need as well as new ideas.
  - Status: Active—
  - Contacts: Jon Reid (M<sup>3</sup>)
  
6. **Civic Prayerwalks**—prayerwalking government sites and for our leaders.
  - Key areas including City-County Chambers, Police and Fire also for individual leaders or specific requests from civic leaders.
  - Status: Active— but still in early development.
  - Contacts: John Ewing, Linda Reid, Femi Awodele
  
7. **Embrace The Heartland In Prayer Week**—calling churches and groups to a unified plan of prayerwalking which covers the entire metro in one week.
  - Status: In Planning Stage
  - Contacts: Kim Nielsen, Dave Gehrls
  
8. **Repentance Prayerwalks**—calling believers to a unified prayerwalk of repentance as part of a national strategy as an illustrated sermon of “Repentance in Unity” and a public declaration of our nation’s desperate need for God’s mercy.
  - Visit <http://www.pentecostwalk.org> for more information.
  - Status: In Planning Stage
  - Contacts: Linda Reid, Femi Awodele, James Patterson

\* These prayerwalking activities are in addition to various other types of prayer such as the concert style of prayer on the National Day Of Prayer.

News videos of several of our prayerwalks can be found on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/DaveGehrls>

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