

# Update on SHALOM Rockwood

February 9, 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you to all who prayed for "Shalom Rockwood"! Below are some random statements describing the meeting:

- \* Very positive comments from just about everyone; it was a blessed success.
- \* Wonderful great opportunity to connect
- \* Everyone was encouraged and it seemed that no personal agendas or credit seeking was being pursued
- \* There was a common agreement among pastors to work together and if someone is not a good fit at your church, try to work together in directing people to another church that would be a good fit
- \* The meeting itself was very collaborative, with great hope and plans for further collaboration
- \* Some needs and resources were immediately connected; all wanted to regularly continue connecting; energetic atmosphere
- \* everyone brainstormed ways to engage with each other as a group. Here were some ideas that resulted:
  - 24-hour Prayer meeting 3 times a year
  - Set a next meeting. Done! Sept 9, 2014, 9am - 1pm.
  - Prayer walks : Pentecost Sunday is June 8, 2014.
  - Call each other and prayer walk for an hour somewhere
  - Take a moment today to connect via email/phone based on connection made at Shalom
  - Have a concierge mentality to help Rockwood neighbors navigate to a faith community based on their interests
  - 4th Tuesday is a Fresh Fruit and Veggie distribution at Rockwood SDA, 150 served. Starts at 9am. (Line starts at 6:30am)
  - Pastor Gene has computers and wants to set up a ESL program. Pastor Jose has experience in setting up and running them. Rockwood CDC would be glad to help coordinate if you want us

Pastor Gene made a great statement at the end of the meeting: the move of the Holy Spirit takes precedence over personal theological positions. Working together for the poor should not imply that we deny or even de-value stands for doctrinal truth that we have taken. Jesus is alive!

Thank you to all who prayed! We continue to covet your prayers as we seek God's guidance in working with others to bring food, freedom and forgiveness to Rockwood.

Grateful,

Scott and Vicki