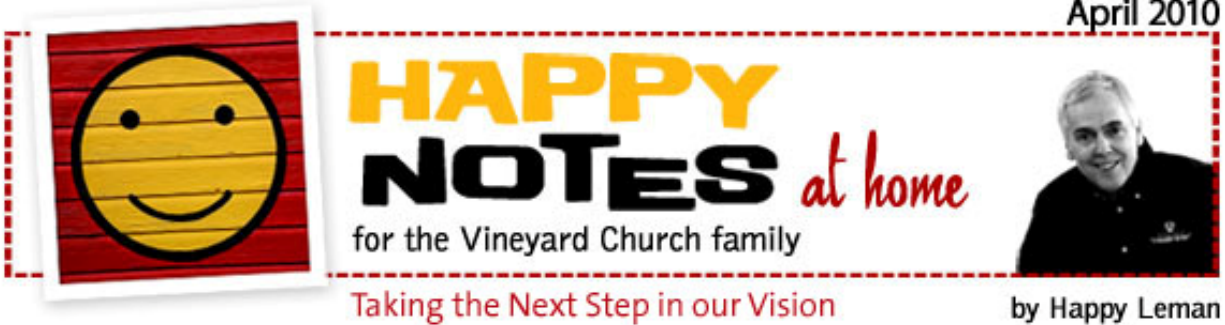


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## Something Old- Something New

Most of you have heard bits and pieces of our 10 x 10 vision. While we originally referred to this as our 10-10-10 vision, we believe God has now increased our assignment to include at least 10 focal points. Actually, these 10 are not really new as we have been doing something in each area for many years. In reality, these are more targeted goals which we have been assigned. We're honored that God has given us such a challenging assignment in the days ahead (see Acts 20:24).

## The 10 x 10 Vision

Following are the current aspects of the vision as we are **“seeking to make a difference – here, near, and far away!”** (Later this year, we will be asking you how you fit into the 10 x 10 vision.)

- Launch 10 multi-site churches
- Plant 10 new churches
- Send out 10 missionaries and/or teams
- Double church attendance in 10 years
- Touch 10,000 youth in 10 years
- Develop 10 young “point leaders”
- Develop 10 healing, mercy and justice ministry areas
- Develop 10 principles for the next generation Vineyard
- Share with 10 friends
- Raise \$10 million

## Progress To Date

Since aspects of this vision actually began to unfold over the last two years, part of our assignment has already been accomplished. For example, we have launched 2 healthy multi-sites (Sullivan and Danville) and planted a vibrant church in the south suburbs of Chicago. We have a missionary couple ready to go and our attendance has grown substantially in the last year. Progress is being made on developing new ministries in the area of healing and social justice, while also increasing our focus on children and youth.

## The Next Generation Vineyard

One of the 10 assignments we've been given is to develop a Vineyard that will prosper in the years ahead. The current Vineyard model is approaching the 30 year mark and needs a bit of refreshing. The strategies and principles upon which our church is built on need a fresh perspective.

In December 2009, I shared that Ben and Tina were entertaining the idea of church planting in Peoria. **Ben and Tina have decided this is where God is leading them.** We believe that a new Vineyard led by them will have the opportunity to discover the principles for the next generation.

Their church in Peoria should be young, nimble, and easily adaptable to the changing seasons and times. Once they learn the principles, they can come back to us and help us adjust as well.

### **Replacing Ben and Tina**

With Ben and Tina officially deciding to move to Peoria to plant a new Vineyard, we are faced with the responsibility of replacing them. Obviously they have fulfilled huge roles in this church over the last 30 years. Replacing them won't be easy or without stretching all of us. We will begin a major reorganization of the leadership team in the next few months.

### **Blessing Ben and Tina**

Because of their faithful service, the church is excited to bless Ben and Tina on their way to Peoria. We are working on a package that would give them 2-4 years of income as well as some for expenses in launching a new church. We feel this is warranted because of their faithful service as well as their unique abilities to make a big difference once they get to the new area. We want to be their partners for many years and believe it is important that we fully support them financially. All gifts of any type will be coordinated through this campus.

### **Final Thoughts**

God didn't bring us this far to let us go astray. We are now in our mature stages and as any good overseer, He wants a good harvest. We are at a time when we can develop many things well and see great results. With the help of the Lord, both Ben's church plant and this remaining 3 campus church will continue to prosper. Please pray toward that end.

### **Video Available**

Happy shared this information in a live presentation to the Vineyard Leadership Team (VLT) on Monday, March 29. Tina then gave a warm and positive response about the decision they had made. A video of both presentations will be posted on the website later this week at [www.thevineyardchurch.us/podcast](http://www.thevineyardchurch.us/podcast).

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