
prayDEVILS LAKE

January 21-26, 2013

Participant's Guide



Phases of Revival

Time to Revive seeks to spark revival through six phases. This entire process is **dependent on the leading of the Holy Spirit**, because God brings true revival.

- **Phase 1—scoutCITY** – When we are invited to a city and the Lord prompts the team, a scouting trip determines if this city is THE city for this state that God wants us to target. Time to Revive only travels to one city/region per state. The scouting trip also solidifies the key instigators for the revival in that state. If the Lord does not confirm that this is the city, Time to Revive does not move forward.
- **Phase 2—prepCITY** – Three to five trips are conducted to research the city and prepare for the next phase...praying intelligently for revival. The prayer team grows during this time.
- **Phase 3—prayCITY** – During a week of prayer, the team asks the Lord, “How do You want us to reach this city?” If the Lord answers, then we begin the next phase of training. If He does not answer, we continue praying or wait to return to the city.
- **Phase 4—trainCITY** – Four to five trainings are hosted to prepare the remnant to engage the city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed by the Holy Spirit during the prayer week.
- **Phase 5—engageCITY** – Now that the team is equipped, a week of intense outreach sparks ongoing work in the city. This week is a catalyst for ongoing evangelism and discipleship in the city that spreads throughout the entire state.
- **Phase 6—followupCITY** – Follow-up is necessary for the work to continue in the city and spread throughout the state. Time to Revive continues to monitor the work through ongoing dialog and visits as led by the Holy Spirit.

Overview of prayDEVILS LAKE

prayDEVILS LAKE is the bringing together of followers of Jesus from across the United States and from the Devils Lake region in North Dakota to pray and ask the Lord, “How do we reach this region for Jesus Christ?” Gathering together for six days, we will pray morning, noon, and night on our knees, in the streets, and anywhere the Lord leads.

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General Schedule

A daily detailed schedule is included later in this guide.

Daily Schedule:

- 6:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer Gathering*
- 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast*
- 9:00 a.m. – Praying at churches in that Day's Region
- 12:00 p.m. – Noon Prayer in the Region
- 1:00 p.m. – Lunch in the Region
- 2:30 p.m. – Praying in the Streets
- 5:30 p.m. – Dinner*
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Gathering*

**at Bethel Evangelical Free Church
(1312 Walnut Street East,
Devils Lake, ND 58301)*

Broadcast Details

The evening prayer gathering will be available via webcast at
www.reviveDEVILSLAKE.org
beginning at 7:00 p.m. (CST)

Goals

prayDEVILS LAKE seeks to:

- Ask the Lord, “How do we reach this region with the Gospel of Jesus Christ?”, (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Gain a better understanding of the similarities and the differences in each of the six areas of the Devils Lake Region. (Acts 17:22-23)
- Pray for the needs of the greater region and individual needs of people we encounter with the expectation that God will answer. (James 5:16)
- As a collective Body of Believers, return to our first love. (Revelation 2:4-5)

How to use this guide

This guide is designed to be a reference tool for your participation in prayDEVILS LAKE. Each day will have the following:

- Schedule
- Significant Findings from our research and prayer requests for each area
- Maps to each target location (churches, meeting locations, towns, etc.)
- A response sheet

Evaluation & Response

When you complete your prayDEVILS LAKE experience, please utilize the evaluation form at the end of this guide to let us know how the Lord has changed your life, your view of the region, or answered your prayers. In addition, share any suggestions or comments that might help make the next city’s prayer experience better!



Emmanual Lutheran Church near Maddock, ND.

Tweets

Prayers can be tweeted and displayed live each night. Please include the following in your tweet:

#reviveDEVILSLK

Weather

Most out-of-towners first ask questions about the weather in Devils Lake in January. So...let’s talk about it!

- Average High: 17 ° F
(Predicted for Monday, January 21: High of -20 and low of -26!)
- Average Low: -1 ° F
- Wind Speed: 10-20 mph
- Precipitation: January is one of the driest months of the year.

Clothing

Please pay attention to this list. North Dakota is COLD! You will need to dress in layers, have thick coats, and appropriate footwear!

- Gloves
- Winter hat that covers your ears or earmuffs
- Scarf
- Thick socks
- Snow appropriate footwear
- Warm Pajamas
- Layers of clothing
 - Sweaters
 - Undershirts
 - Long-sleeved Shirts
 - Long Underwear
 - Extra socks

Milestones

2007

Kyle Lance Martin meets with a group of pastors at Pizza Ranch in Devils Lake to see if the area would be the next city after the Dallas Revival. It was determined that the timing was not of the Lord

Spring 2012 ~ Invitation

Vanessa Weber, Kyle's cousin, views a video about Time to Revive produced by Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS). Afterwards, Vanessa forwards the video to her pastor, Bruce Dick of Bethel Evangelical Free Church, who also attended DTS. The invitation to Time to Revive to consider the region soon followed

September 2012 ~ scoutDEVILS LAKE

After receiving an invitation from Pastor Bruce Dick, Kyle Lance Martin, John Lay, and Rich Goodwin conduct a scouting trip to the Devils Lake Region. During the scoutDEVILS LAKE trip, it becomes evident that the region is the strategic city for North Dakota. In addition, a first look at the locals reveals that some have not opened the Bible for years.

October 2012 ~ prepDEVILS LAKE 1

During the first prepDEVILS LAKE trip greater insight into the geographical boundary of the target area is revealed, but more importantly the spiritual attitude of many in the area. Good works are commonly the standard for salvation to many. Furthermore, a Bible study at the Cando Cenex (a gas station) is held with several women between the ages of 72 and 92.

November 2012 ~ prepDEVILS LAKE 2

Kyle and the team continue researching the area and getting to know the locals. Three Native Americans accept Christ and are immediately followed up with by their boss and elder at Bethel. Next, Bruce Lewallen, (Kyle's Uncle) assists in sharing the Gospel with a combine repairman.

December 2012 ~ prepDEVILS LAKE 3

In the bitter cold, the Lord brings into focus the itinerary for prayDEVILS LAKE in January. God leads Kyle Lance Martin to a man who accepts Christ in a buffalo field, the team scouts from above in a helicopter, and a team of dogs provide transportation on a fun filled day. Again, God provides immediate discipleship for the new convert.

January 2013 ~ prayDEVILS LAKE

May the Lord hear our prayers this week!

General Packing List

Although this list is not exhaustive, this is a start:

- Bible
- Wet wipes
- Anti-bacterial hand gel
- Back-pack
- Medications/Vitamins
- Thank you note/gift for host
- Flashlight
- Lip Balm
- Sunscreen
- Lotion
- A willing attitude!

Food

The prayDEVILS LAKE team will be provided breakfast and supper each day. You will not need money for these meals. However, you are responsible for lunch.

Local Shopping

Devils Lake, ND is home to a Wal-Mart and Kmart. Other stores do exist, but specialty stores are limited. Do not expect to easily purchase specialty items on this trip.

Transportation

Out-of-town Missionaries will be provided transportation if it is needed. Locals are encouraged to assist out-of-towners from place to place.

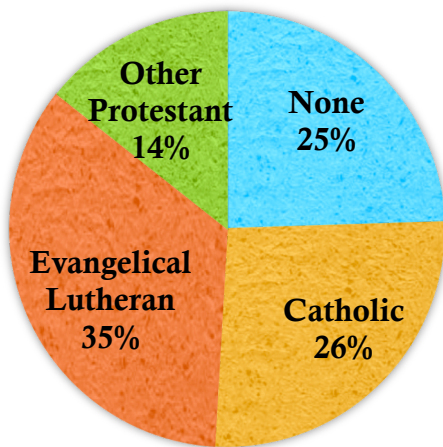
Lodging

Time to Revive is coordinating lodging for out-of-town missionaries. You will receive your individual housing assignment from Velvet Lay (vlay@timetorevive.com) via email about one week prior to prayDEVILS LAKE. If you have any special requests, do not hesitate to call Velvet (214) 435-5750.

Believers in the Devils Lake Region

In the Devils Lake Region, 25.5% (one-out-of-four) of the people do not have a religious affiliation. This is much lower than the national average of 50.2%. Of those who do have a religious affiliation, 35% are Catholic, 46% are Evangelical Lutheran, and 19% are “Other” protestant.

However, as research detailed further in this guide will discuss, most people we encountered during our street interviews¹ hold a “works based” faith that is contradictory to the teachings of Scripture.



¹ The vast majority of people we interviewed considered themselves Christian because of church attendance and “good” living. Of the approximately fifty discussions that surrounded the basis of salvation that we had with individuals in the region, less than ten stated their salvation was based on Jesus Christ’s life, death, burial, and resurrection.

Sunday, January 20, 2013

Staking the Ground

Schedule

- **9:00 a.m. – Attend Church.** The Team is at different churches during the morning services. See assignments below.
- **12:00 p.m. – Lunch at Pizza Ranch or place of your choice** (624 College Dr. South, Devils Lake, ND 58301)
- **2:00 p.m. – Gather at Bethel Evangelical Free Church** (1312 Walnut Street E., Devils Lake, ND 58301) for Staking Assignment
- **3:30 p.m. – Stake the first stake at Bethel** and then depart for the four corners of the region
- **4:45 p.m. – Stake the four corners of the region**
- **6:15 p.m. – Ice Cream at Bethel Evangelical Free Church**

Church Attendance Assignments

Church & Worship Time	Address	Team
Bethel Evangelical Free Church – 9:30 a.m.	1312 Walnut Street E, Devils Lake, ND 58301	
River of Life Assembly of God -	1903 Highway 20, Devils Lake, ND 58301	
United Methodist Church -	601 5th Street NE, Devils Lake, ND 58301	
Christian Fellowship Church -	620 3rd Avenue, Cando, ND 58324	
Zion Lutheran Brethren Church -	302 Central Ave., Maddock, ND 58348	
Trinity Lutheran Church -	309 Main Street, Starkweather, ND 58377	
New Life Fellowship Church -	2965 90th Ave. NE, Warwick, ND 58381	

Maps to churches will be given to you as they are assigned.

About Staking the Ground

Time to Revive first incorporated staking out the four corners of the target region during revivEASHEVILLE. The city instigator, Michael Quest, and Kyle Lance Martin organized the team and sent us out. The Biblical background of claiming the land is found in Joshua. The Lord promised Joshua that he would receive the ground on which he walked (Joshua 1:3).

Today, the team stakes the ground signifying that we are going into spiritual battle for that area to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The team traditionally shouts the name of Jesus at the top of our lungs after driving each stake. (The shouting of the name of Jesus began at the follow-up trip to Sedona, AZ when Kyle shouted Jesus' name as it echoed over the Verde Valley.)

Prayer Suggestions for Staking the Ground

When your team arrives at the designated location (See maps section.), find an appropriate location for the stake.

- Pour salt on the land as sign of a covenant between you and God. Pray for saltiness in the Church. (Matthew 5:13)
- Anoint the stake or ground with oil and dedicate the land to God. Declare life and blessing to the ground and the people in the area as the Holy Spirit leads.
- Drive the stake completely in the ground as far below the surface as possible.
- If the stake shatters, it is not a problem. Simply gather the pieces and bury them with the stake.

Victory in Jesus

Verse 1:

I heard an old, old story
How a Savior came from glory
How He gave his life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sin
And won the victory

Chorus:

Oh, victory in Jesus,
My Savior forever
He sought me and He bought me
With His redeeming blood
He loved me, Ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him
He plunged me to victory
Beneath the cleansing flood

Verse 2:

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried "Dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit"
And somehow Jesus came and brought
To me the victory

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3:

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing and the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory

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Materials Needed

To stake the ground your team needs:

- Bible
- Hammer
- Salt
- Stake (rebar)
- Marker
- Map to your Area

Bible Verses to Consider

- **Revival** – Ezra 9:8; Psalm 85:6; Hosea 6:2
- **Reconciliation** – Psalm 115:16; Matthew 18:18
- **Repentance** – Matthew 3:2; Acts 2:38; Revelation 3:19
- **Restoration** – Isaiah 43:1; Isaiah 54:5; Joel 2:25

Maps to the Staking Sites

See the *Maps* section.

Reflections ~ Sunday, January 20, 2013

What was your favorite moment of today?

What was your least favorite moment of the day?

What did you learn about the Lord today?

What will change in your life as a result of today?

Reflecting on today, what was most significant to you?

Monday, January 21, 2013

Area 1 – City of Devils Lake, ND

Schedule

- 6:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer Gathering*
 - 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast*
 - 8:45 a.m. – Orientation and Church Assignments*
 - 9:00 a.m. – Depart for Churches
 - 12:00 p.m. – Noon Prayer Gathering (River of Life Assembly of God Church, 1903 North Dakota 20, Devils Lake, ND 58301)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (Kneadful Things, 516 College Drive South, Devils Lake, ND 58301)
 - 2:30 p.m. – Hit the Streets
 - 5:30 p.m. – Supper*
 - 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Gathering*
- *At Bethel Evangelical Free Church

Overview from the City Website²

Devils Lake is the largest natural body of water in North Dakota, making it a premier vacation and living destination for all four seasons of the year. Devils Lake offers some of the best fishing and hunting in North America!

Devils Lake covers more than 190,000 acres (296 square miles) and has hundreds of miles of shoreline. Our lake grows large numbers of walleye, northern pike, white bass and it has earned the reputation of being the "Perch Capital of the World." Perch weighing more than two pounds are caught quite frequently. In the fall of the year hundreds of thousands of waterfowl migrate to the area and give both local and visiting hunters outstanding hunting opportunities. Waterfowl includes geese (Canadian, snow & blue), ducks (mallard, pintail, & teal) and sandhill crane. In the fall, we are also known for some of the best white-tail deer hunting around.

Devils Lake's population is approximately 7,100 with over 500 businesses that offer outstanding shopping, great service, and career opportunities. Our medical facilities, schools, and park system provide state of the art technology and professional, caring staff to enhance the quality of life for our residents. The City is dedicated to making a safe and secure environment for our citizens.

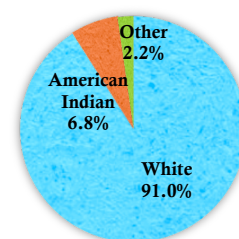
Overview from Wikipedia³

The present site of Devils Lake was historically territory of the Sioux or Dakota. The Sioux were relocated to the Spirit Lake Reservation. The name "Devils Lake" is a calque of the Sioux phrase *mni wak'áŋ* (literally: spiritual water), which

Devils Lake, ND (Entire 58301 ZIP Code)

- Founded – 1882
- Incorporated – 1887
- Population – 10,757 (2011, Census Bureau)
- Households – 5,416
- City Area – 6.51 sq. mi.
- Elevation – 1,447 ft.

Devils Lake :: Ethnicity



Devils Lake Perch

Covering approximately 200,000 acres, Devils Lake is the "Perch Capital of the World."

² <http://www.ci.devils-lake.nd.us/>

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devils_Lake,_North_Dakota

is also reflected in the names of the Spirit Lake Tribe and the nearby town of Minnewaukan.

The Sioux called the lake *mni wak'áŋ chante*, which separately translate as *mni* (water), *wak'áŋ* (spirit), and *chante* (bad). Early European-American settlers thought this meant "Bad Spirit Lake", or "Devils Lake." The "bad" referred to the high salinity of the lake, making it unfit to drink, and "spirit" meant the mirages often seen across the water. The Christian concept of the devil was not present in the Sioux religion.

The Hidatsa name is **mirixubaash**, ("Sacred water").

The first post office was founded here November 15, 1882, and originally named **Creelsburg**. It was founded by Lieutenant Heber M. Creel, a West Point graduate and topographical engineer stationed at nearby Fort Totten. After resigning from the U.S. Army, he surveyed and established the town site.

The surrounding Creel Township is named for him. Its name was later changed to Creel City and expanded by the Great Northern Railway. When the village was incorporated in 1884, the name was changed to **City of Devils Lake** and then shortened to **Devils Lake**.

A period of increased rain, beginning in the 1990s and unprecedented in the history of the state, caused the nearby lake, which has no natural outlet, to rise. The surface area has quadrupled, and the higher water has resulted in the moving or destruction of over 400 houses.

Prayer Requests & Significant Findings

Name of the Lake and City

William Shakespeare asked, "What's in a name?" Well...apparently a name is important. When Time to Revive shares that we are in "Devils Lake, North Dakota," people instinctively respond, "Oh...*that's* why you are there." Time to Revive is intrigued over the name. We felt like the name warranted some discussion.

The naming of the city is controversial. No one really knows why the name was chosen (see above theories). If you ask the locals (and we have asked this question to many people; watch it on our YouTube channel), the most common answers are:

- Native Americans saw an evil spirit over the lake.
- A group of men in a war party were swallowed by the lake.
- When the sun hits the water correctly, mirages of evil spirits appear.

Pray – Some are actually praying that the name of the town and the lake is changed. It is interesting that many call this area the Spirit Lake Region. Even the license plates for North Dakota say, "Discover the Spirit." Whatever the case, we are claiming the region for Jesus! Note that the current name is not possessive!

The Name *Devils Lake*

The Sioux called the lake "Bad Spirit Lake"

Name Changes

- The city of Devils Lake was once named *Creelsburg*, for its founder.
- The high school mascot was the *satans* until 2002, when the school board voted to change the mascot to the *Thunderbirds*.

Business

The City of Devils Lake is the business hub for the region. People travel for over an hour to shop in the city on a regular basis. Let's consider a few of the significant statistics regarding business in Devils Lake⁴:

- Retail is one-third (1/3) of the local business in the city and accounts for 55% of sales income for the city.
- Most of the retail income is in the sales of motor vehicles and parts, closely followed by general merchandise.
- In the City of Devils Lake, only 1.5% of the population works in a farm related profession. This is a contrast to the other areas we will discover.
- Healthcare is the number one employer in the city (1/3 of all employees) and is also the highest paid sector. Healthcare is followed by education and then retail.
- Employment for females – 1/4 work in healthcare, 1/10 work as a teacher...this means that two-out-of-five (2/5) are either a teacher or a medical professional.
- Employment for males – 1/10 are in healthcare or education. 1/20 work in the motor vehicle industry. 1/10 are in a construction related field.
- The city has 80 employees. Sixty-five (65) are full-time and fifteen (15) are part-time.

Pray – Devils Lake is the economic center for the region. Pray that the Lord would bring creative ideas to His people for new businesses. Pray for Christian business owners to be a role-model to their employees and encourage Bible studies in the workplace during lunch breaks, etc.

Poverty

Poverty is a real issue. In the Devils Lake ZIP code, one out of five (21.4%) people you meet are living in poverty. This is not a poverty because of laziness, but a poverty amongst people who are often working diligently to put food on the table.

Some of the statistics about poverty in Devils Lake⁵:

- 80% of the poor in Devils Lake are Single Moms
- 70% are White
- 1/3 (+/- 35%) of children in Devils Lake live in poverty.
- Only 16% of married couples in poverty do not work at least one job.
- Most people (>70%; conservative estimate) who live in poverty in Devils Lake work a steady job.

Charlotte Brontë wrote a story about a poor orphan Jane Eyre who falls in love with the rich Edward Rochester in *Jane Eyre*. A poignant scene in the tale unfolds when Jane says to Edward,

“Do you think, because I am poor, obscure, plain and little, I am soulless and heartless? You think wrong! - I have as much soul as you, - and full

⁴ 2011 US Bureau of Labor and Statistics

⁵ 2005-2010 US Bureau of Labor and Statistics

as much heart!”

The Bible says,

“Vindicate the weak and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
Rescue the weak and needy;
Deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.”
-Psalm 82:3-4

There is a transfer of wealth that is occurring in Devils Lake. Many of the business owners are considering retirement and transferring ownership to next generation⁶. It will be interesting to see how this transfer affects poverty in the region.

Pray – Pray for employment opportunities for those in poverty. Most do work, but need to more education and opportunities. Pray for single mothers to have the strength to parent, work, and handle the pressures that come with being a single-parent household. Pray for children who are growing up in poverty. Pray for the younger generation to be good stewards of the businesses and land they inherit.

The Family

The family is the basic building block of society. One third of the Ten Commandments relate directly to the family. It is often said that God created the family before the church. C.S. Lewis said, “The homemaker has the ultimate career. All other careers exist for one purpose only - and that is to support the ultimate career. ” Family is where the foundation is laid for the individual. The family is important!

Almost one-half (47.5%) of Devils Lake citizens are married. This is slightly lower than the national average of 51%⁷. People in North Dakota do tend to get married at a slightly younger age than the rest of the nation; however, age of first marriage is no longer an indication for educational status⁸ and quickly not being an indicator of socio-economic background or length of marriage before divorce. For example, divorce is not as common in Devils Lake as it is in the rest of the country (46% as opposed to 53% of marriages⁹).

Perhaps the most devastating statistic for the family in the region is un-wed births. Nationally, 40.8% of births are to unwed mothers. In the Devils Lake region, 60.6% of the births to whites are to unwed mothers.¹⁰ Virtually every birth among the Native American population is to an unwed mother¹¹. Among

⁶ The statistics for this are an inference; therefore, hard data is difficult to determine. However, the median age of a business owner is almost a decade above the national average. In addition to this, many of the businesses we visited in the region were discussing a succession plan. Transferring of wealth in the region seems to be a constant pressure in families and businesses alike.

⁷ Pew Research Center - <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2011/12/14/barely-half-of-u-s-adults-are-married-a-record-low/>

⁸ Pew Research Center and Census Bureau. Interesting dynamics are at play in the United States with the issue of marriage of socioeconomic status and educational attainment. The trend today is that married people at any age lean toward a higher achievement in almost every educational and economic measurement. Hmmm...maybe this family idea is a good one!

⁹ Center for Disease Control

¹⁰ National Center for Health Statistics - 2011

¹¹ Ibid.

other races, the numbers are mixed.

Although it is difficult to find statistical documentation on adultery and immorality, the topic did surface in several of the conversations we had on the street. Couples do not divorce as often in North Dakota, but adultery is just as prevalent in the region as in other areas of the country.

Pray – Pray for people to value the sacred union of marriage. Pray for young people to understand the dangers and consequences of sex before marriage. Pray for the majority of children in Devils Lake who are born in a home without a wedded mother and father. Pray for husbands and wives to be faithful to each other.

Reflections ~ Monday, January 21, 2013

What was your favorite moment of today?

What was your least favorite moment of the day?

What did you learn about the Lord today?

What will change in your life as a result of today?

Reflecting on today, what was most significant to you?

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

Area 2 – Northeast

(Webster, Garske, Starkweather, Calio, Munich, Clyde, Langdon, Concrete, Osnabrock, Milton, Gardar, Union, Edinburg, Fairdale, Adams, Edmore, Lawton, Brocket, Southam, Whitman, Dahlen)

Schedule

- 6:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer Gathering*
 - 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast*
 - 8:45 a.m. – Orientation and Church Assignments*
 - 9:00 a.m. – Depart for Churches
 - 12:00 p.m. – Noon Prayer Gathering (Munich Fire & Ambulance Center, 516 Main St., Munich, ND 58352)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (Munich Café & Bowl, 501 Main St., Munich, ND 58352)
 - 2:30 p.m. – Hit the Streets
 - 5:30 p.m. – Supper*
 - 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Gathering*
- *At Bethel Evangelical Free Church

Overview of the Northeast Area

Today, we have a lot of ground to cover! This area is about 60 miles by 60 miles. People in North Dakota drive...drive...and drive to go shopping, to work, to cheer their favorite team, or simply to see a friend! (More about this in prayer requests.) As you drive, here is what to expect:

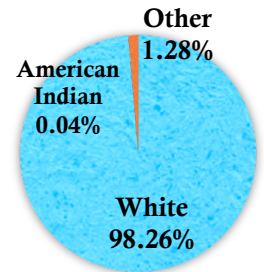
You will be riveted by the countryside...for the first 5 miles! After that, you will need to pay closer attention to be as intrigued. If you do pay attention, you are likely to see some interesting wildlife including deer, moose, and a variety of birds. Hunters travel to North Dakota not only for these, but also waterfowl when in season.

You will also realize that sometimes it is challenging to find someone with whom to interact. You might need to get creative! On one occasion, Kyle and the team bought a dishwasher for \$1.00 simply to be able to talk to someone about the Gospel! (You can see some of that story at this link: <http://youtu.be/my6TSjL1278>)

Finally, you may learn about “North Dakota Nice” today. North Dakotans are nice to you! This is a great testimony to the hospitality you probably have already experienced. Watch for it...see how you are cared for, even if you are from out of the area. However, be aware of the realization that “North Dakota Nice” could be a smoke screen to keep you from penetrating through someone’s

Northeast Area

- Population – 7,452 (2011, Census Bureau)
- Area – 3,597 sq. mi. *(About the size of Delaware and Rhode Island Combined!)*
- Households – 2,724
- Ethnicity –



Divine Appointments

The population of the entire State of North Dakota is 683,932 people spread out over the 17th largest state of the United States! We are covering 9,900 square miles (14% of the state) this week. This is roughly the size of the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex. However, the DFW area’s population is about 7,000,000. The Devils Lake region is 35,482 residents in roughly the same area as the DFW Metroplex. Pray for the Lord to give you “Divine appointments” today.

vener to the heart of a spiritual issue. Ask the Spirit to give you discernment.

Prayer Requests & Significant Findings

A Shrinking and Aging Population

While other areas of the state are growing, this area of North Dakota is shrinking. In the last decade, the Northeast Area has lost between 16% and 30% of its population (depending on the ZIP code)¹². This is significant.

When an area loses population, key businesses in that area close. A small town with one convenience store may close. This leaves the residents with the necessity to drive to the next town (which may be 30 miles away!) for basic services. If the only local café or bar closes, the residents often lose the only meeting place in the community. In addition, you will see churches that are permanently closed due to the shrinking population and the cessation of outreach.

Furthermore, the population of the area is about 15 years older than the median age for the rest of the state (52 vs. 37)¹³. You will encounter the elderly today. Consider what the life of the elderly would consist of in the area. How would you get out during the winter? What would you do if you needed help? How do you overcome loneliness?

Much like Devils Lake, the transfer of land and wealth is an issue to consider for the aging population. Who receives the farm? Often, the possessions that the individual worked all their life to amass now have lost value and no one knows what to do with them. You will see abandoned homes and buildings in each town; often causing the passerby to imagine what it must have been like to live in North Dakota fifty years ago. Ask people, “What was that building?” It is a good opener that can be utilized to transition to “How can I pray for the city...for you...today?”

Pray – Pray for city leaders who are charged with determining what to do with a shrinking city. Pray for creative ways to provide basic services to residents. Pray for businesses to survive and cooperate (share infrastructure, buildings, etc.) in order remain able to provide for their communities. Pray for the elderly to be safe, cared for, and able to make wise decisions about the transfer of wealth. Pray for churches to reach out into the community. Pray against discouragement that often accompanies a grieving community.

‘Works Based’ View of Salvation

After multiple trips to the region and dozens of conversations with locals, it is clear that many base their salvation on, “works.” North Dakota people are good people (remember “North Dakota Nice”), are generous, and serving. But none of us are good enough to earn salvation! (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Today, our focus is praying; however, the Lord may give you the opportunity to ask someone, “If you were stand before the Lord and He were to ask you, ‘Why

“How do you overcome loneliness?”

Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

¹² Census Bureau

¹³ Ibid.

should I let you into My heaven?’ what would you say?’ It is likely you will receive the following responses:

- I’m a good person.
- I am nice to others.
- I have never hurt anyone.
- I have obeyed the Ten Commandments.
- I go to church.

The enemy has blinded the eyes of many with the lie that a relationship with Jesus is simply being a good person. Satan does not mind if someone is a good person, he just does not want him to know Jesus!

Pray – Pray for the eyes of the lost to be opened to their need of Christ’s forgiveness. Pray for a clear presentation of the free Gospel to penetrate the area. Ask the Lord to show us how to reach the area with the Gospel! Pray against the stronghold of religiosity over the region.

Reflections ~ Tuesday, January 22, 2013

What was your favorite moment of today?

What was your least favorite moment of the day?

What did you learn about the Lord today?

What will change in your life as a result of today?

Reflecting on today, what was most significant to you?

Area 3 – Eastern

(Crary, Doyon, Lakota, Mapes, Michigan, Petersburg)

Schedule

- 6:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer Gathering*
 - 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast*
 - 8:45 a.m. – Orientation and Church Assignments*
 - 9:00 a.m. – Depart for Churches
 - 12:00 p.m. – Noon Prayer Gathering (Bethesda Ministries, 119 Jeannette Ave., Michigan, ND 58259)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (Michigan Mall Café, 110 Broadway, Michigan, ND 58259)
 - 2:30 p.m. – Hit the Streets
 - 5:30 p.m. – Supper*
 - 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Gathering*
- *At Bethel Evangelical Free Church

Overview of the Eastern Area

Our research of the Eastern area provided a look into a mission field. With little church presence, we focused on the obvious. The towns of Lakota and Michigan demonstrate the resilience of being near the main highway that travels east to west across the northern part of the state of North Dakota. Fuel, a quick bite, or a soda may be the main reason for out-of-towners to stop in these towns; however, a closer look reveals a community with school spirit.

An obvious difference with the Eastern Area is the intentional limited the scope of the area (smallest in terms of square miles). The Eastern Area is in greatest need of churches, when compared to the other areas. Therefore, we wanted to flood this area with prayer.

Prayer Requests & Significant Findings

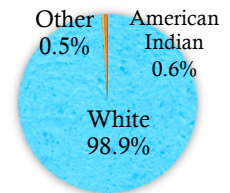
Death

It is pretty easy to recognize that the population of our target area is shrinking. There are 13.6 deaths and only 11.9 births per 1000 people¹⁴. Death is more common than birth in the region. Looking at death as a whole in the region, consider the following statistics¹⁵:

- North Dakota is ranked 3rd in prevalence of Alzheimer's. The average life expectancy of an Alzheimer patient is about 3-5 years after

Eastern Area

- Population – 2,615 (2011, Census Bureau)
- Area – 600 sq. mi.
- Households – 1012
- Ethnicity –



Alzheimer's

North Dakota is ranked 3rd in Alzheimer's prevalence.

¹⁴ Centers for Disease Control - 2012

¹⁵ CDC Official Final Deaths 2010 – Published 11/29/2012

diagnosis.¹⁶

- North Dakota is ranked 14th in suicide rate in the nation.
- North Dakota is ranked 9th in teenage death rate in the nation.

If the statistics surrounding death were only amongst the elderly, one could overlook the research; however, death on average is higher among teens than the rest of the country and suicide is increased in the region.

People who commit suicide feel trapped without options and without hope. The Bible says, “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But desire fulfilled is a tree of life” (Proverbs 13:12, NASB). Whenever hope is pushed back, the heart grows sick. In this region, many people are not seeing an avenue of hope.

Pray – Paul encourages the believers in Colossae (1:23, NASB) to remain steadfast and “and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard.” Pray that people will see hope in us today. Pray that we will have the opportunity to encourage someone who has lost a loved one. Pray that God will use us to intervene in someone’s life that may have given up hope.

Quality of Life

It may seem materialistic to pray for a better “quality of life” for an area; however, consider a few of the following statistics:

- The Devils Lake Region is among the worst areas in the United States for radon exposure. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, behind smoking.¹⁷
- In addition to radon, lead levels in the area are significantly above the United States Average. Exposure to lead can lead to blood disease, depression, and aches. In this country, the number one work related illness is lead exposure and it affects 3 million people annually.
- Single Mothers are common in the region. The average age of first motherhood is amongst the lowest in the country¹⁸. Single mothers tend to have the lowest quality of life of all socioeconomic standards.
- Almost 1 out of 5 people (19%)¹⁹ of the people over the age of 15 in Lakota, Michigan, and Petersburg are widowed! Loneliness is a common heartfelt need for those who have lost their spouse. Quality of life is greatly affected by social interaction.
- North Dakotans are healthy. In fact, North Dakota is the seventh (7th) state with the longest life-span. (80.1 years, US Average 78.6)²⁰

The Bible does instruct us to care for the poor and needy (Prov. 14:31; Luke 6:38; Deuteronomy 15:11). If we see our brother in need and pass him by, we do not have the love of the Father in us (1 John 3:17).

Pray – Pray for believers to come alongside those who are sick and needy to encourage them. Pray for those who are lonely to be encouraged and not turn

Widows

1 out of 5 people over the age of 15 that you encounter in today’s target area are widowed.

¹⁶ Texas Department of State Health Services - <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/alzheimers/qanda.shtml>

¹⁷ Environment Protection Agency - <http://www.epa.gov/radon/aboutus.html>

¹⁸ Center for Disease Control - http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr52/nvsr52_19acc.pdf

¹⁹ Census Bureau – 2010 Census

²⁰ Social Science Research Council – <http://www.ssrc.org/>

inward. Pray for the Lord to lead us to those in need of interaction today and that we will take time to “enter into their world.”

Reflections ~ Wednesday, January 23, 2013

What was your favorite moment of today?

What was your least favorite moment of the day?

What did you learn about the Lord today?

What will change in your life as a result of today?

Reflecting on today, what was most significant to you?

Thursday, January 24, 2013

Area 4 – Southeastern Area

(Tokio, Warwick, Hamar, Tolna, Pekin, McVile, Loten, Aneta, Sharon, Finley, Jessie, Binford, McHenry, Juanita)

Schedule

- 6:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer Gathering*
 - 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast*
 - 8:45 a.m. – Orientation and Church Assignments*
 - 9:00 a.m. – Depart for Churches
 - 12:00 p.m. – Noon Prayer Gathering (New Life Fellowship Church, 2750 North Dakota 20, Tolna, ND 58380)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (New Life Fellowship Church)
 - 2:30 p.m. – Hit the Streets
 - 5:30 p.m. – Supper*
 - 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Gathering*
- *At Bethel Evangelical Free Church

Overview of the Southeastern Area

The Southeastern area of the Devils Lake Region consists of some interesting changes from what we have been exposed to thus far this week. Today we will encounter greater ethnic diversity as we enter into the reservation for the first time. In addition, we will notice a slight variation in landscape and agriculture into an increase of ranching as opposed to farming. Finally, we will encounter the Lake for the first time today.

Prayer Requests & Significant Findings

The Growing Lake

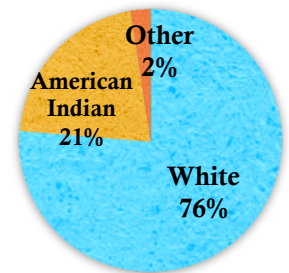
As you are driving around today, be careful. That lake will reach up and grab you! Just kidding...it's frozen. This summer it might. Just kidding again...but the lake is growing.

Consider the following²¹:

- Devils Lake covers roughly 261,000 acres today. In March 1993, it only covered 44,230 acres. This is a six times increase and an additional 215 square miles.
- Over \$1 Billion in tax dollars has been spent to address the rising lake.
- The roads in the area have been raised five times in the last two decades.
- Entire towns are being moved away from the lake before being

Southeastern Area

- Population – 5,090 (2011, Census Bureau)
- Area – 2004 sq. mi.
- Households – 1,875
- Ethnicity –



Rising Lake and Rising Costs

Over \$1 Billion in tax dollars has been spent to address the rising Devils Lake.

²¹ Ibid.

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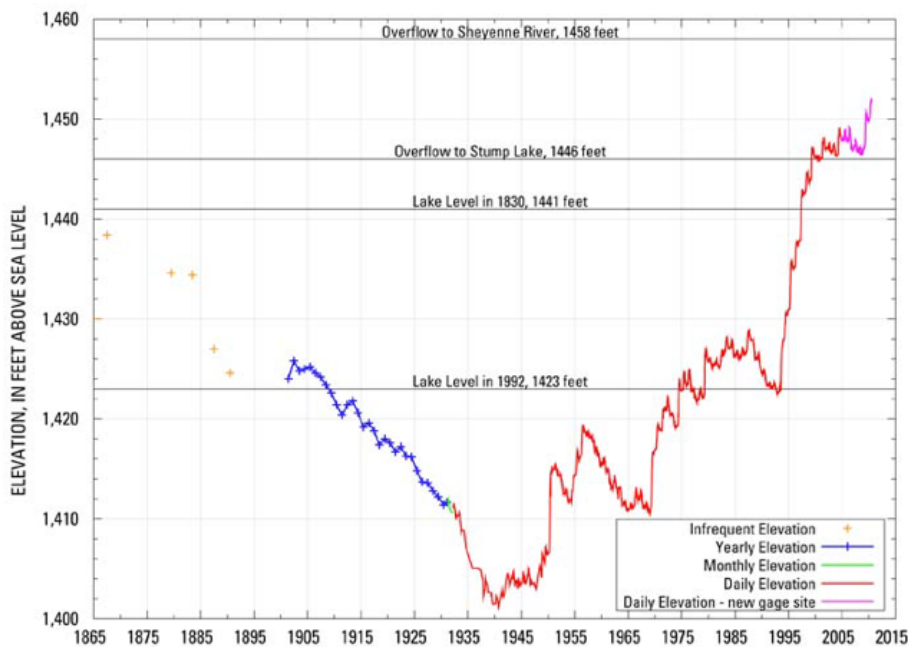
American Scientist magazine writes²²,

“ Rising lake waters have flooded much of the region, engulfing hundreds of homes and farmsteads, more than 650 square kilometers of productive farmland, major highways and bridges, state parks, Native American tribal lands, historical landmarks and more than half a million trees. Submerged too is the North Dakota Biological Station, a two-story limnological facility established in 1909 to study the lake’s unusual ecology and biogeochemistry. Portions of U.S. Highway 281 are now underwater, which has forced the relocation of this principal north-south highway several kilometers to the west. Other roads and highways are either extremely hazardous or simply impassable because of encroaching floodwaters. Amtrak and the BNSF Railway may have to reroute their trains over more southern lines as rising waters threaten to wash out roadbeds and bridges. The small town of Minnewaukan, once located 13 kilometers west of the lake, is now partly underwater, and many of its 300-plus residents have been forced to abandon their homes. Only a handful of people remain in Churchs Ferry and nearby Penn, communities established more than a century ago. The city of Devils Lake, North Dakota’s eleventh largest city with about 7,000 residents, sits behind a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers levee that protects the community from storm-generated waves that reportedly reach 2 meters or more in height. Without the levee, 3 to 4 meters of water would now cover parts of the city. To date, efforts by federal, state and local governments to control flooding and protect communities exceed \$1 billion, a cost that is rising as fatefully as lake waters.”

Levee System

“Without the levee, 3 to 4 meters of water would now cover parts of the City of Devils Lake.”

Look at the chart below²³ and see how the lake has grown.



There really is not a solution for the lake. Without a natural outflow, the lake has nowhere to go. The state has offered the following suggestions to solve the

²² <http://www.americanscientist.org/issues/pub/runaway-devils-lake>

²³ North Dakota State Water Commission - <http://www.swc.state.nd.us/4dlink9/4dcgi/GetContentPhoto/PB-227/640/480>

lake crisis:

- Create an outflow to mitigate unplanned releases from the lake.
- Create other lakes north of Devils Lake to be reservoirs for water to control inflows toward the lake.
- Continue to raise roads and levees.

We asked the mayor of Devils Lake, Richard Johnson, if prayer could play a role in solving the lake crisis. He said, “God is the Creator and He alone controls the lake.” (You can see this interaction on video on our YouTube channel: <http://youtu.be/71kfQDmqyVU>) In addition, many people indicated they were willing to come together to pray for the lake to “go down.” The lake does affect the attitude of the region. People tend to lose hope if the lake rises because the lake affects farmland. When the lake rises, so does the level of uncertainty. In contrast, when the lake recedes, hope and predictability rises.

Pray – The rising lake has garnered national attention. Please pray for the Lord to be honored in this situation. Pray for us to have the boldness to pray for the lake to lower and for God to get the glory! (Amos 9:6)

Alcohol

By now you have probably noticed that drinking alcohol in the region is a significant issue. Almost every little town has a bar, even if they do not have a church, convenience store, post office or café! In fact North Dakota is second in binge drinking in the nation.²⁴ Furthermore, underage drinking is rampant with 3 out of 10 teenagers indicating they have had a drinking binge in the last 30 days and 4 out of 10 teens have drank alcohol in the last 30 days.²⁵

An alcoholic can totally disrupt family life and cause harmful effects that can last a lifetime. According to U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and SAMHSA’s (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration) National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, seventy six million American adults have been exposed to alcoholism in the family. Alcoholism is responsible for more family problems than any other single cause. One study estimates that 25% of people in the state have a close loved one who is addicted to alcohol.²⁶

Native Americans have experienced substantial problems with alcohol since its introduction to their culture by early European settlers. Epidemiological data indicate that elevated morbidity and mortality attributable to alcohol abuse among this population remain at epidemic levels.²⁷

The Bible says, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit...” (Eph. 5:18 NASB) This is perhaps the most devastating affect of alcohol on the body; the alcoholic is not controlled by the Spirit.

Alcoholism

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²⁴ Holzman GS, Sahmoun AE, Brosseau JD, Helgersson SD, Pickard SP. North Dakota is second in binge drinking. Healthy North Dakota-Highlights, 2004; 1(3):1-2.

²⁵ <http://www.udetc.org/factsheets/ND.pdf>

²⁶ <http://allpsych.com/journal/alcoholism.html>

²⁷ <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/3068262>

How can a father lead his family closer to Jesus without being controlled by the Spirit?

Pray – Pray that those who are ministering to alcoholics will be filled with wisdom and discernment. Pray that families will not hide the sin of alcoholism, but see help. Pray that alcohol will become distasteful to the alcoholic. Pray that God would totally deliver the alcoholics of the region, especially among the Native American population. Pray for freedom from this stronghold.

Reflections ~ Thursday, January 24, 2013

What was your favorite moment of today?

What was your least favorite moment of the day?

What did you learn about the Lord today?

What will change in your life as a result of today?

Reflecting on today, what was most significant to you?

Friday, January 25, 2013

Area 5 – Southwestern Area

(Brinsmade, Minnewaukan, Camp Grafton, Fort Totten, St. Michael, Oberon, Flora, Maddock, Sheyenne, New Rockford, Hamberg, Bremen, Barlow, Brantford)

Schedule

- 6:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer Gathering*
 - 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast*
 - 8:45 a.m. – Orientation and Church Assignments*
 - 9:00 a.m. – Depart for Churches
 - 12:00 p.m. – Noon Prayer Gathering (Maddock Event Center, 801 Railroad Ave., Maddock, ND 58348)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (Maddock Event Center)
 - 2:30 p.m. – Hit the Streets & Helicopter Prayers
 - 5:30 p.m. – Supper*
 - 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Gathering*
- *At Bethel Evangelical Free Church

Overview of the Southwestern Area

Charles Dickens writes in his classic book *A Tale of Two Cities*, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us...”

Today, you will witness the contrasts that Dickens describes. In Minnewauken, the town is literally being swallowed right before your eyes and right down the road Maddock is vibrant and is undergoing renovation. The reservation will reveal homes with nothing, but one of the nicest buildings in the region is the casino right around the corner. Look for these and other contrasts today.

Prayer Requests & Significant Findings

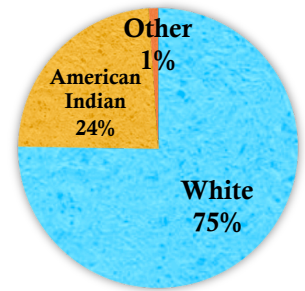
Child Abuse on the Reservation

“American Indians make up 9 percent of North Dakota’s population, but Indian children constitute nearly 30 percent of the state’s child abuse victims, a 2009 study by the Department of Health and Human Services found.”²⁸

“Federal and state officials say they have documented glaring flaws in the child

Southwestern Area

- Population – 6,185 (2011, Census Bureau)
- Area – 1,809 sq. mi.
- Households – 2,012
- Ethnicity –



Virtually every child born to a Native American in the region during the last 12 months was born out of wedlock.

²⁸ <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/08/us/child-welfare-dangers-seen-on-spirit-lake-reservation.html?pagewanted=all>

welfare system at the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in North Dakota, contending that while child abuse there is at epidemic levels, the tribe has sought to conceal it.

Children are a blessing from the Lord. (Psalm 127:3) Today, attempt to look at the region through the eyes of a child. Where would you play? Where would you feel safe? Where would you go to school? If you needed help, where would you go? What are the dangers you see? Where do you see children who are experiencing joy?

Pray – Pray for the children who live on the reservation to realize they have an advocate with the Father. Pray that they do not view God as abusive simply because their earthly father is abusive. Pray for those who are attempting to repair a broken child welfare system on the reservation. Pray for healing for those who have been abused.

Racism

While there is a serious issue with child abuse on the reservation, no issue gives anyone the right to stereotype and consider the Native Americans a lesser people. That would be racism.

In a recent conversation with a Devils Lake resident, it was indicated that the region does not have “racism between blacks and whites; it’s between whites and Natives...” It does not require much time in the area to see effects of the tension between whites and Native Americans.

Recently, one business manager indicated that he would never hire a Native American because he felt he could not trust anyone who grew up on the reservation to be a hard worker.

Racism is in American society and remains a silent code that systematically closes the doors of opportunity to young and old alike. Visibly identifiable members of racial and ethnic oppressed groups continue to struggle for equal access and opportunity, particularly during times of stringent economics, and widespread unemployment and underemployment.²⁹

The Christian has no place for racism. Paul writes in 1 Cor. 12:13, “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

Pray – Pray for God to reveal the thoughts and intentions of our heart when we consider someone who looks different than we do. Pray for the people of the Devils Lake Region to understand how they can reach the Native American population for Christ. Ask the Lord to support ministries that are working with the Native population in the region.

John 7:24

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

²⁹ National Association of Social Workers – <http://www.naswdc.org/pressroom/events/911/racism.asp>

Reflections ~ Friday, January 25, 2013

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Saturday, January 26, 2013

Area 6 – Northwestern Area

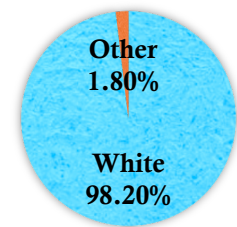
(Penn, Churchs Ferry, Leeds, York, Cando, Agate, Mylo, Rolla, Bisbee, Perth, Rock Lake, Egeland)

Schedule

- 6:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer Gathering*
 - 7:30 a.m. – Breakfast*
 - 8:45 a.m. – Orientation and Church Assignments*
 - 9:00 a.m. – Depart for Churches
 - 12:00 p.m. – Noon Prayer Gathering (Lewallen Farms, 7764 59th Ave. NE, Bisbee, 58317)
 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch (Lewallen Farms)
 - 2:30 p.m. – Hit the Streets – Pinball (121 4th Ave., Cando, ND 58324)
 - 5:30 p.m. – Supper*
 - 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Gathering*
- *At Bethel Evangelical Free Church

Northwestern Area

- Population – 3,383 (2011, Census Bureau)
- Area – 1,809 sq. mi.
- Households – 1,248
- Ethnicity –



Overview of the Northwestern Area

On the final day of prayDEVILS LAKE, our journey to the Northwestern Area provides more insight into the heart of the economic engine of the region...the farmer. We will spend much of our day on the farm with the dormant equipment simply waiting for spring to awake out of hibernation and get back to the fields seeking the Lord for the fruit of the ground.

Prayer Requests & Significant Findings

Farming

The United States is the number one producer of corn, soy, wheat, and many vegetables³⁰. We are the number one food exporter of any nation in the world. The farm has seen more changes in this country, than most other industries. We now have fewer farmers, but greater yields. We see larger, more efficient farms thanks to better technology, soil understanding, modified inputs (seeds), and better equipment. Let's take a closer look at the farmer:

- The average farmer is 57 years old in the region.
- He or she owns an average of 1,148 acres, but may lease several thousand more acres to farm.
- 69.38% of the land owned in the region is farmed.
- In the city of Devils Lake, only 1.5% of the population works in a field related to farming. However, in every other region we have visited, 8%

³⁰ Investopedia : Top agricultural producing countries - <http://www.investopedia.com/financial-edge/0712/top-agricultural-producing-countries.aspx#axzz2I8tzJ2Rn>

of the population are farmers.

- The most common crops for the region are wheat, soy, and corn (in that order).
- The average farmer owns \$166,134 in equipment.
- 88.09% of all farms are family owned.
- The average farmer will invest \$90,380 each year to produce a crop.
- Each acre of farmland averages a \$119.00 profit in 2010.

North Dakota farmland ranks lowest in the nation in terms of actual value per acre.³¹ With a shorter growing season, dicey weather, and wetter soil, North Dakota farming is riskier than most other states. For these reasons, farming usually remains in the family. It is difficult for someone to start from scratch in the farming business. The price of land, equipment, and inputs renders it almost impossible. The next generation of farmers depend on the previous generation to devise a point of entry into the industry through creative transfer of ownership of the farm.

Farming is simple, but making a profit has become complicated. Knowing when to sell your crop is the name of the game. GPS technology is making a huge impact on the farmer. Now equipment reacts to the ground by providing only the perfect amount of fertilizer acre by acre as opposed to blanketing the entire farm with the same amount...saving investment money. Tractors now drive themselves with satellite guidance in order to more efficiently conserve fuel and utilize farmland. Seed is genetically modified to produce a better yield with the use of few chemicals. Farming has come a long way!

With all the technology used in farming today, the farmer still realizes that one plants, and another waters, but God brings the increase. The process depends on factors that God controls...and God has been good to the North Dakotan farmer lately. One local farmer said, "I worry about the new farmers because they have never had a bad crop. They do not know what it is like to have a hard year." North Dakota farmers have been blessed.

Today, thank a farmer. At least in North Dakota, he is probably on hiatus right now because of the winter; however, return to his side in about three months and you will see a man who never stops working. He is constantly reacting to multiple variables in order to put food on your table!

Pray – Pray today for the Lord to continue to bless the region's farms. Pray for co-ops to make wise decisions in selling their grain. Pray for safety for the farmer as he works. Ask the Lord to speak to the farmer as he works. Pray for the farmer's family to understand the life of solitude and unpredictable hours of the farmer. Pray for the transfer of farms from one generation to the next.

Thank a farmer!

US Farmers are the most productive in the world.

³¹ The Bismarck Tribune - http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/n-d-farm-land-value-sets-another-record/article_514be1dc-d303-5ede-a747-20c3f00ab50c.html

Reflections ~ Saturday, January 26, 2013

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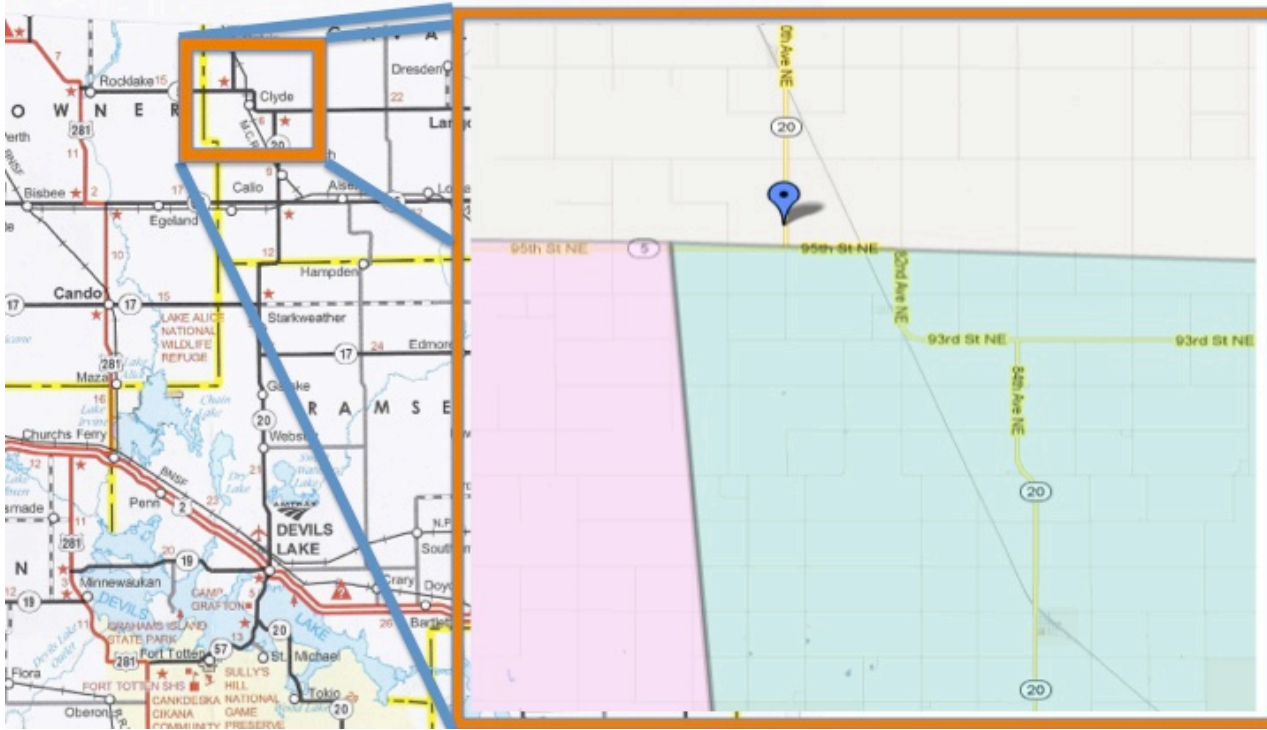
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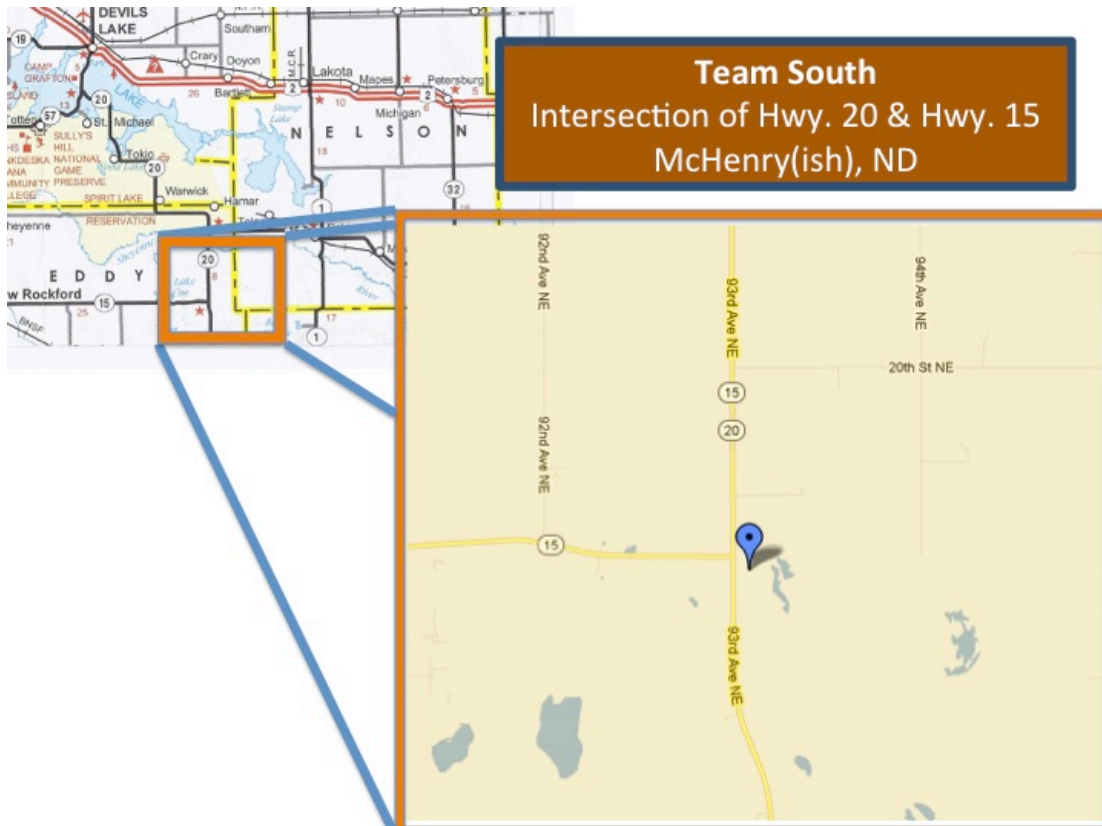
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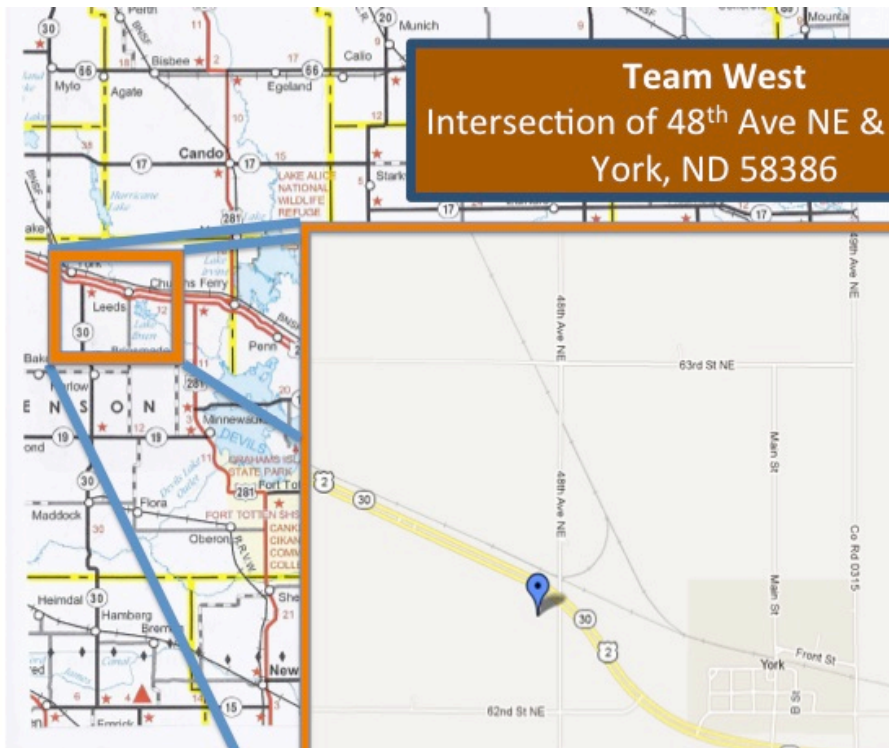
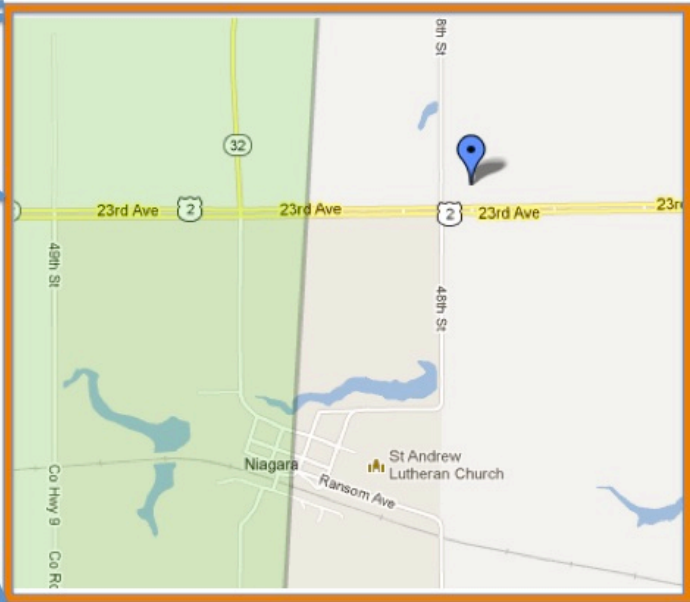


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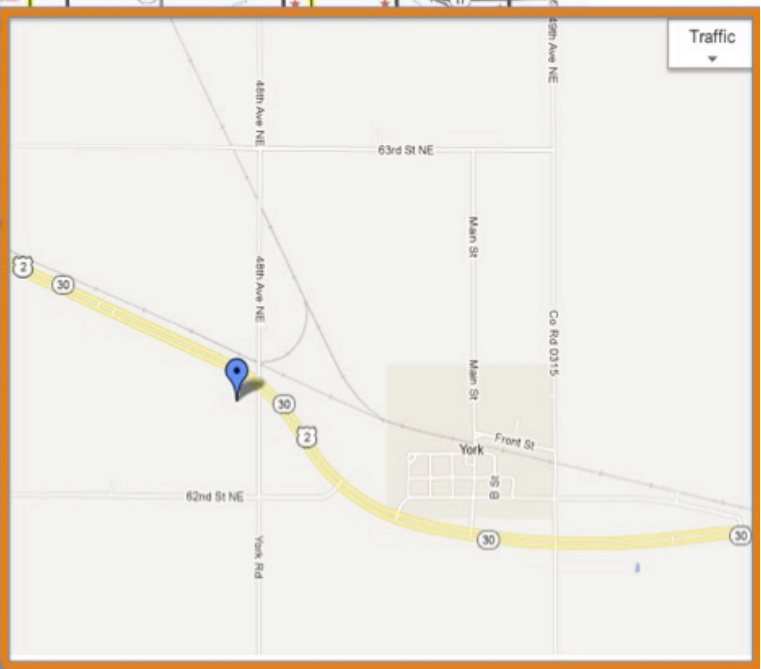




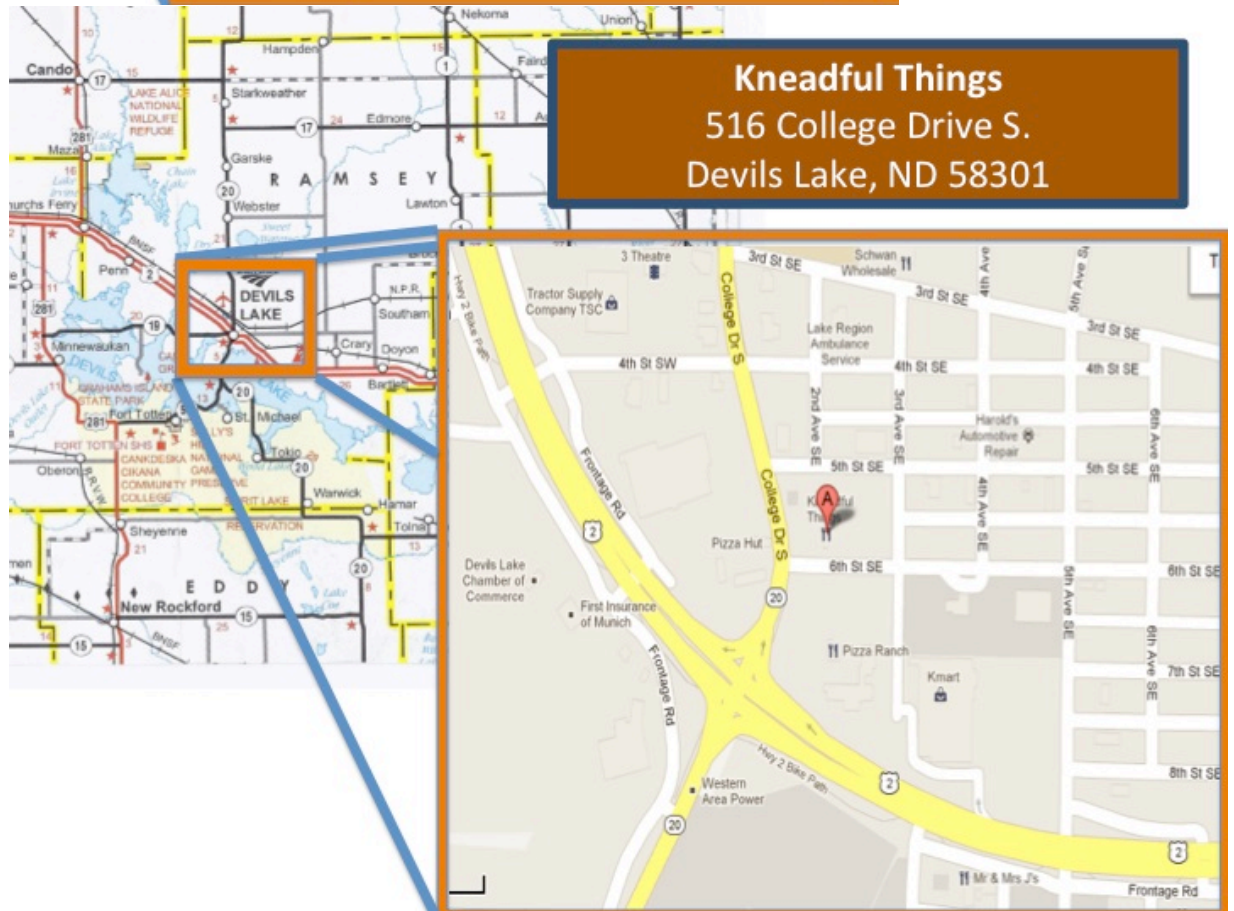
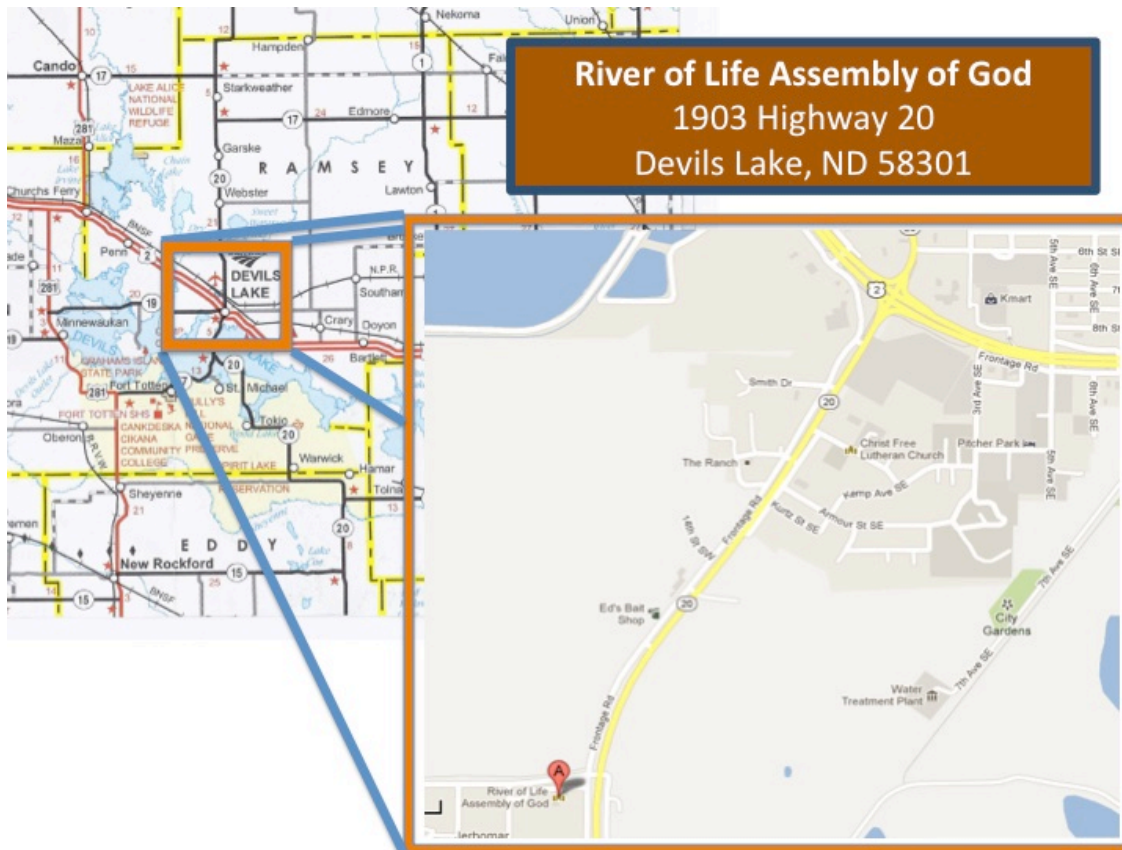
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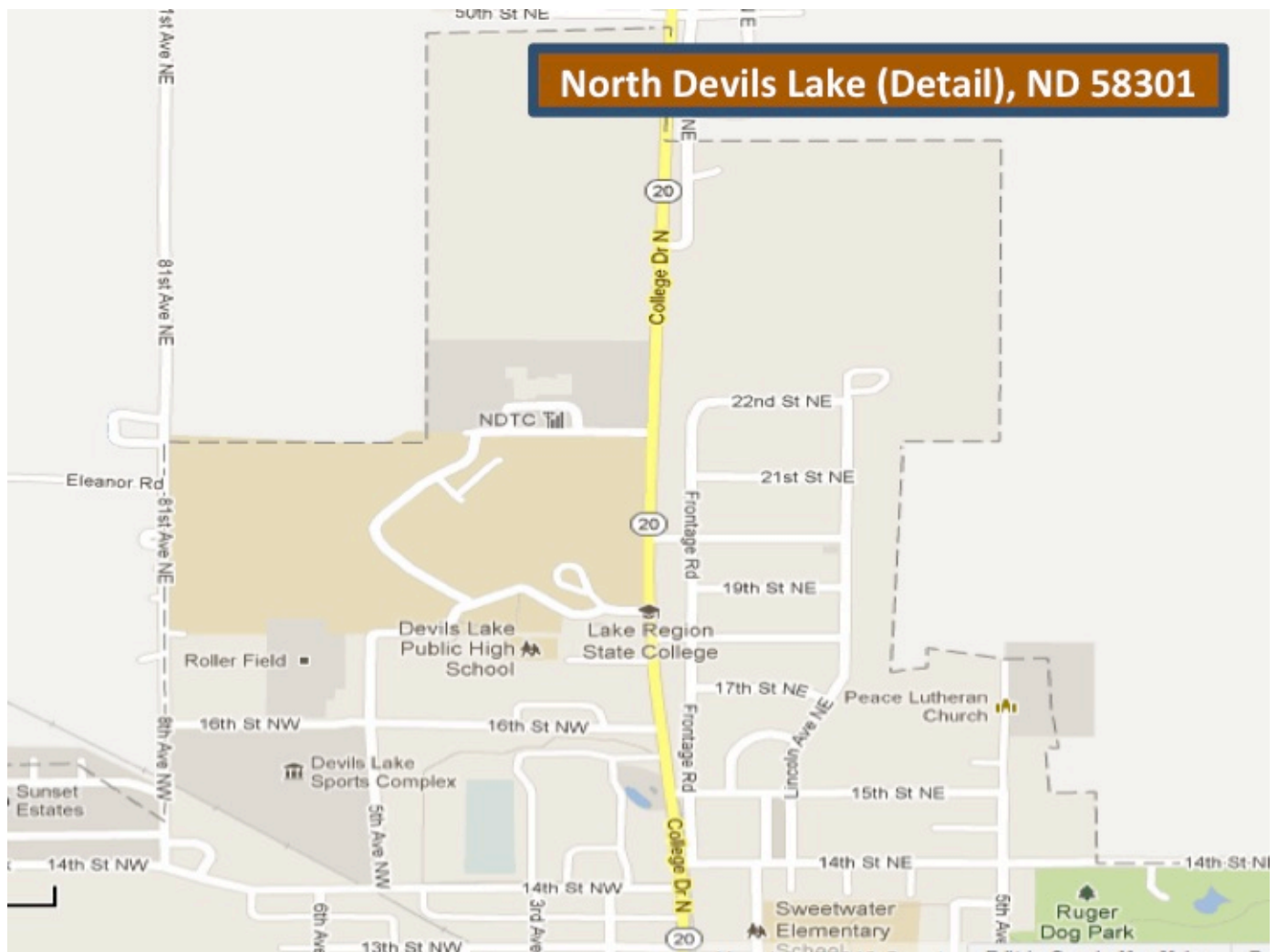


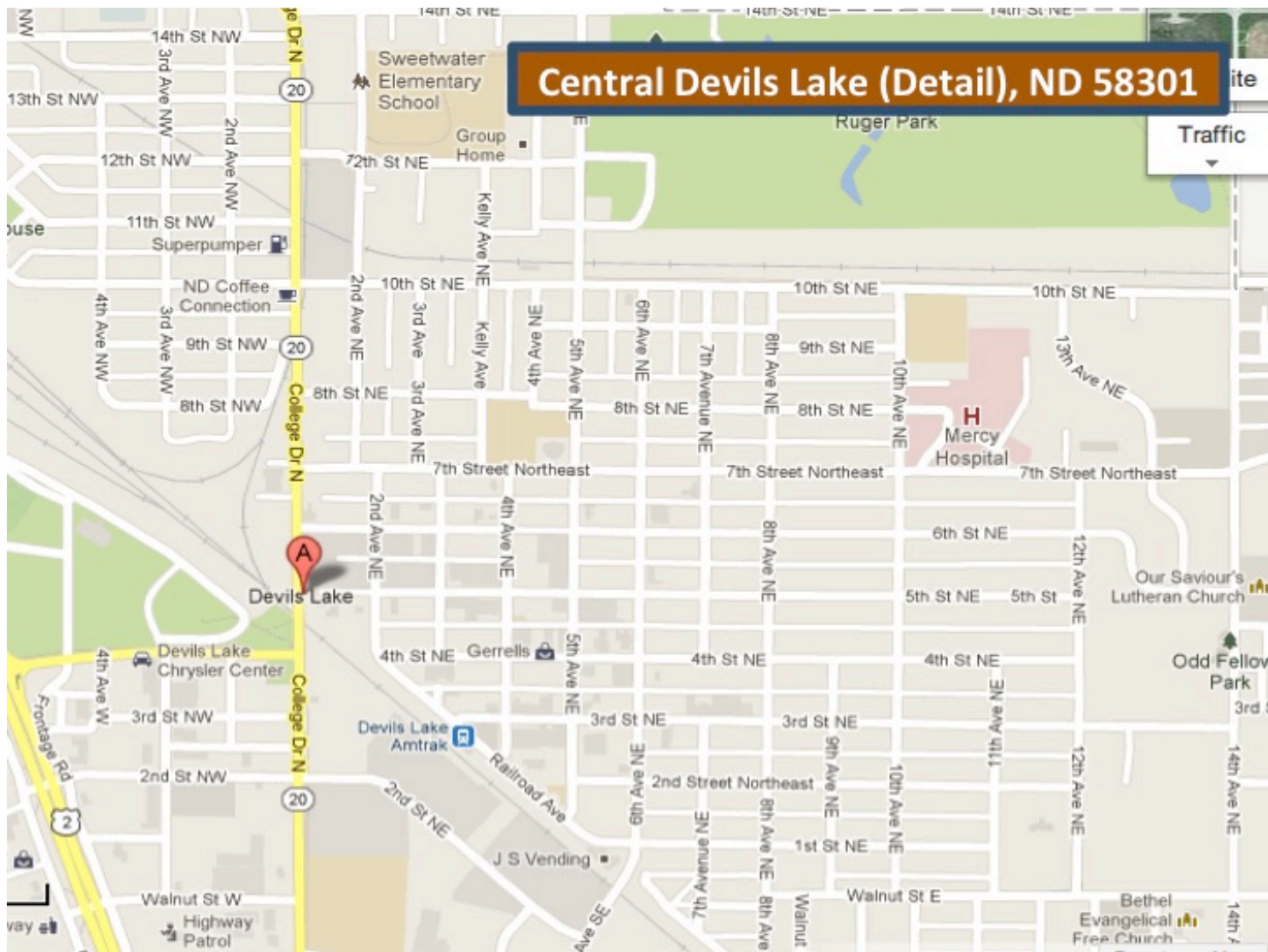
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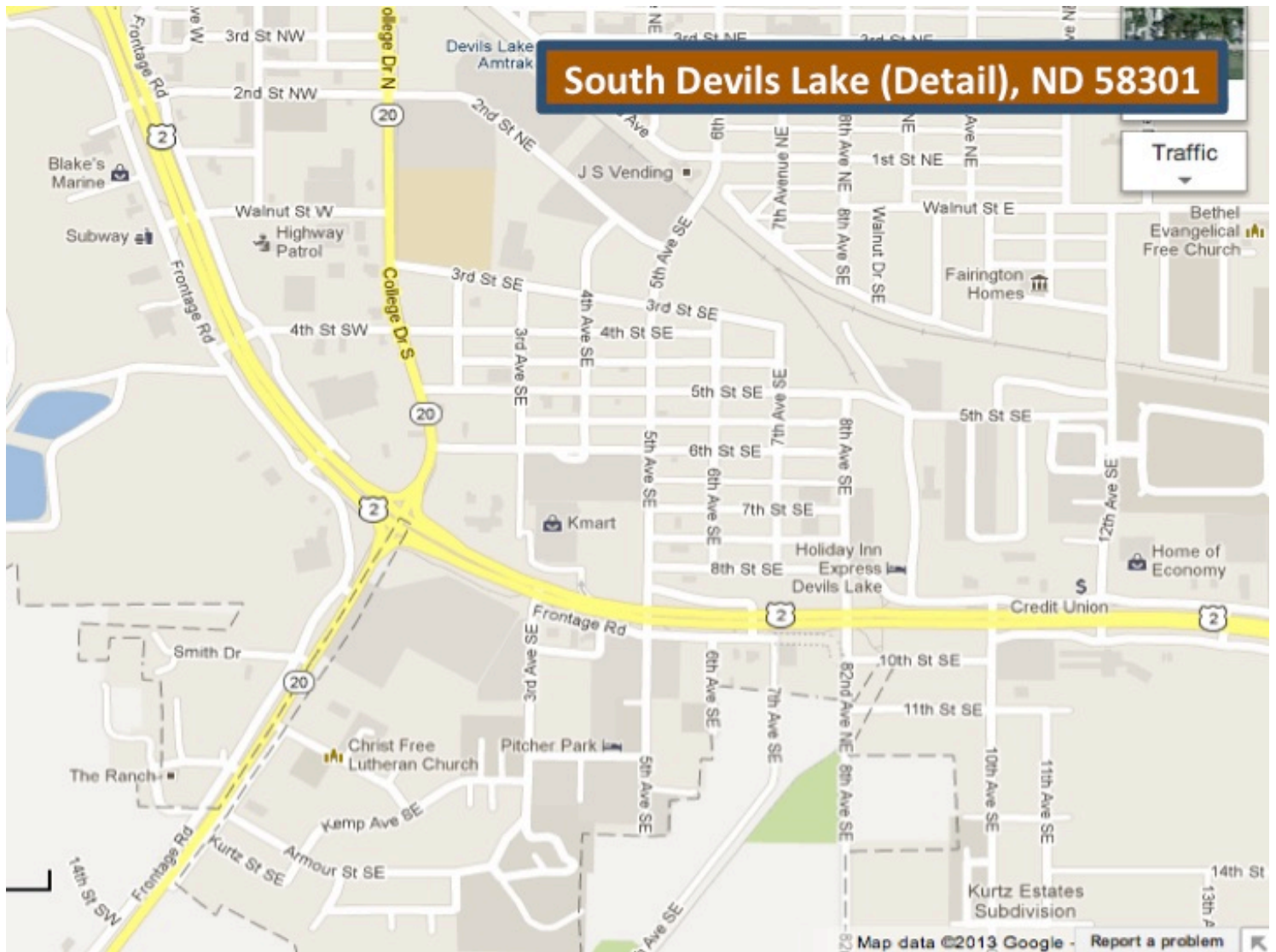


Day 1 :: Monday, January 21, 2013 :: *Area 1 (Devils Lake, ND)*







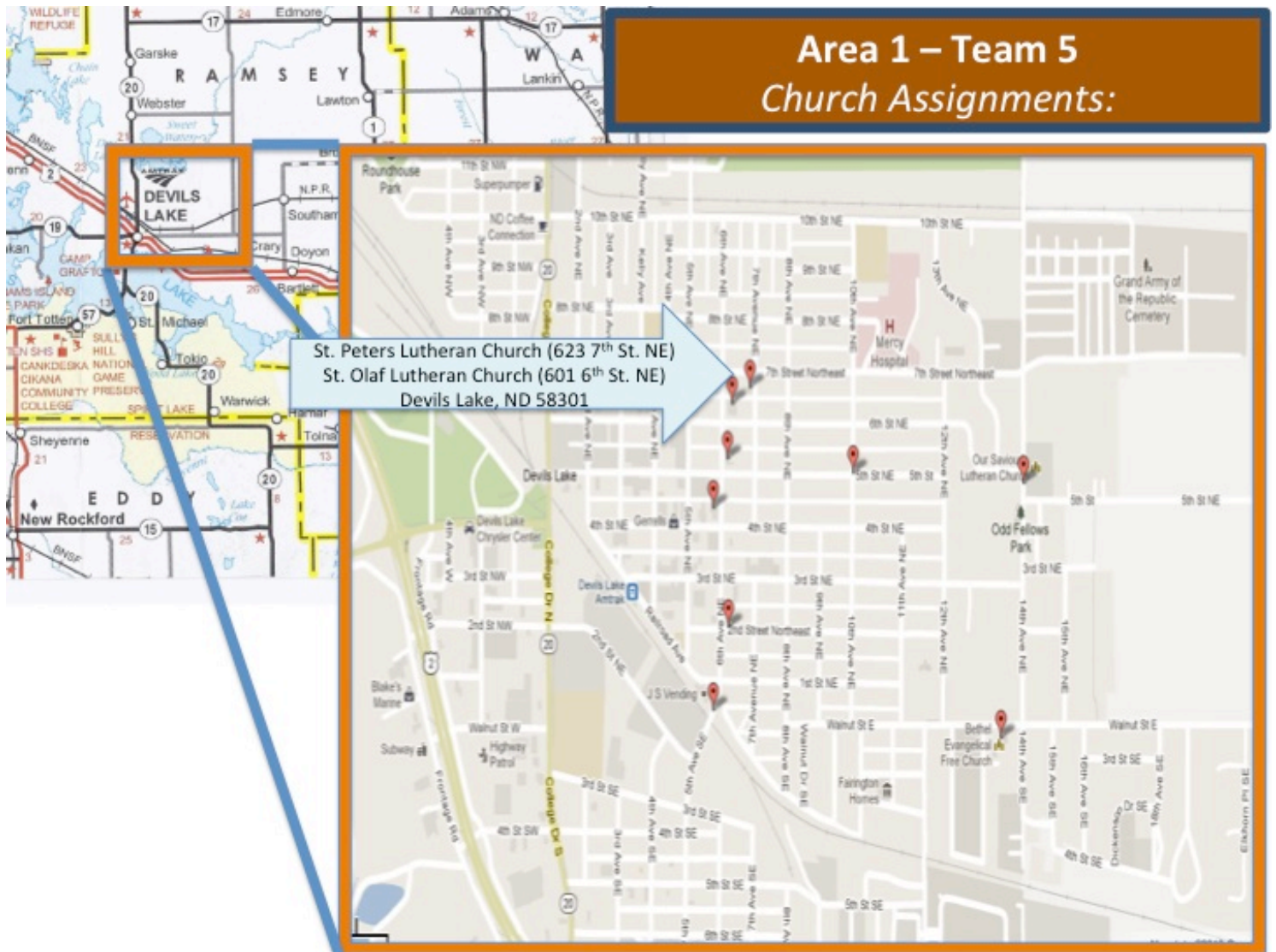


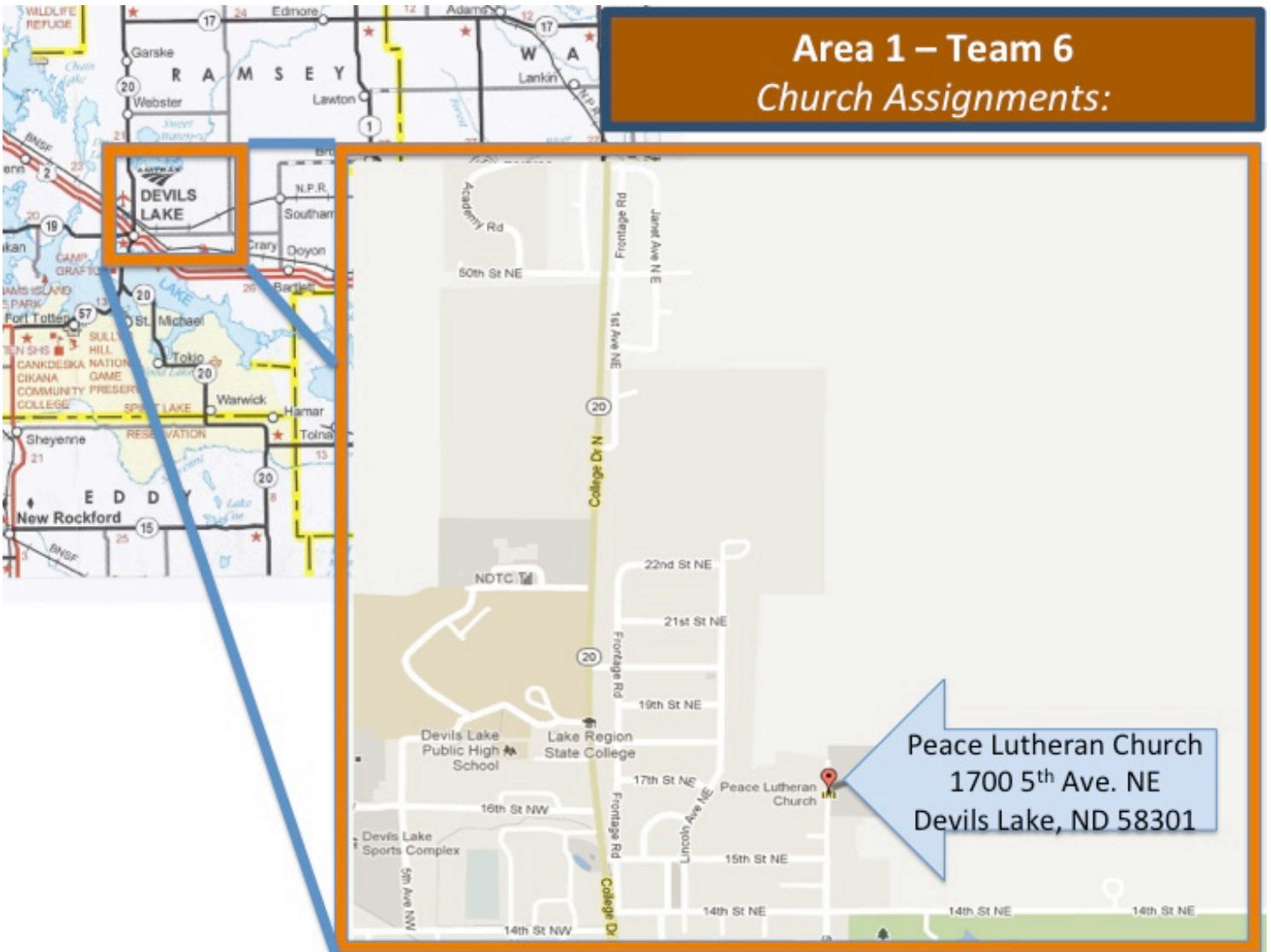




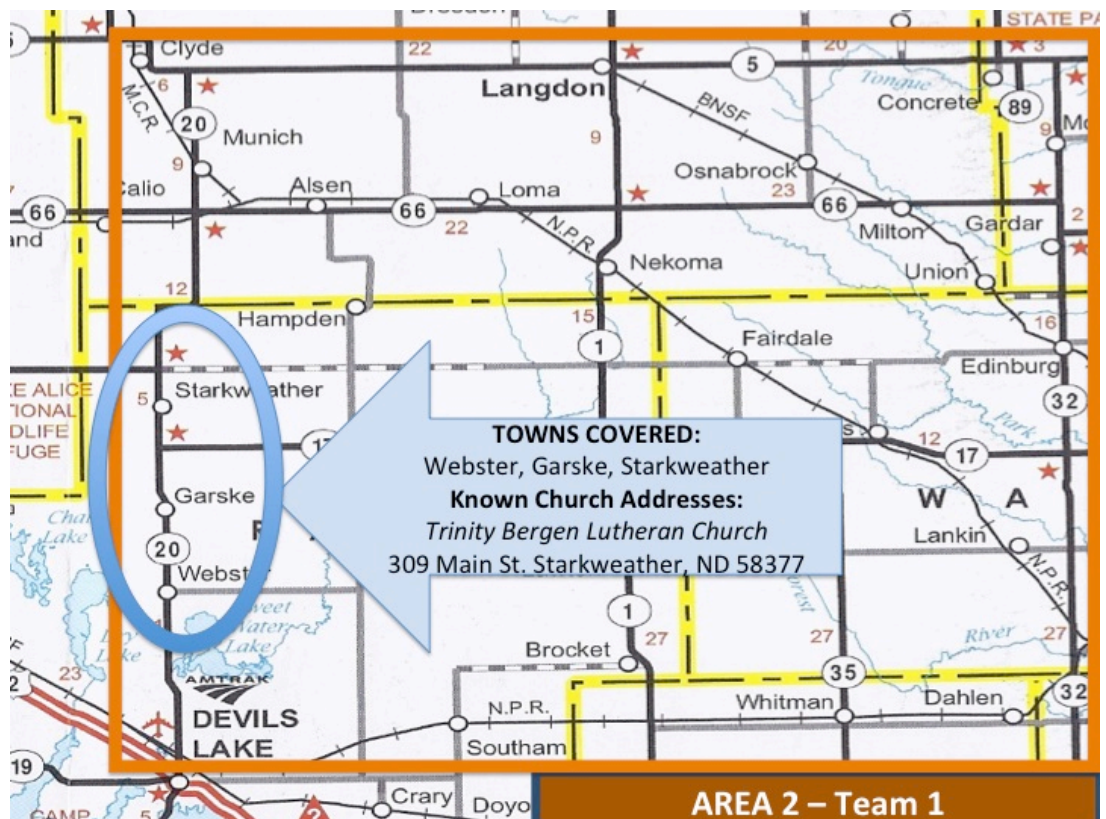
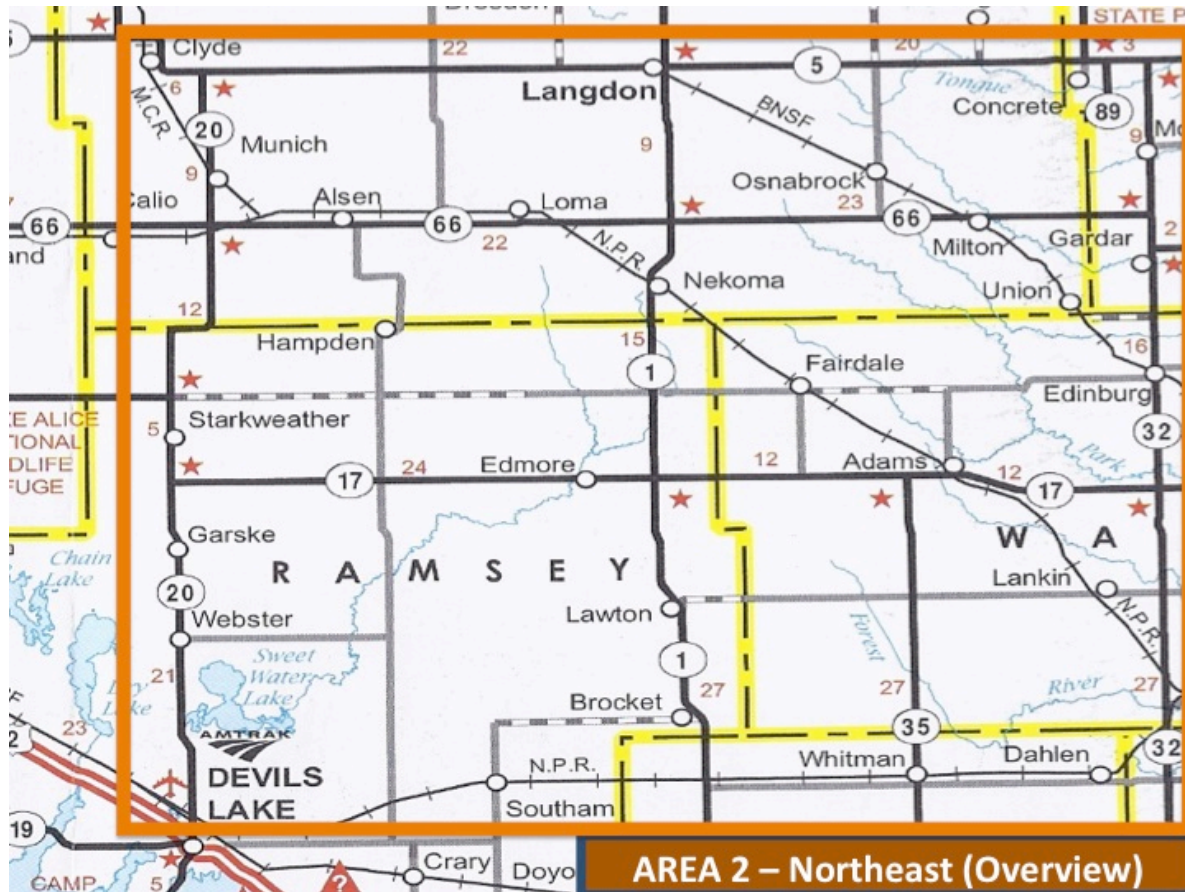


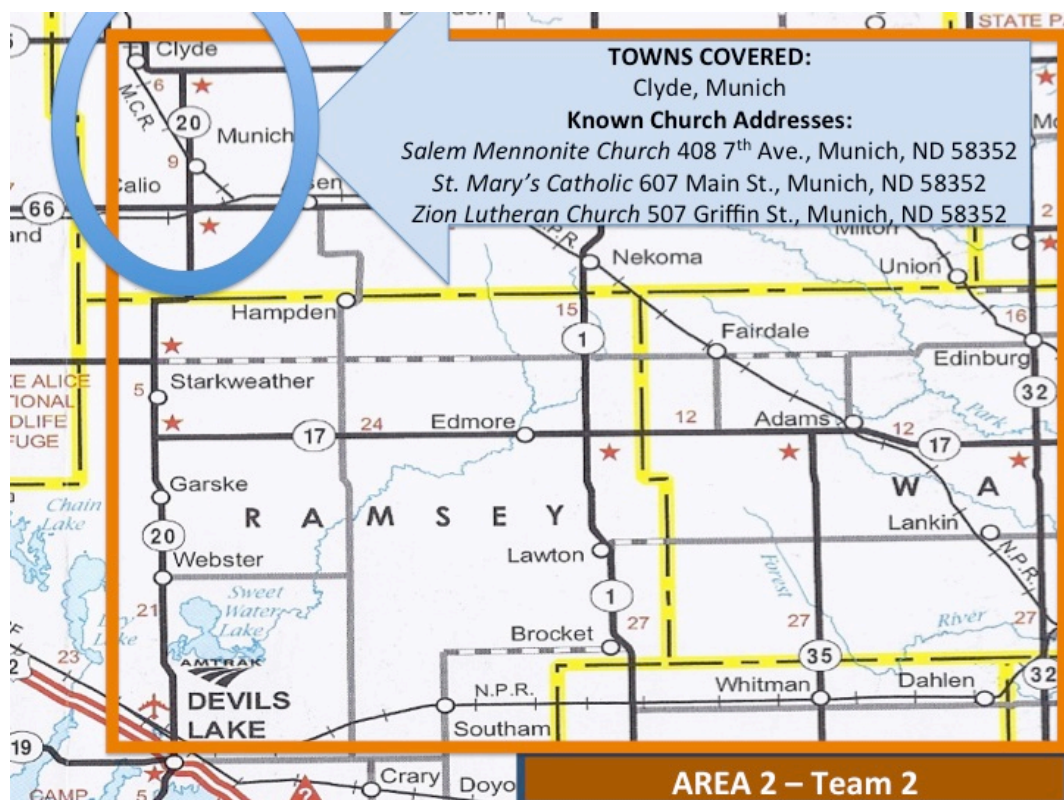


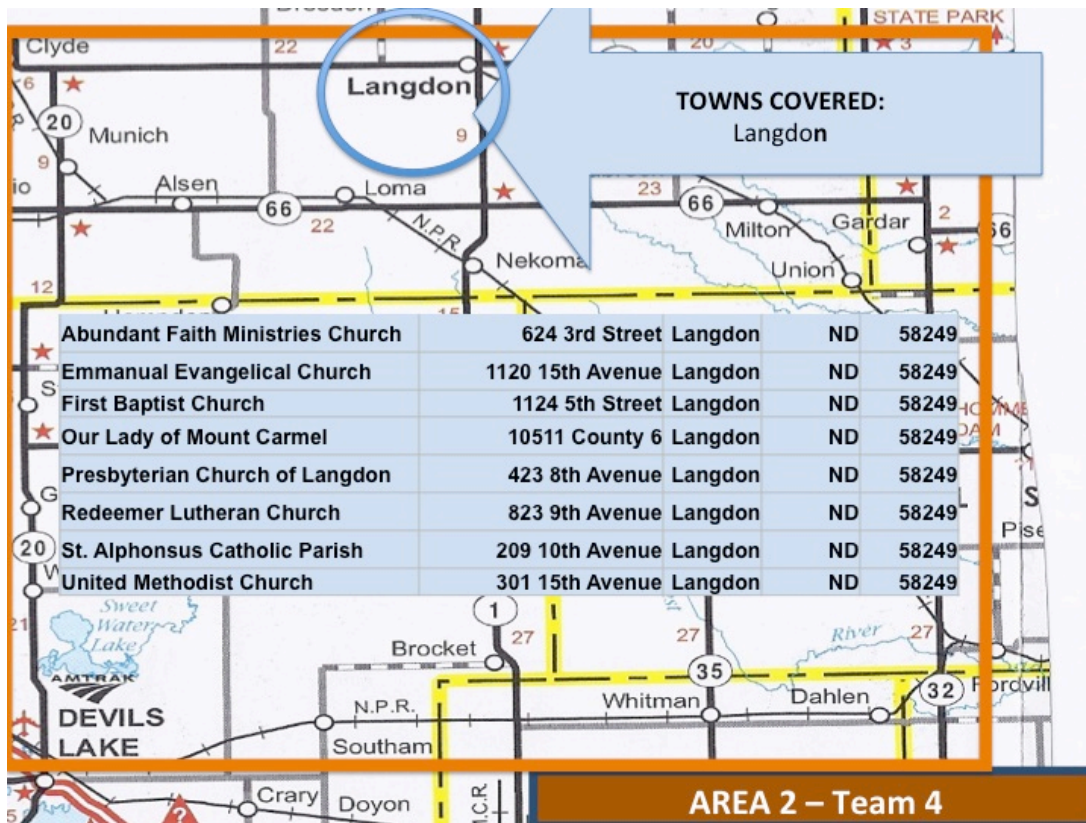




Day 2 :: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 :: Area 2 (Northeast)

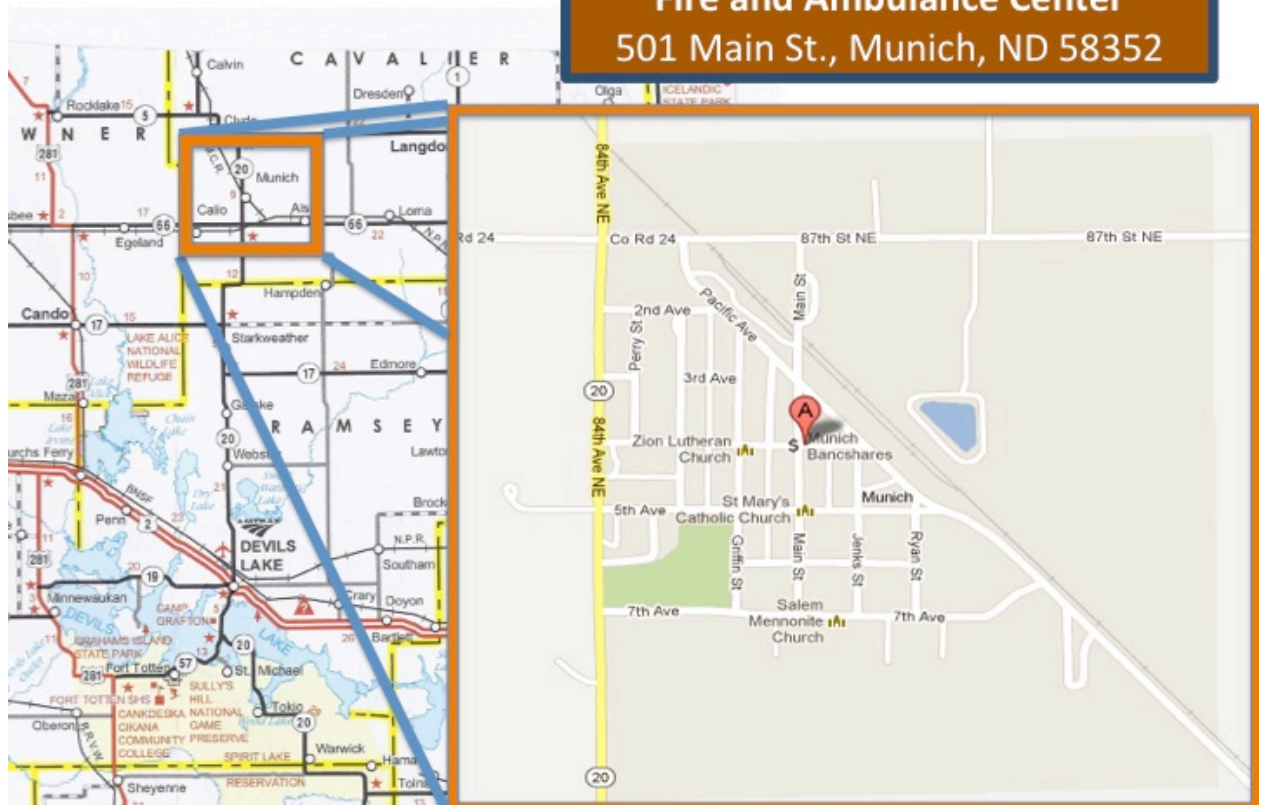








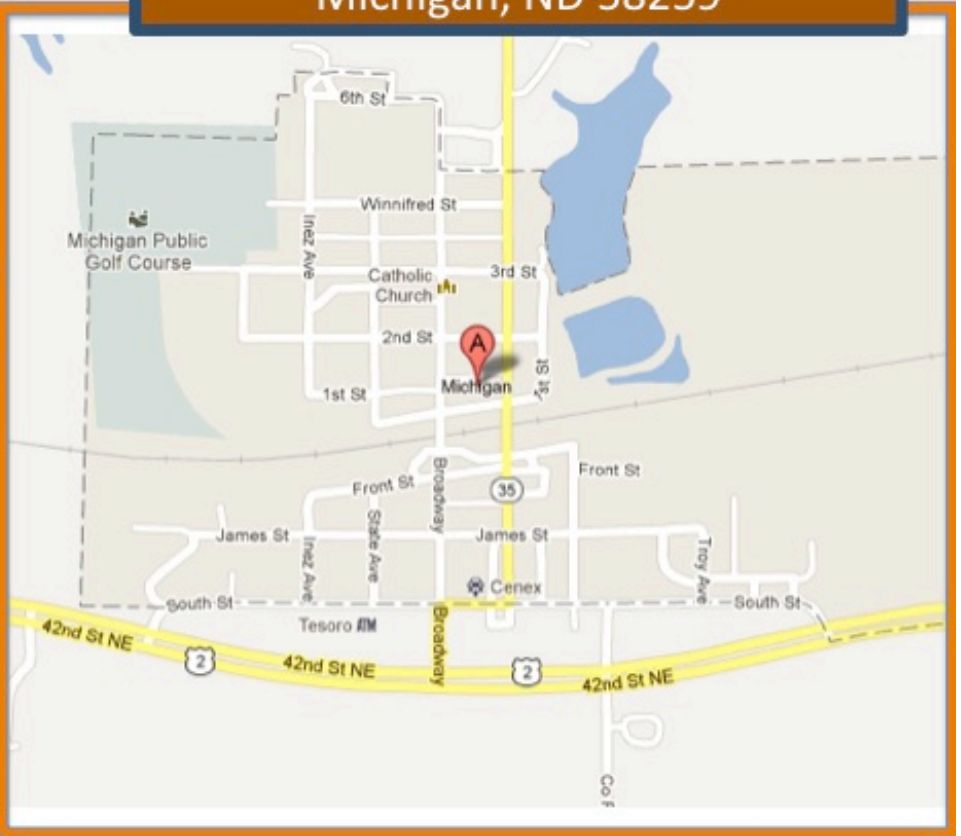
**Munich Café & Bowl &
Fire and Ambulance Center**
501 Main St., Munich, ND 58352

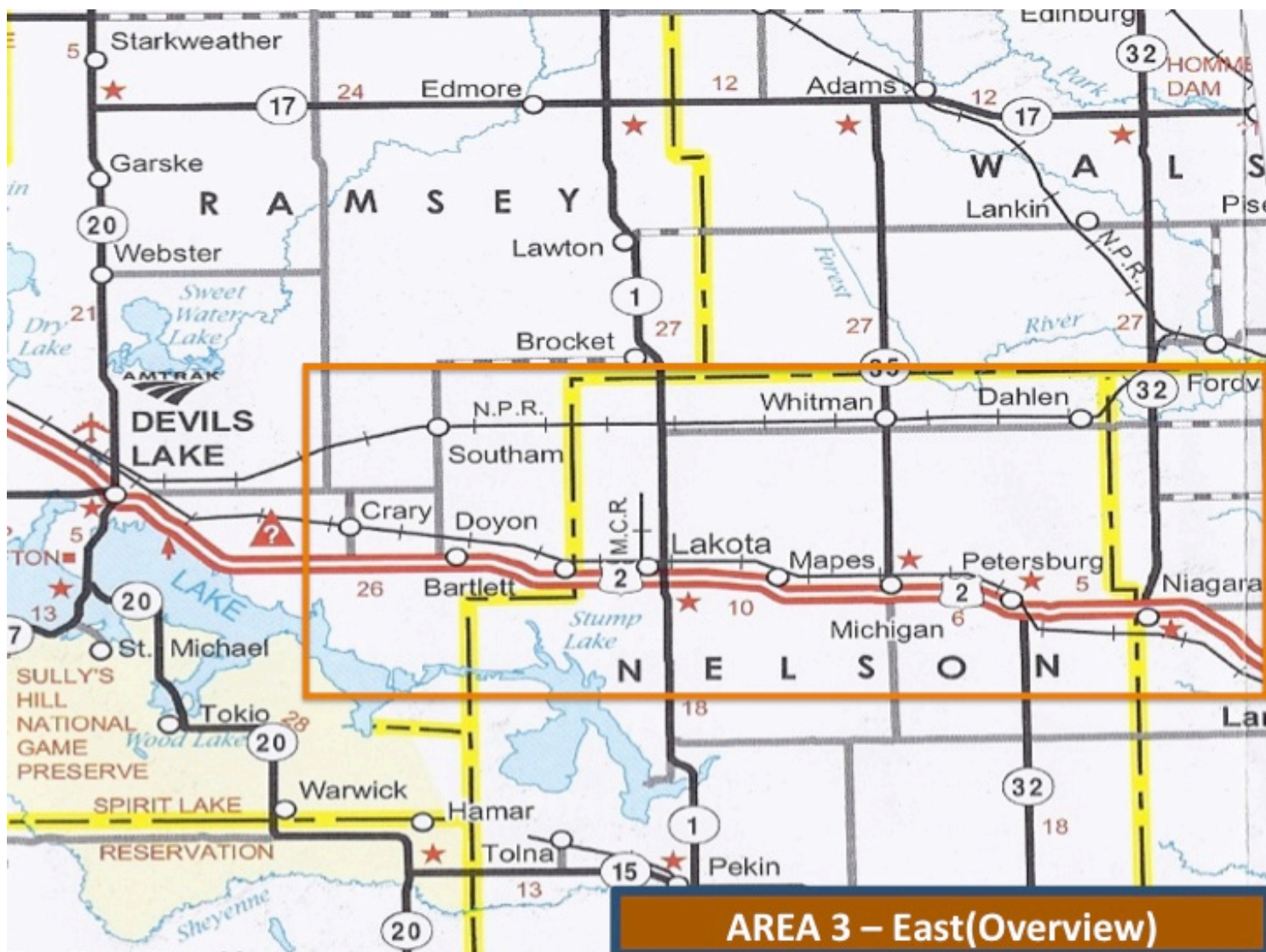


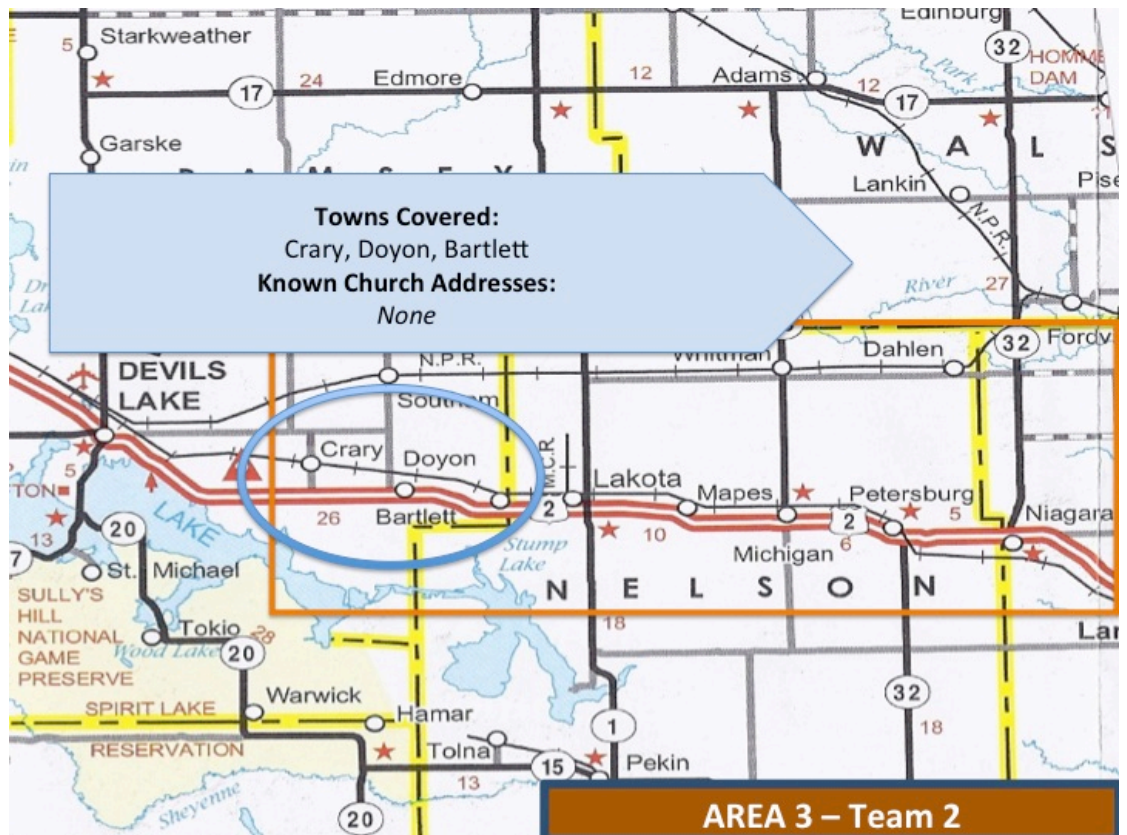
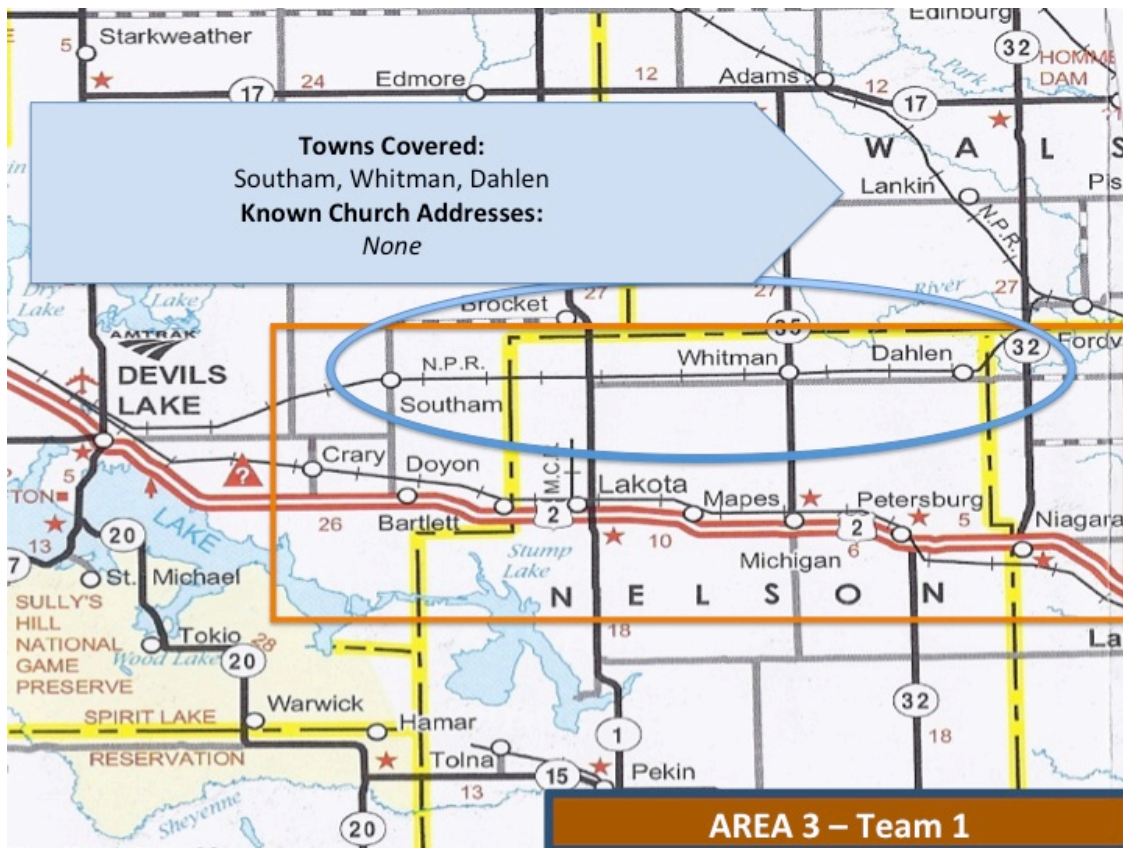
Day 3 :: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 :: *Area 3 (East)*



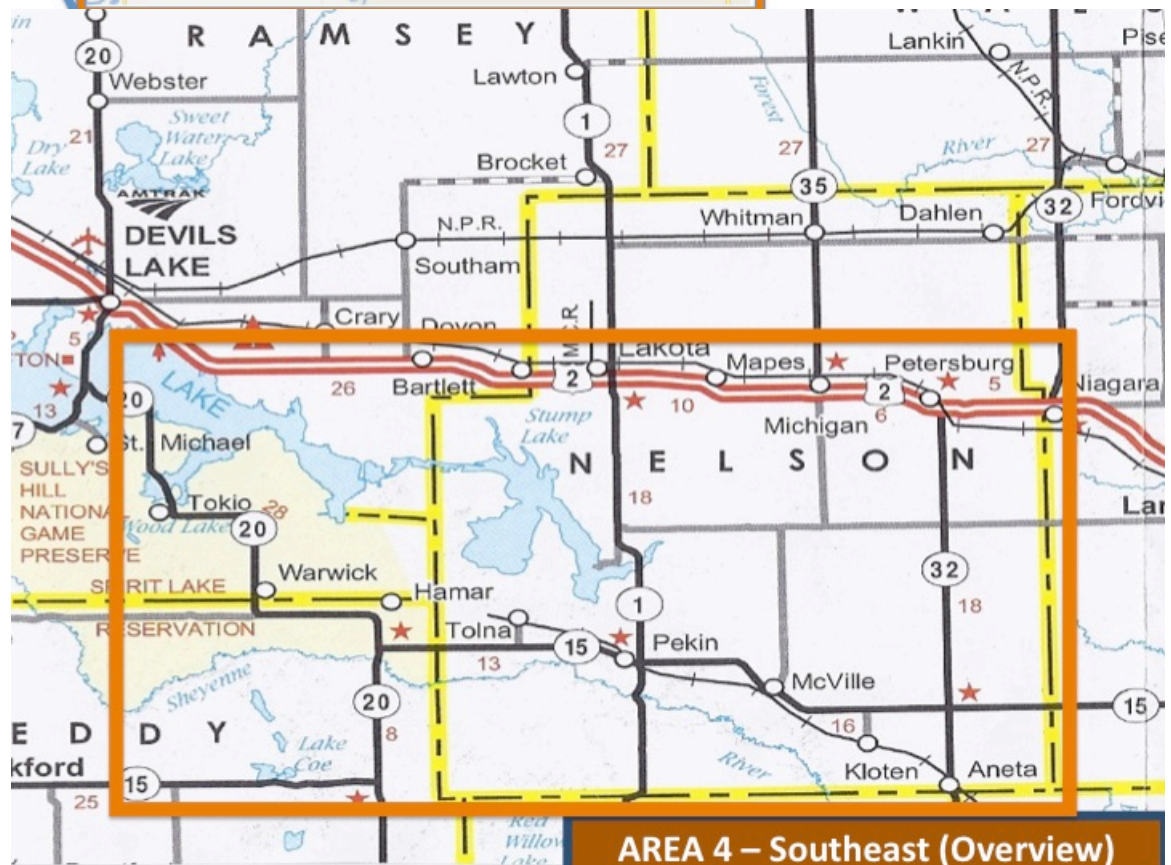
**Bethesda Ministries &
Michigan Mall & Cafe**
119 Jeannette Ave.
Michigan, ND 58259

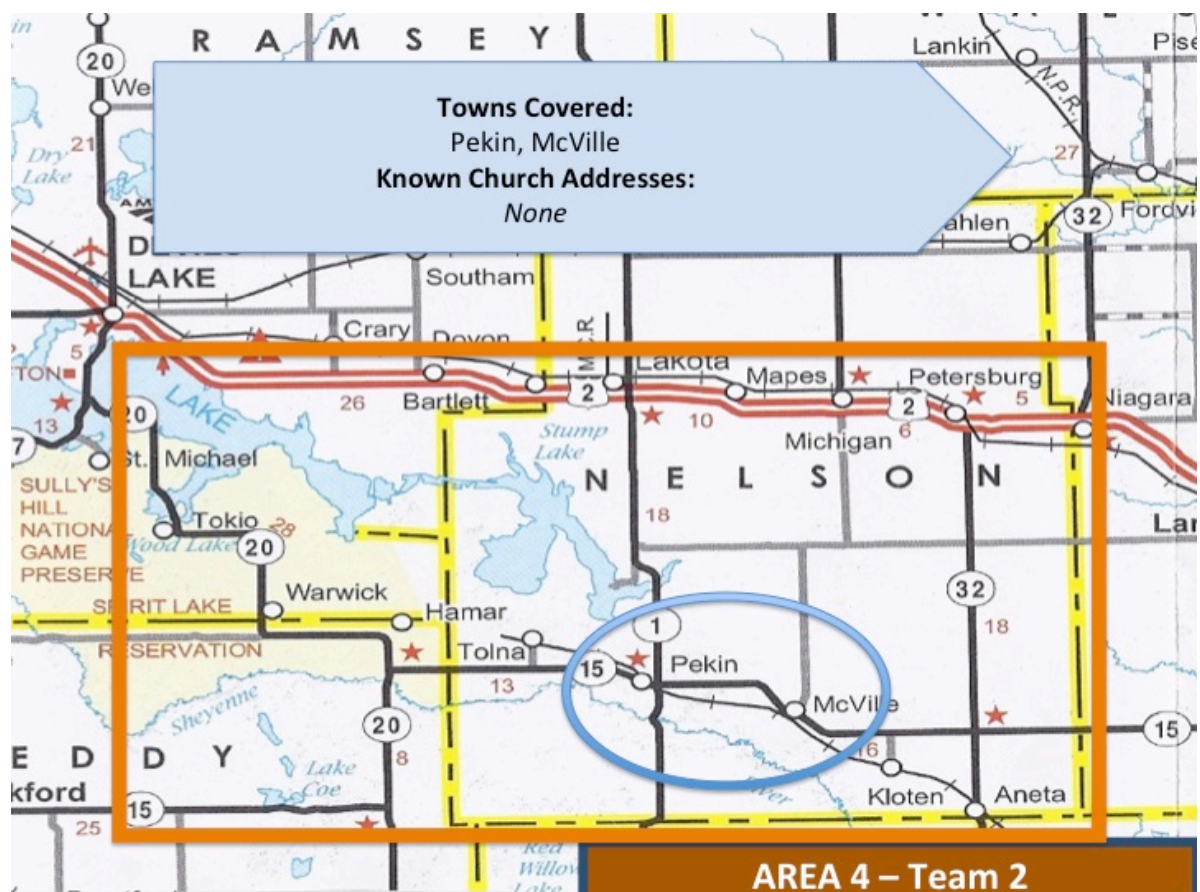
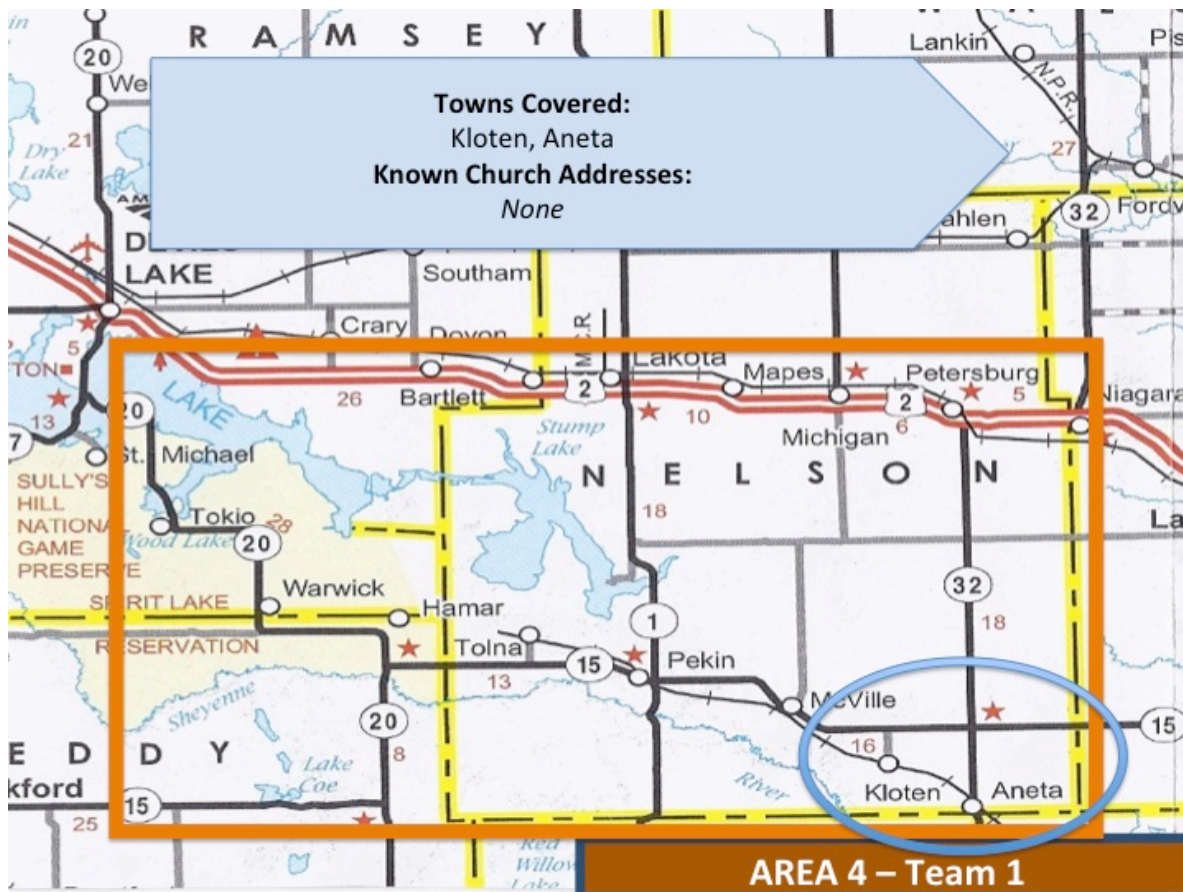


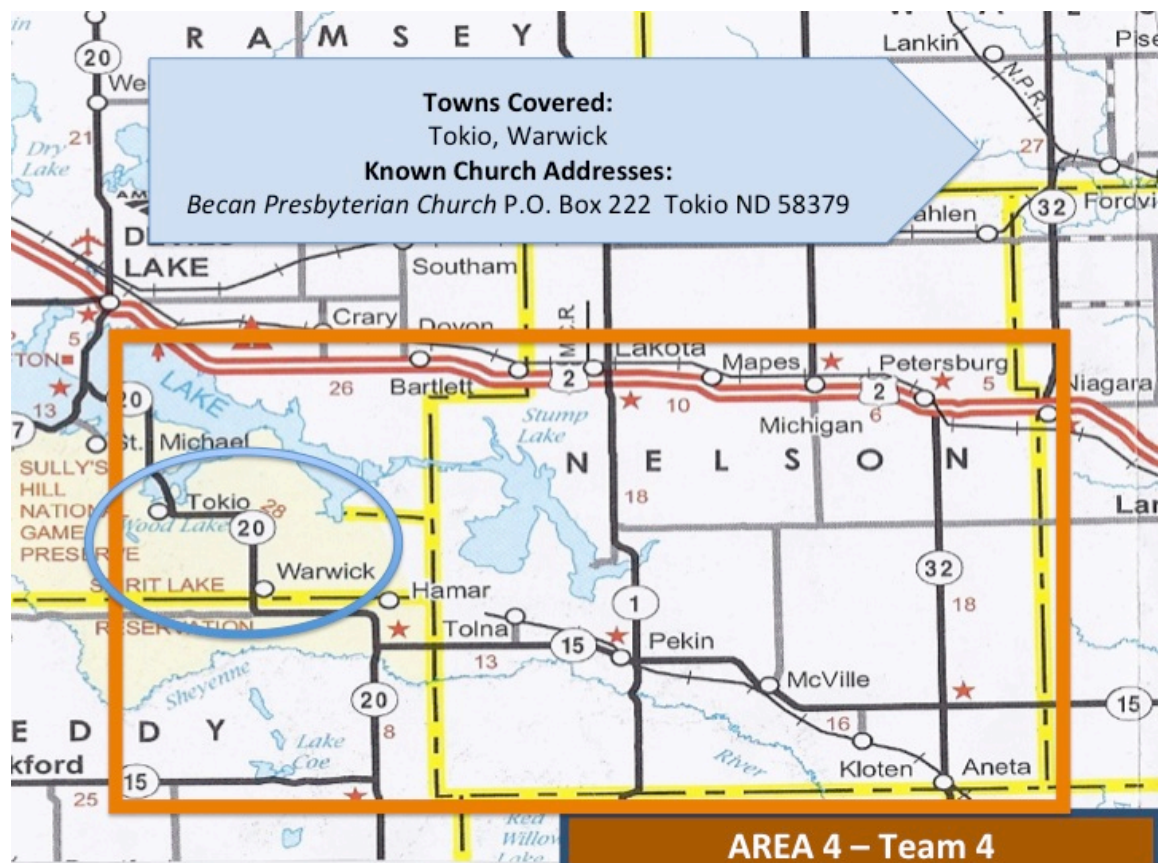
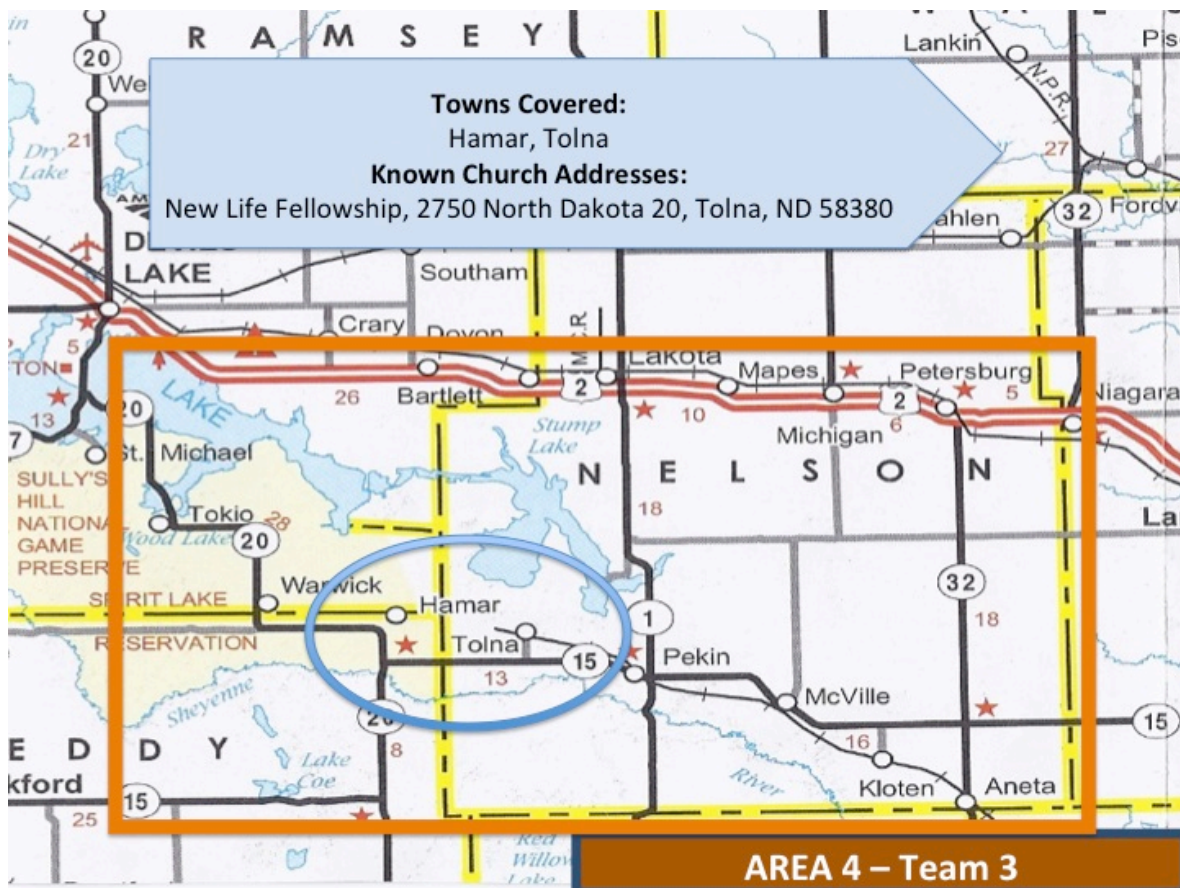




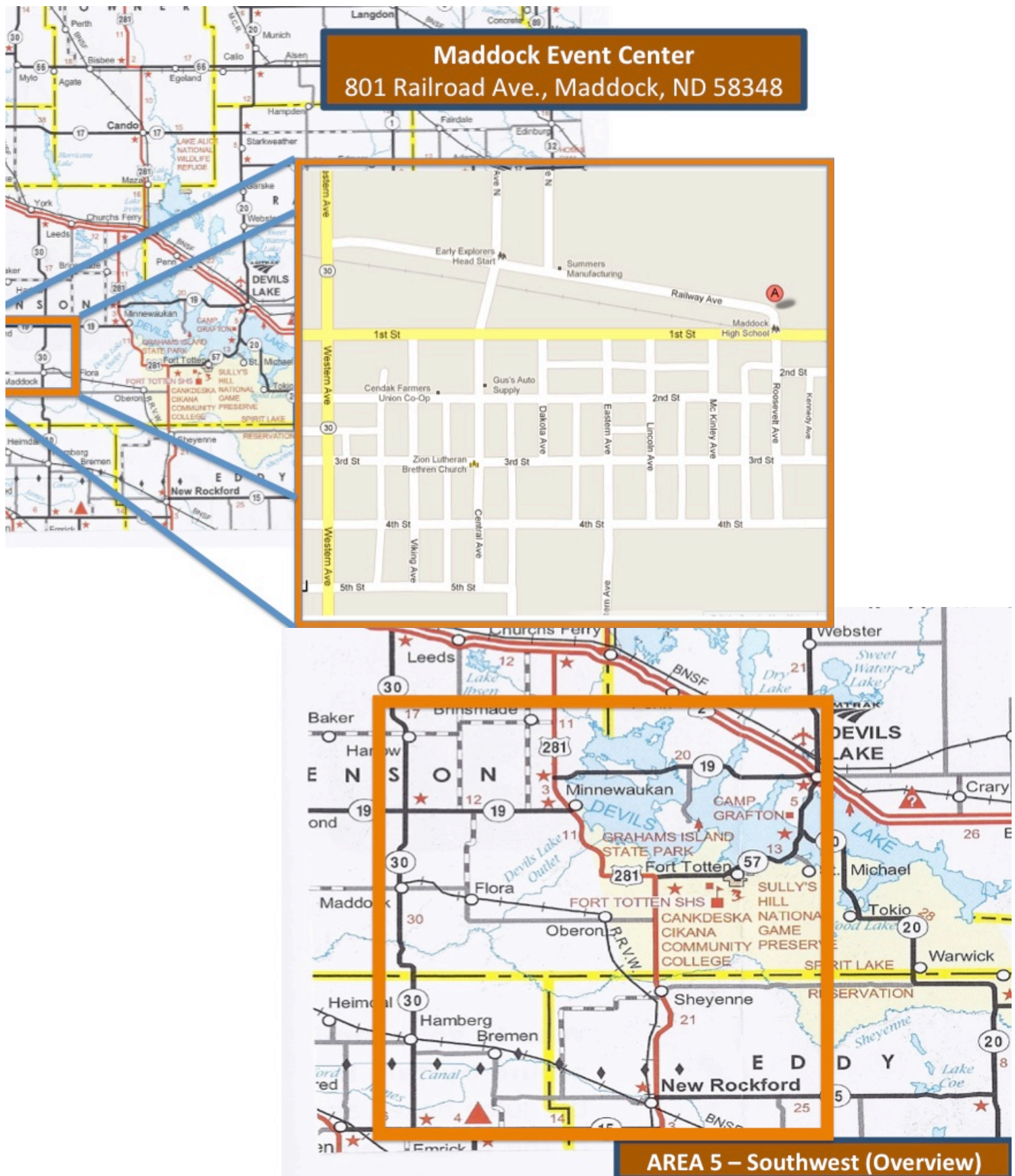
Day 4 :: Thursday, January 24, 2013 :: Area 4 (Southeast)

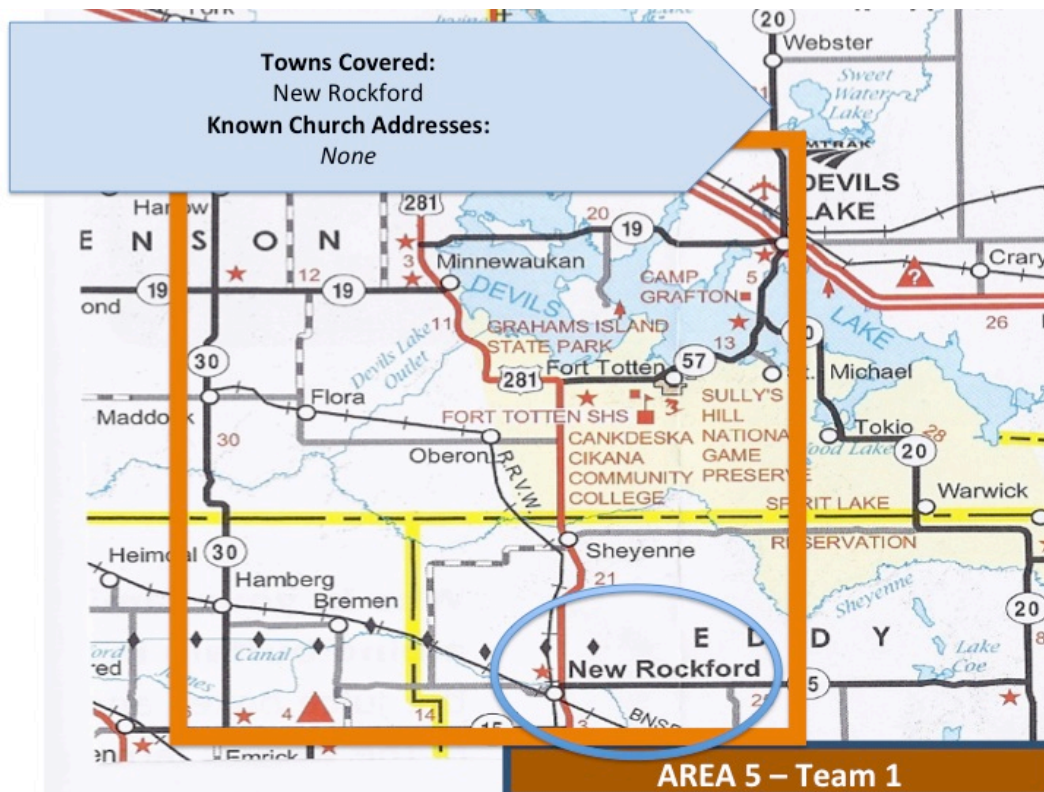


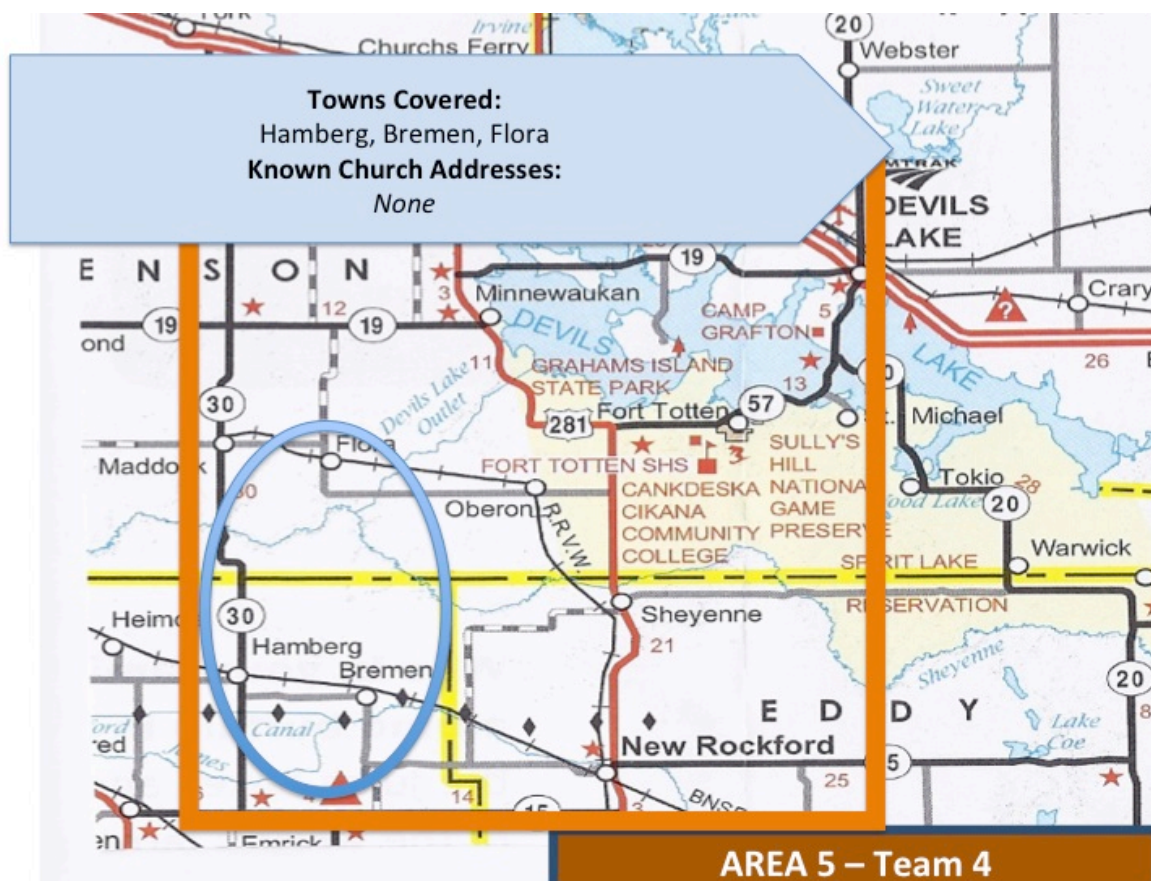
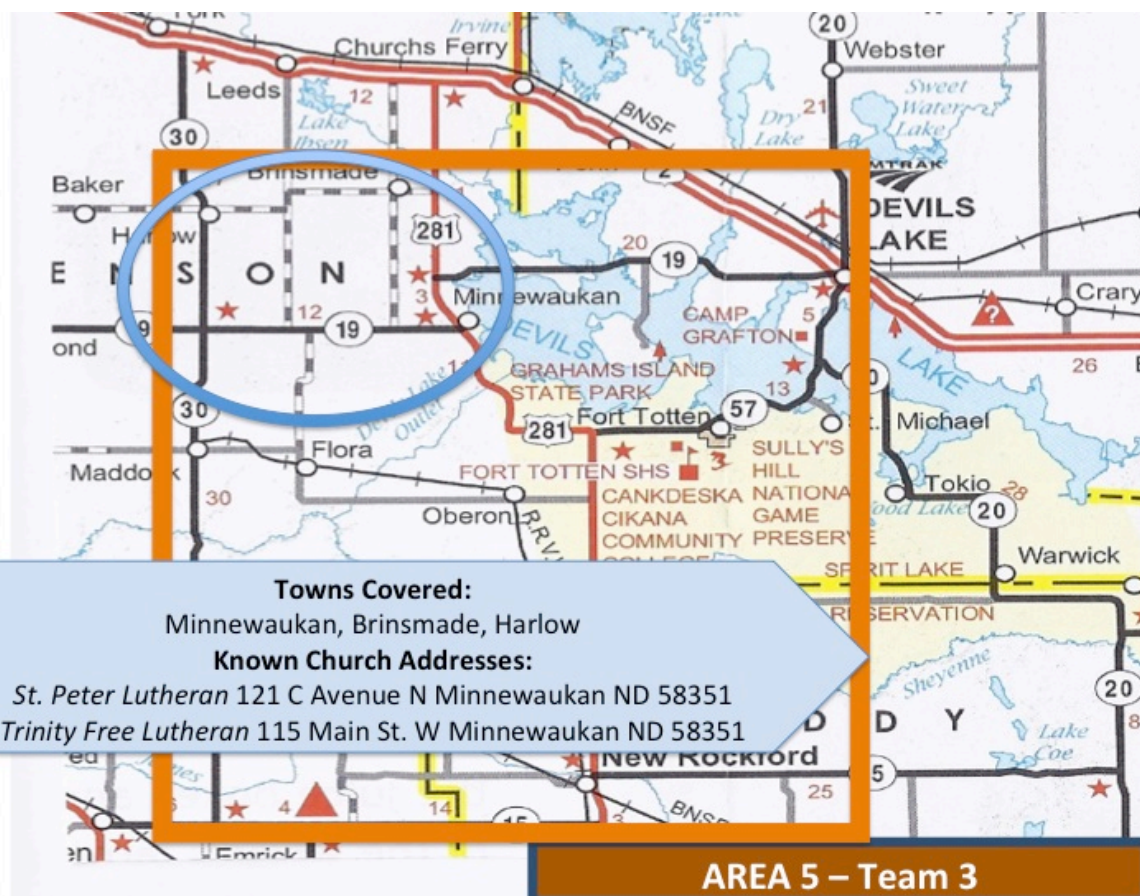


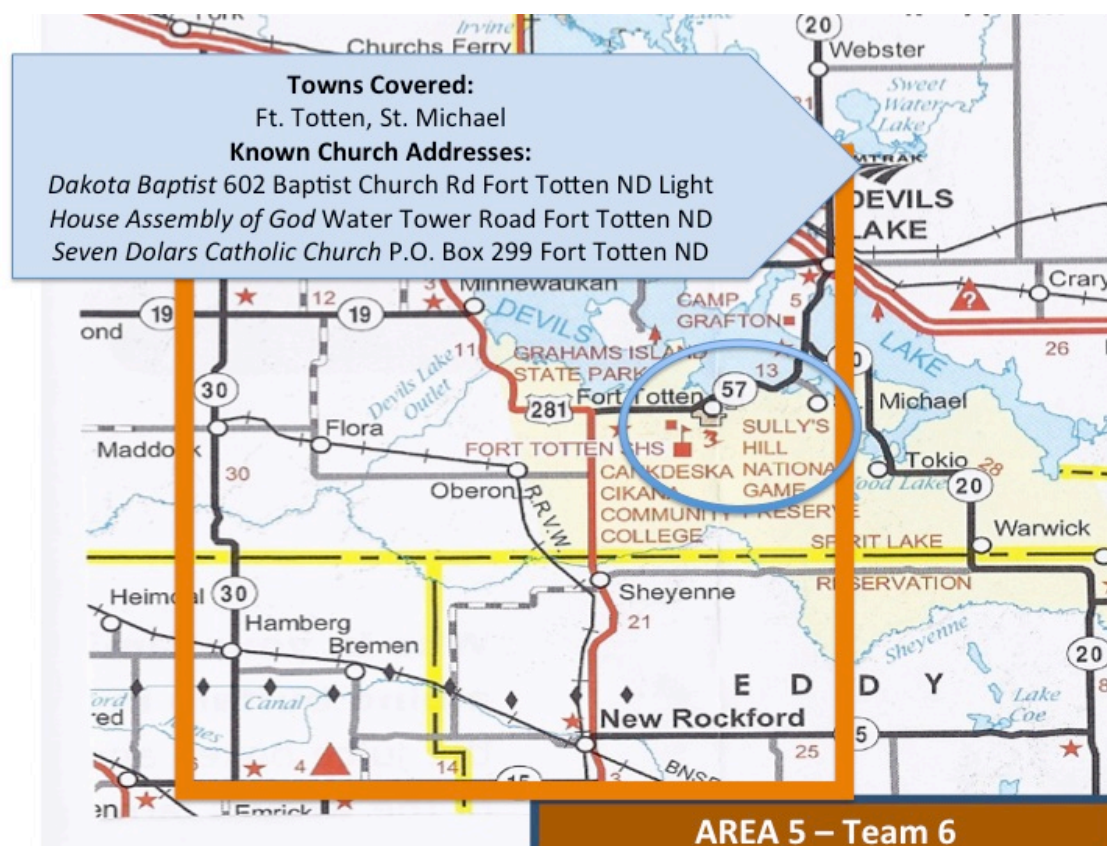
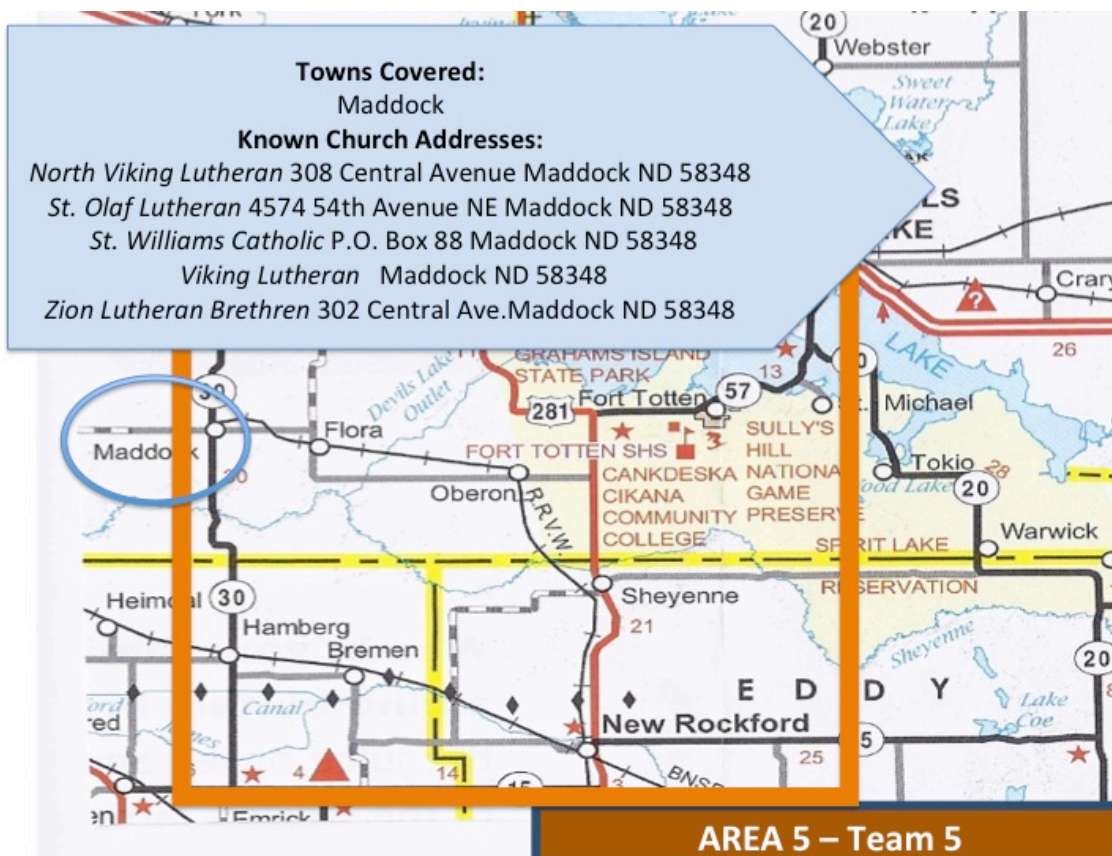


Day 5 :: Friday, January 25, 2013 :: Area 5 (Southwest)









Day 6 :: Saturday, January 26, 2013 :: *Area 6 (Northeast)*



