



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING THE RIPPLE EFFECT..

Crossroads church - 3 year campaign to end thirst

## SOAP READING—March 18, 2010

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**S:** Acts 1:8

**O:** This verse describes literal ripples, if we were to drop a rock into the 'water' of Cottage Grove/Woodbury – Eagan would be where the first ripple would appear, Minneapolis the next ripple and Africa the next ripple. The gospel was spread the same way, geographically from Jerusalem into Judea and Samaria and finally to the whole world. It has to begin somewhere and keep spreading through ripples. The gospel hasn't reached everyone, and that's where we come in....we make ripples when we witness to others by showing and telling others what God has done in our lives.

**A:** Woodbury, Eagan, Minneapolis and Africa are literal ripples in my world – I live in Cottage Grove, but my kids go to school in Woodbury, where I shop and where I work. Eagan is our sister campus – our relative- I need to be making regular contact with them as if they are a relative in another city. Minneapolis is the city where my daughter will be attending college this fall, so I imagine we'll be spending a bit of time in that area. And I recently went to Africa on a mission trip. Sharing God's love – witnessing to others starts somewhere, it starts with me. I have an opportunity to make ripples in people's lives, to share the gospel with them by showing them what God has done in my life by what I do and what I say.

**P:** Father, please help me to be aware of people that I encounter in my world - in the ripples of Woodbury, Eagan, Minneapolis and Africa – help me to remember that as a person that claims to be your follower, what I say and do communicates to others who you are. Help me to be mindful of my words and actions as I reach out into Woodbury, Eagan, Minneapolis and Africa.