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February 26, 2008

Dear Prayer Partner:

The year 2008 has kicked off with a bang for Straight Talk! I spoke at two of my biggest events ever and Randy has been going non-stop. A highlight for me was the opportunity to speak at Break Forth, a conference attended by thousands in Edmonton in January. (Many of the other presenters I spoke to, who come from further south, can't believe that many people are willing to subject themselves to Edmonton in the dead of winter for a conference. They come because God is at work there. In addition to the experience of worshipping together with many thousands of others under some of the most well known and anointed worship leaders in the world and listening to the teaching of people like Lee Strobel and Josh McDowell, attendees have the opportunity to absorb classes on many topics like 10 Smart Things. I had between 200 and 300 people in each of my 5 classes and was so amazed at how open these folks (men and women) were to a style of learning that required reflection and response. Several prayer counsellors and I prayed with people struggling with deep loss and pain. We watched and listened in awe as individuals took steps Godward and away from chains of unforgiveness, control and self-loathing that had long held them back.

As you will see from our schedule, there will be many more opportunities for such interactions. **We need safety and energy as we travel, anointing as we speak, empathy as we listen and wisdom as we pray and share with people. We count on your prayers for these resources.** We would also appreciate your prayers in a couple of other areas. Both Randy and I are working on new things. I am putting together a proposal for a new book and Randy is longing for the time and concentration to develop a new series of messages for the many camps he is booked to speak at this summer. Pray that we would hear from God as we put pen to paper. (Well, actually, fingers to keyboard.) **Another pressing prayer request for Straight Talk is our need for a new office manager.** We have so deeply appreciated Pam's commitment and loyalty over the past eight months. What a great lady we have had the pleasure to get to know. But together with Pam, we have discerned that God is leading her in a different direction for employment so that she can more fully explore and express her spiritual gifts and natural abilities. We feel so blessed that she will continue to be involved with Straight Talk in a volunteer capacity and is so loyal she won't leave us until we have found the person God is calling into this role. Pray to that end, that God will bring us someone who loves to manage all the details that make Randy and me lose our will to live. Someone who gets along with technology and who will be able to be highly committed to a job requiring only 40% of the work week. We are convinced that as you pray, God will reveal something special for Pam and for us. **Please keep praying!**

Thanks for partnering with us. We SO appreciate you!!!

In His Grip,

Donna

# Straight Talk Schedule

## March - April 2008

### *Praise God For...*

Generous year end giving which allowed us to come close to making up our short fall for 2007. This puts Straight Talk in a solid financial position to begin this year.

Health during a very busy ministry season in January and February.

Great speaking opportunities for both Randy and Donna.

Doors opening for 10 Smart Things in the USA and across Canada.

A great family vacation for the Carters late in February.

### *Please Pray...*

That Straight Talk's income will increase this year enabling us to keep out of our emergency fund.

That Randy and Donna will sense God's heart, and dream God sized dreams during the retreat the board is sending them on in early March.

Both Randy and Donna will experience God's leading as they prepare new material.

For God's choice in an office manger for Straight Talk.

For continued open doors for the 10 Smart Things course around the world.

For opportunities to be used by God where and when he desires.

### *Randy's Schedule*

- March 1-2 First Alliance Church - Calgary
- March 4-5 Visioning Retreat (RC and DC)
- March 7 First Alliance Sr. High Youth Leaders training
- March 14-15 River of Life Youth Retreat – Alberta
- March 28 Campus Crusade U of A – Edmonton (tentative)
- April 18- 20 Enderby Evangelical Family Camp (RC and DC)
- April 27 – Leduc Alliance (tentative)

### *Donna's Schedule*

- March 1-2 Attending Women's Conference in Vancouver
- March 4-5 Visioning retreat (RC and DC)
- March 14-16 Alberta Baptist Assn. Ladies Retreat – Camp Caroline
- March 29-30 The House Ministries of Tofield – Alberta
- April 18- 20 Enderby Evangelical Family Camp (RC and DC)
- April 25-26 Bethany Chapel Women's Retreat - Canmore



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