



*Serving,  
Connecting,  
and Equipping  
Communities to  
Touch Lives for Christ*

*“To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”*

*~ Ephesians 4:12-13*

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this ministry through their  
financial gifts and prayers  
so we can continue to  
“Touch lives for Christ.”*

## What Families in Crisis Need from ATLAS and Can't Get From Dr. Phil

In the midst of some people within the communities where ATLAS lives questioning what we're doing, I thought it would be good to write a little bit about what we do at ATLAS and share a little of how we help hurting people who walk through our doors.

It's important to remember that we are servant's of Christ in the ministry of healing damaged hearts and not religious answering machines. I remember a woman coming into ATLAS who had just lost her job through an upsetting conflict with a supervisor. The time that we spent together was interesting. Only weeks before she had recommitted her life to Christ and now this? How could we help? Certainly, the safe place that we provided her to grieve her loss and tell her about her conflict helped her. But more than that, God helped her. She was able to see in Matt. 6:14, “For if you forgive men when they sin against you” consider your lost job - we offered that to her along with Matt. 6:25, “therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,” so we prayed and these verses spoke to her. She cried with relief. This was entirely new for her. It was exciting and refreshing for her. Going through a conflict and looking to the Bible for help. Needing a new job and trusting God to provide. Nothing we do for people in conflict is more powerful than pointing them to God. People in

crisis don't usually cry when we give them wise advice. They cry when we pray. They cry when they feel close to God. God is what they need most and God is the greatest resource that the family in conflict has.

Scripture, confession, and prayer are more powerful tools in the ATLAS hands than pop psychotherapy.

But to not send the hungry away empty handed also goes beyond what we do in the office. So referrals to Christian counselors and helping pay for counseling and support groups offered by churches and other agencies are often crucial to a person recovery from hurtful conflict. It is our responsibility to refer people to other resources as well.

In Job 22:9 it says, “you sent widows away empty handed.” In Christ, God has given ATLAS the power to help and heal - not to send them away empty handed. And we have much to offer to those who struggle in our communities today because of who Christ is within us.

I pray for each ATLAS community and for those who are seeking to start an ATLAS in their community that we can be a vessel to the hurting people in each of our communities to spread the good news of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

In His Grip, Jerry Kieft  
ATLAS Group CEO & Founder

## Expansion

There are many communities inquiring about ATLAS:

- ~ Spirit Lake, IA
- ~ Platte, SD
- ~ Luverne, MN
- ~ Marshall, MN
- ~ Redwood Falls, MN
- ~ Rochester, MN
- ~ Boone, IA
- ~ Delavan, WI
- ~ Superior, WI
- ~ Grand Rapids, MI
- ~ Spring Hill, TN
- ~ Charlotte, NC

For those of you who weren't counting, that's 12!

And then there are the existing offices:

- ~ ATLAS of Sioux Center
- ~ ATLAS Orange City Area
- ~ ATLAS for Life
- ~ ATLAS of Sioux Falls
- ~ ATLAS of Lyon County
- ~ ATLAS of Greensboro
- ~ ATLAS of Winnebago
- ~ ATLAS of City on a Hill Ministries
- ~ ATLAS of Osceola County

That makes 21 in all. And if you think

of how many communities that does and could effect... WOW!



## Sioux Falls



ATLAS of Sioux Falls new facility.

ATLAS of Sioux Falls has moved! Justin, Joann & Gordon are excited to be in their new office. They had been praying that they could move into the city limits to make it easier for clients to reach them. God is good!

They are located in a building with Destiny Medical Clinic, a full-service

family medical clinic that offers affordable, "integrated" healthcare to all that are interested. "Integrated" healthcare means care for the physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological aspects of a person.

What a perfect fit with ATLAS! Congratulations Sioux Falls!

## ATLAS for Life

ATLAS for Life hosted their own banquet on Monday, April 16. What a great evening it was! The place was packed! About 350 people attended.

The evening began with supper and then a time of singing and praising God. Then there were clients who gave their testimonies and talked how God has changed their lives with the help of ATLAS for Life.

Jerry closed the evening by challenging people to become involved in other people lives and do what God calls us to do - Love each other!



## Orange City

Youth Band lead in worship.



ATLAS Orange City Area hosted their first banquet on Thursday, April 26. They had a wonderful turnout! A local youth band led the crowd in a time of worship.

Supper was served and clients and mentors shared how God has worked in their lives with the help of ATLAS.

Jerry wrapped up by giving a little of his testimony and how ATLAS came to be.

## Personal Development

Jerry is still active in the Personal Development area of ATLAS. He is working with a few local business on developing their staff and part of it is the Franklin Covey training.

Recently Jerry was invited to speak at a community breakfast event Rock Valley. Many

local businesses were represented.

We are continuing to see how we can bring Christ into the work place by helping employees see their purpose in life.

We are excited to see where the Lord leads...

