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August Prayer Letter

Dear Ignite Prayer and Fasting Partners,

I want to thank you for praying for our ministry of starting churches. I attended a meeting last week and one of the speakers noted their church planting momentum grew when they started praying and fasting for God to move. The moderator asked a question to clarify, “What strategies did you employ?” The speaker responded, “Prayer and fasting, that was our strategy.” We often discount the importance of these simple steps, but they have always been the fuel for great spiritual movements. Thank you for praying and fasting for our ministry.

Here are the things I would like to ask you to pray for during the month of August:

1. **Lilly Grant Proposal:** The grant we have applied for will go toward nurturing prayer and worship in the lives of children. Every time I see a Lilly commercial on television (and there have been many in the first couple of nights of the Olympics), I ask for God’s favor on this proposal. Will you do the same as we think about training a new generation of church planters and leaders?
2. **Micro church planting in Lake County, IL:** I recently met with a man who has a group of 30 people meeting as a micro church in Lake County. He has identified 3 potential planters from that group and is currently training them. We may work together as Lake County, IL is one of our “hot spots” for church planting. Please pray for wisdom and discernment on our next steps.
3. **Ignite Thriving Churches:** This program, born out of a Lilly grant we received, is designed to help churches reach greater levels of health. We believe that healthy things reproduce, so we want this program to help churches grow in reproducing disciples, groups and daughter churches. Please be praying for Matt Wright and Dave Rudin as they lead this effort.
4. **Potential Micro Church Planters:** I have recently had 5 conversations with potential micro planters. We believe this is another way to start churches that reach into different people groups. People are surprised (and a little scared) as they contemplate this possibility. If we want to reach the 6.5 million unreached people in Chicagoland, we must have more workers in the harvest field.

5. **Administrative Assistant / Financial Secretary for Ignite:** Robyn Moes will be retiring at the end of January 2025. Please pray for the right person to take on the next chapter of this critical job for Ignite. We trust God will bring us that person.

Thanks again for your prayer partnership. I am grateful for your key support. Lance