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October 2026 Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer and Fasting Partners,

Hello my friends, I am grateful for the prayers that you bring before the Father. I was reminded of the beauty of our prayer efforts while reading through Revelation a couple of weeks ago. The prayers of the saints are described as “incense, which are the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God...” (Rev. 8:3-4). Thank you for bringing these requests before the Father on behalf of Ignite’s church planting ministry. Ignite is strong because of our foundation of prayer.

Here are the things I would ask you to be praying for during October:

1. **Ministers’ Retreat in western IL:** On October 5-6, I have been asked to participate in a retreat focused on disciple-making for leaders. There will be a number of ministers gathering at LaMoine Christian Service Camp and I look forward to sharing some of the principles I have learned through the Multipliers Pathway training. It also gives an opportunity to share what God has been doing through Ignite, so please be praying for me.
2. **Church for Seniors at Adventure:** We started this “church within a church” as a beta-test to how to reach an unreached population group. The first 3 weeks have seen 11 people gather on a Sunday evening at Adventure. The theme of our evenings together has been “Connecting” and during the weekly gatherings, we are focusing on connecting vertically (with Jesus) and horizontally (with each other). Please pray that we will discover what we can learn about how to effectively reach seniors with the good news.
3. **Amplify Conference at Wheaton:** Jon Morrisette (an Ignite Board member) invited me to attend this conference in October. He believes this will be a good place to find potential church planters, so we will go there with our eyes open. Pray for us to see the divine intersections God has for us.
4. **Church Planter Assessment in Virginia:** Andy Hamilton will be attending a church planter assessment hosted by Passion for Planting the third week in October. We are sponsoring a young couple who have expressed interest in starting a church in the Oak Lawn area of Chicagoland. This is a key step in determining readiness for this couple, so pray for Andy and the assessment team (as well as the couple being assessed).
5. **Ignite Thriving Churches at Deep River, Merrillville:** The ITC team will be leading a 5-week campaign starting Oct. 4, using the BLESS curriculum. This is designed to help the church develop a greater outreach in their neighborhoods and create opportunities for sharing Jesus. Matt Wright, Andy Hamilton, Daniel Hazel and I will be speaking during these 5 weeks. Pray for us and for the church as they implement what they will be hearing.

Thank you for your partnership in prayer, my friends. Have a great start to Fall, Lance