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March 2023 Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer and Fasting Partners,

February was filled to the brim with opportunities to see the Father's hand at work. I had several connections in the city of Chicago during the month, I attended a conference in Atlanta last week on developing different ways to start churches and we got a positive "Yes" from a planter who is going to start a daughter church that will reach Spanish speakers with the good news of Jesus. This church plant will take place within a parent church. It was a good month and I appreciate your prayers for Ignite and our ministry of starting churches in Chicagoland and beyond.

Here are some things to be praying about during the month of March:

1. **Healthy Church Network applying for a grant:** A couple of years ago, we applied for a grant from the Lilly Foundation for the purpose of helping develop healthier churches. While our initial proposal didn't make the final cut, we have been invited to apply for that grant again. The good news: we now have an initiative that is doing this type of work with churches. Please be praying that we make it through the first selection process (application will take place prior to March 31).
2. **Chicago connections:** I met with a connector on Feb. 6 and we had a great day together. Several we met with invited me to come back to Chicago again, so I will be doing this during the month of March. We are praying for 10 connectors (people of peace) in the city and God is providing them for our ministry. Please pray for fruit to come from these meetings.
3. **Parent Church Network:** We now have 3 churches who will be participating in our Parent Church Network. All three of these are looking to start Spanish speaking churches. We are praying for 5 parent churches to emerge during the year, so please pray for our initial gathering and for 2 more.
4. **Flourish Church launch on March 5 in Gary, IN:** We have been coaching the church planter for this new independent church and are helping with some of the outreach events that are taking place in this city. Please be praying for Dexter Harris and his team as they welcome newcomers on March 5.

5. **Preparing Media for Ignite:** At the end of the month, we will be having a videographer come to the area to help with shooting and producing videos that will share our story in a variety of ways. I would ask you to pray for creativity and vision as we prepare to travel across the region.

Thank you for praying for Ignite, I am grateful for your partnership in this vital ministry. You are a part of a very important team.

Love in Christ, Lance