IGNITE CHURCH PLANTING
Bringing hope to Chicagoland by starting churches

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November Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer and Fasting Partners,

"Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, the one who seeks finds and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matthew 7: 7-8) I was attending the Amplify Conference at Wheaton College with a friend recently when I asked him to join me in looking for an Indian church planter. (This has been a regular request of mine for about 5 years.) He later texted me the names and pictures of two men he had been talking to. I have contacted both of them and will take next steps to see what the Lord wants us to do. We practice asking, seeking and knocking and then, we receive planters, partners are found and doors open up. Thank you for your prayer partnership, we have seen all three of these things happen as you pray.

Here are the things I would ask you to pray about during November:

1. **International Conference on Missions**: Our Ignite team will be representing our church planting ministry in St. Louis on Nov. 12-14. We look forward to connecting with partners and meeting potential church planters. Please pray for this event.

2. **Lilly Gathering in Indianapolis**: During ICOM, Matt Wright and Daniel Hazel will be attending the annual Lilly Gathering. They will report on what Ignite Thriving Churches is doing and will learn valuable insights from the leaders as well as connecting with friends. Please pray for them

3. **Parent and Daughter Churches**: We hosted a Minister's Gathering in Naperville on Nov. 3. Those gathered heard an invitation to think about becoming a parent church. The Pentecost Offering generated $50,000+ and we want to use this to give grants helping churches have a daughter. One church contacted me about this after the meeting today, please pray for more.

4. **Ignite Thriving Churches next cohort:** We are preparing to launch the 2027 cohort for ITC. We can lead 5-7 churches through the process. We have seen good results from the 15 churches who took part in the first two cohorts, please pray for new participating churches.

5. **Experimental Church Plant for Seniors**: This experiment, hosted by Adventure Christian Church, will conclude on Nov. 29. We have learned some good lessons from this daughter church and will be evaluating next steps for 2027. Please pray for discernment regarding those next steps.

Thank you for joining our prayer effort to ask, seek and knock. I am grateful for your partnership, have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Lance