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January 2023 Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer and Fasting Partners,

Happy New Year, my friends!! I am looking forward to praying with you this year as we have some big steps of faith ahead of us. We are going to be looking at planting churches in new areas, to new people groups while using some new methods with the goal of reaching more people with the good news of Jesus. Here are the mountains we are asking God to move ahead of us in 2023.

Church Planting

1 church planted using a new model (this will incorporate using the experimental model being developed from Todd Wilson's training)

3 churches started using more traditional model (this will involve using the methods we have seen work in the past)

5 daughter churches from parent churches (these churches will come from our Parent Church Network and will reach a variety of people groups)

7 micro churches started (planters for this model will come from our Accelerated Disciple Making training)

Planter and Partner Development

4 new cohorts engaged in Accelerated Disciple Making (we see this as an "engine" for planter development)

10 "connectors" in the city of Chicago (these people will open neighborhoods in the city to us – we have one currently)

48 churches participating in the Pentecost Offering (this will be 4 times the number involved in 2022)

50 people choosing to become a part of the 100 Club (this number would be 10 times those involved currently)

Growth Areas

Remain open to surprises from the Father (as we pray, we will keep our eyes open for new areas where / new ways how churches can be started)

Thank you for being a partner in prayer for Ignite. I am also attaching a calendar highlighting our prayer campaign, "Fanning the Flame" which begins January 2 at 8 am. Please join us one day (or more) during the month. I love praying together with friends.

I am grateful for your partnership, Lance