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December 2017 Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer and Fasting Partners,

I think this is an excellent time to express my gratitude to you for your ministry of prayer with Ignite. Because of your prayers, several churches have been started in 2017, church planters have been assessed and hired for upcoming plants and each church in our network continues to bring the living water of Jesus into parched lives across Chicagoland. At this time of the year when we remember the gift of Jesus coming into the world, I want to thank you for helping us bring the hope of Jesus to people whose lives have been drawn close to the Father because of a new church. Your prayers do matter and I am grateful for your help.

Here are some of the things I'd like you to be praying about during the month:

1. **Our new church plants:** Please be praying for Engage Christian Church (currently meeting in Forest Park, IL) and Dawayne Choice as he leads this work. I know they will have several outreach events during the month, so please pray for fruit to come from these opportunities. I'd also encourage you to pray for Nations Chapel Christian Church (Carol Stream, IL) as they minister to immigrant families in this area. Please pray for Dave Jenkins and his team as they work together to reach out to the unreached.
2. **Funding Opportunities:** We know that this time of the year provides opportunities for giving. I will be contacting some donors (both past and present) to ask them to help us start churches. Please pray for me to make the right contacts and that there will be open hearts of generosity from those I will be talking with about Ignite's ministry.
3. **Development Director:** This is one of the needs that our ministry has, so I'd like you to pray for the right person to join Ignite who will help us grow our funding network. As we pray, God provides.
4. **Church Planters:** This prayer is a constant one that we bring up before the Father. Pray for planters who will reach the four distinct people groups of our region: African-Americans, Asians, Caucasians and Hispanics. I continue to be surprised by the answers that God is bringing to us as we pray, so please keep asking the Father for more workers for the harvest field here.
5. **Planning for 2018:** We are in the process of putting together our dreams and plans for the year ahead. Pray that as we plan, we not only dream big, but that we pray God-sized prayers for Ignite.

Thank you for praying for us, I am so grateful for this support. "As for you brothers, never tire of doing what is right." (2 Thes. 3:13). Love in Christ, Lance