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November 2017 Prayer Letter

Hello Prayer and Fasting Partners,

I was reading in Colossians today when a familiar passage caught my eye. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should." (4: 2-4) Paul recognized the difference that prayer makes: prayer opens doors, it provides wisdom and strength for those sharing the good news of Jesus. This passage provides insight into how we should pray: watch for God's direction and provision and then extending gratitude as we see him at work.

Thank you for being a prayer partner for Ignite's ministry of starting churches. God's hand is at work and you will see several things below that we want to highlight and pray about.

1. **Mobilize Illinois / ICOM, November 16 – 19:** The International Conference on Missions is taking place in Peoria this month. We will have a booth at the conference and I'd like you to pray for us as we make contacts and talk to potential planters and partners. I will be leading a workshop on collaborating for planting churches and will be highlighting Mobilize Illinois. Please pray for churches to participate in funding church planting in Illinois and in four regions of the world through Mobilize.
2. **Kim Taylor and Quest Christian Church:** Ed Taylor, who started Quest in Arlington Heights, passed away unexpectedly on October 21. Please ask God to comfort his wife Kim and to help her as she determines her next steps. I'd like you to pray for us as we work with Quest on their next steps as a church. Ed will be missed.
3. **Nations Chapel Christian Church, Carol Stream, IL:** On November 12, Nations Chapel launches their weekly services in Carol Stream. This church is targeting immigrant families across the North Avenue corridor. We'd like you to continue praying for Dave Jenkins and his team as they take this step as a church. We look forward to seeing what God does among different people groups in Chicagoland through Nations Chapel.
4. **Church Planters:** This is a continual prayer for us. I have had several conversations with potential planters from different backgrounds in the past month. Please pray for wisdom as we assess these individuals. We are currently praying for a church planter for Dyer, IN and we think we have the planter for the church we will be launching in Crown Point, IN next year. Praying for harvest workers is a prayer that Jesus told us to pray (Luke 10: 2), so please lift this up.
5. **Multipliers Cohort:** On November 27-28, I will be traveling to Houston to be a part of a group of church planting leaders meeting together to discuss methods for multiplying churches and church planters. This cohort could help us lay the groundwork for significant multiplication across our region, so I'd appreciate your prayers for me as I take part in this opportunity.

Thank you for making prayer a priority. I told a church recently that prayer is the way we "tune in" to what God is calling us to do as an organization. Thank you for being a part of this key team for Ignite.

Have a great Thanksgiving, Lance