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# Bellevue

## BAPTIST CHURCH

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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends:

We have seen the Lord do amazing things over the last several months. With the last update I asked for prayer for our housing situation as we didn't know where we were going to be living and our house was sold. I am excited to tell you that we are now residents of Bellevue. The Lord enabled us to buy a home about 5 minutes away from the area where we would like to start the church. Although the home needs a lot of work, the Lord moved and we were able to purchase the home significantly under the asking price in a market where houses are going for a \$100,000 over the listing price. To top it off, this property has a great detached extra-large garage with a full bath that we could use for bible studies and different ministry activities. When God works, it is better than we could ever imagine on our own.

During this time, we have been a part of different missions conferences and visiting churches and have been blessed with additional support and offerings. Beyond the financial support, I am thankful for new friends in the ministry and their prayers and encouragement.

The biggest update I have is concerning my job at Microsoft. Originally I was planning to quit near the end of October and travel full-time on deputation. After prayer and council, I decided to petition the King after the manner of Nehemiah chapter two and I was led to pursue a part-time position. Unfortunately, those don't really exist at Microsoft. I want to thank everyone who was praying with us and remind you that with God, all things are possible and He hears our prayers. I asked the CIO to be able to move part-time for the purpose of starting a church in Bellevue and I am pleased to announce that he has supported this request. I will be moving to 20 hours/week in the new calendar year. I have saved up many weeks of vacation which is what I will be using for deputation activities prior to the new year. Not only is this God's providential support of our family, this reminds me that God has the power to clear the way and He will enable us.

As we get closer to our launch time frame, we have decided on our opening date. We will open the doors of Bellevue Baptist Church on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. This corresponds with our sending church's Vision Sunday and will mark nine and a half years for Foundation Baptist Church. I am thankful for a pastor that had a vision to plant a church by their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will start looking for a meeting place in the February/March timeframe and have large-scale outreach as we prepare for the opening. Until that time, we continue to door-knock and witness with the intent of starting a bible study. We are blessed to have a group from Centralia Bible Baptist Church come up and help us door-knock this month as a part of their missions conference. What a blessing for us and what a great opportunity to immediately put into practice what they will hear through the preaching of the conference.

We serve a great God who is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. We pray that God will be able to use us and this work to bring souls to faith and repentance in the City of Bellevue and I want to thank you for being a part of this with us.

In Christ,

Joel Creekmore