



Bellevue

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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends:

This is Joel Creekmore, church planter to Bellevue, Washington with our May & June ministry update. We have had a very busy couple of months. After prayerful consideration and council we decided to sell our home in Duvall, Washington and move to Bellevue, the city where we are planting the church. We currently live about 35 minutes from Bellevue and we felt that to effectively minister to this community we needed to be a part of it. We made an offer on a house and proceeded to sell our house. Unfortunately before we closed on the new house we found some pretty major items of disrepair. We exited the contract and started looking again. The only problem is that we had sold our house and need to be out of it later this month. Although this has been a trying time, God has continuing to provide for us. Attenders of Foundation Baptist Church have offered their home to us for a month while they are traveling to India and many others have offered to help and provide housing as needed. We are thankful for church family and for God's provision. We are hopeful that we will have a home soon and are currently inspecting another house that would have a large space to conduct bible studies and church functions in. Would you pray with us that God would lead and direct us to the right house that we would be able to get anchored in the community and establish relationships before we start the church?

In addition to trying to find a home, the Lord has continued to bless us with additional meeting dates and commitment of support. I want to share with you two examples of the many blessings we have received over the last two months. First, one of the members from Bible Baptist Church in Everett, Washington completed a new pulpit for Bellevue Baptist Church. I can't tell you how exciting this is. Seeing that pulpit and thinking about the preaching that will be done and the lives that will be transformed through the power of the preached word of God gets me excited and anxious to get the work started. We are very thankful for people who not only give of their money, but of their skills and time as well. The second blessing we had was from a pastor in California. After receiving our information this pastor sent us a handwritten note and a love offering from his church. Although they were unable to take us on for support, they were excited about another church being started and wanted to be a blessing. Receiving that letter was a huge blessing and an encouragement to me. I am thankful for fellow churches and Christians that are excited about churches being started.

I want to thank you for your prayers and your financial support. Please continue to pray for us as we look for a home, continue to raise support, and travel to various churches seeking to be a blessing.

In Christ,

Joel Creekmore