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Dear Prayer Partner,

This is Joel Creekmore from Bellevue Baptist Church with our Oct 2018 update. Let me start off by telling you that by God's grace and hand, we are completely signed off from the building inspectors and we are in full compliance with the City! This has been a 10-month struggle, but God has provided. Let me tell you just two of the very specific answers to prayer that the Lord gave us just during the construction phase. First, we were told that we needed to have pews and yet God enabled us to get sign off using our current chairs. Second, we only had to move our sanctuary 3.5 feet in instead of 4.5 feet. These may sound like trivial things but trust me they are huge victories for us here at the church. Not only is it wonderful to have seen God work, it is also wonderful to be on the other side and have that behind us.

In September we had a wonderful second anniversary, celebrating God's faithfulness. The church celebrated with a potluck and reviewed the things that God had done over the last year. This year we saw 2 people get saved, 9 people added to the church, we had 9 people get baptized, we took on our first missionaries apart from our sending church and committed over \$24,000 to world-wide missions. Additionally, our tithes and offerings increased 80%. The great thing about being a church plant is that it is a lot easier to get large percentage increases when you don't start with a lot. All joking aside, God has done a great work here in Bellevue and it was wonderful to celebrate His faithfulness.

In September we also had our church planting intern, Nick Tallarita, join us. Already, Nick has been a huge blessing and is using his talents to serve the Lord in the church. I look forward to continuing to see him grow and serve.

Currently, I have one couple that I am discipling that needs your prayers. They are a young native speaking Chinese couple that is faithful in discipleship, but not to church. The woman has a testimony of salvation, but her boyfriend is lost. They are going through discipleship and getting a lot of bible and reinforcement of the Gospel message, but there has been no movement as of yet. Would you pray with me that the young man would get saved and if necessary, his girlfriend as well? Additionally, right now I have the privilege of leading another couple through membership class and we are praying that they would join upon the class's conclusion. They recently came to me after our ladies' retreat and said that they wanted to join after attending on and off for over a year. Praise the Lord.

God is continuing to move and for that we are ever so grateful. We are also extremely grateful for your continued prayers and financial support. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

In Christ,

Joel Creekmore