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BAPTIST CHURCH

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It has been a hectic couple of months with traveling and missions conferences but here we are, getting very close to our launch date of May 1st. First, let's talk finances. We are at about 85% of where I would like us to be. We have several more churches we will be visiting in the coming weeks and others that are still deciding whether they can take us on. Our hope is that our support will continue to increase as we launch. As a reminder, the support that we receive from you is going directly into the church in the form of rent, materials, tracts, and necessities of that nature. We continue to be thankful for God's financial provision in allowing me to have a part time position that will meet the needs of my family.

Whether it is out door knocking or speaking with brothers and sisters, the number one question I get is where will the church be meeting? We are six weeks out and I cannot answer that question. We had two different spaces that looked like they were going to work. One space we even had a lease ready to sign, but different issues arose and God closed the door on them both. Although those types of experiences can be disappointing, we are thankful for God's answered prayer in providing clear open and closed doors and providing His direction as we endeavor to secure a location for His church. This is a great reminder to me, that only Jesus can build His church. Many times we think of that as being the people He would bring to the church and while that is true, it includes the meeting space. This is a great opportunity to rest in the sufficiency of Christ. Although I am extremely eager and wondering how exactly this is going to work, I am excited for God to receive the glory. To that end, would you pray with us, that God would move in an amazing way that we would be able to meet our May 1st launch date in a way that not only his children would attribute to Him, but even the lost world couldn't deny the working of God?

It is a little tough knowing exactly what equipment we will need since we aren't sure where we will be. With that said, there are some things that we know we need. We will need to purchase a piano, the rest of our sound equipment, signs, offering plates, and other normal service items. I am thankful that we do not need a pulpit. We were presented with a beautiful custom handmade pulpit from Bible Baptist Church in Everett. The church dedicated and prayed over the pulpit for us and it was such a blessing and an encouragement. I am very thankful for the many churches and pastors that have supported us with their finances, prayers, texts and emails, and friendships. If the Lord leads you to help with any of the items that we need to start services, your help would be appreciated.

Thank you for being on this journey with us. This is different than anything I have done before. I am excited, a little anxious, and grateful to be able to serve my Lord. I look forward to being able to share with you how God meets our needs for the purpose of establishing a new New Testament Baptist Church.

In Christ,

Joel Creekmore