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Hello Friends and Family!

Some of you may remember that we mentioned we would have an important ministry update in February. Well, here it is! Praise the Lord with us for what He has done.

World Impact has an acronym for the church-planting process: PLANT. The “P” stands for *prepare*. This is when an individual senses God’s calling to church planting, forms a team which decides on a target community, and then creates a charter (“game plan”) with the team for the church plant. We did this in the early stages of the church plant, particularly when Glen and the others met in Wichita for a church-plant school prior to our move.

The “L” stands for *launch*. This step is characterized by evangelism--getting the gospel out to the target community. This involved a lot of knocking on doors and following up with parents and guardians of children we saw on Sundays, Bible clubs, prayer walking, and community outreaches. During this stage we had MANY children and very few adults.

The “A” stands for *assemble*. This is when those who have come to Christ begin to gather as a church body. A lot happened during this stage! We began to call ourselves “church” with the few adults we had, despite their not being from the community of Watts. Eventually we felt that the many children without parental supervision were keeping adults from the community from wanting to be with us on Sundays, so we began two separate services--the early service for children who come without parents and the later service for adults and families. In two weeks’ time, we had a room full of adults for Sunday service! Eventually, in God’s sovereignty, the adults from the other community stopped coming, which opened the way for adults from Watts to begin taking leadership roles.

The “N” stands for *nurture* and overlaps significantly with assemble. This is the stage of equipping the body to be fully devoted followers of Christ. Discipleship through Bible clubs, Bible studies (group and individual), the preaching of the Word, mid-week prayer, and “life-on-life” discipleship took place intensely during this stage. While, as you may remember from our December prayer letter, there is still much to be realized in each individual’s walk with Christ. This has been an incredible time in our church body with much transparency and growth in the lives of our body of believers. We now have several individuals who are capable of leading and teaching

This leads us to the final step, the “T” which stands for *transition*, and it is the phase we are now entering in our church-planting efforts at Powerhouse. Transition is the time when the missionaries move out of the way and allow indigenous leaders to take over. If Todd Grant, our team leader, was not staying on as pastor of Powerhouse, we would not yet be entering this stage. However, given that he is and that there is sound preaching of the Word each week, a committed core participating in mid-week Bible study and prayer, solid and also emerging leadership from the body, and a good connection with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Denomination, it is now time for the Geraghtys to begin the transition phase. The church is planted--it is established and ready to be on its own with the leadership God has provided.

Our transition out of ministry with Powerhouse will happen gradually, so you will continue to hear news of Powerhouse events and people. *However, we would deeply appreciate your prayer as we seek the Lord on our next step.* There are a few options within World Impact, but we do not yet know where the Lord is directing us. What we do know is that as we trust in Him, He will direct our steps! (Proverbs 3:5-6)

God's richest blessings to you!

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