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Dear Friends,

Recently I attended our local public library's showing of "Where the River Bends," a three-part documentary on the history of Northern Kentucky. While it's been helpful to become familiar with the area's past, it's been great to become a part of the present, especially in getting to know the people who call this region home.

Although church planting has its share of difficulties and challenges, we are nonetheless excited and encouraged by seeing God at work building His church. A Sunday evening Bible study has been established and is attended by residents of all three Northern Kentucky counties (Boone, Kenton and Campbell) as well as Indiana. Not only are those attending serious about studying God's Word in community, they are also beginning to think about inviting others to join us, especially those who are hurting and in need of the hope of the gospel.

In addition to the Bible study, another recent development has been the establishment of a regular time of women's prayer. Just this past Saturday morning at 8am, Michelle and five other women spent an hour praying together for the church and for one another. Both the times of corporate Bible study and prayer as well as the times spent one on one with individuals are giving us confidence that God is drawing people to Himself and toward one another.

Here's how you could pray specifically in the next few weeks:

- Pray that all those who gather at our home on Sunday evenings for Bible study will come to see how "from beginning to end Ephesians sets before us the wonder of God's grace, the privilege of belonging to the church, and the pattern of life-transformation the gospel produces" (a quote from the book, *Let's Study Ephesians*, by Sinclair Ferguson).
- Grace and Peace is a mission church of the Ohio Valley Presbytery, the regional division of the Presbyterian Church in America that encompasses central and southern Indiana, the northern half of Kentucky, and southwestern Ohio. The presbytery is the "regional church" and as such it provides the oversight and accountability not only for this church plant but also for all of the established churches in the geographic area. Later this week I will attend the fall meeting of the presbytery and provide an update on the establishment of Grace and Peace. Ask God to give the men who attend a unity of heart as well as wisdom and discernment in addressing the many issues and decisions that rest with the presbytery.

Thank you for your friendship and faithful prayers. We are most grateful. The church's new mailing address and phone number are listed below.

Sincerely,

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