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Dear Friends,

While we were on the way to dinner before my ordination and installation service, our realtor called with news; the offer that we had made the previous day on a house in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky was accepted. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf; we're very grateful for the provision of a home.

On Saturday, 9 June I was ordained as a minister of the gospel and installed as an evangelist by the Ohio Valley Presbytery of the PCA to serve as a church planter in Northern Kentucky. Since several of you have asked about the service, I thought I would take a moment and share a few highlights.

Representatives of the presbytery from Louisville, Lexington, Indianapolis and Cincinnati served on the ordination commission. Robert Letham preached from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, declaring that the gospel ministry is not about the minister but rather about Jesus Christ. Walter Wood charged me, among other things, not to neglect the ministry of prayer, and Jason Dorsey gave the charge to the presbytery reminding us that there is a good fight worth fighting (1 Timothy 6:12). We sang the hymns, *The Church's One Foundation*, *The Lord Will Provide* [one verse of which I quoted in the previous issue], and *For All the Saints*. With family and friends in attendance, all in all it was a joyful and solemn service befitting the occasion.

This Thursday is "Mommy's last day of helping sick people" [Mary Lauren's words]. Today I was able to join Michelle at a lunch given by her office staff in her honor. Please give thanks to God with us for the opportunity Michelle has had to serve the West Chester community over the past six years.

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

- As we face many unknowns in the days ahead (our upcoming adoption, the seemingly endless details surrounding a move, as well as the establishment of the mission work in Northern Kentucky), our faith is being stretched. Pray that in these and in all things we would trust God and not lean on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). Pray that we would not trust in ourselves but rather walk in the wisdom God provides (Proverbs 28:26).
- Pray that those God will gather to this new church will "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which [they] have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1b-3).

Many thanks for your friendship and for persevering with us through your prayers. You are a great help and encouragement to us.

Sincerely,

Lee

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