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Dear Friends,

In describing church planting, a seminary classmate and fellow church planter put it this way:

“And that's why church planting is wonderful - because God tosses you headlong into the deep end, where there's a very real danger of both drowning and sharks. And in the sheer terror of being in over your head, something amazing happens - we cry out to God; we call out to others. We are forced to look beyond ourselves. We are forced into relationship.”

In light of these words, we are thankful that we are not alone; we are thankful for our relationships with each of you. And we are most grateful for your participation with us through prayer in this work of extending the kingdom of God through the establishment of this new local church.

In the last issue I began to highlight the name, mission, vision, message and distinctives of the church plant. Below is what I believe the overall purpose of the church should be as well as what I long to see the church become.

Our Mission – Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church exists [or better, will exist] to call the people of Northern Kentucky to glorify and enjoy the living and true God by proclaiming in word and deed the gospel of God's grace and peace in Jesus Christ.

Our Vision – We envision being a biblically healthy church whose life (anchored by the past, engaged in the present and oriented toward the future) and ministry (upward in worship; inward in discipleship and fellowship; and outward in mercy, evangelism, and missions) become a significant transforming spiritual, social, and cultural influence in Northern Kentucky and to the world beyond.

Here's how you could pray for us specifically:

- Today, Michelle announced to her office staff that she will be leaving due to our upcoming relocation. Please pray for wisdom for Michelle and her associate as they handle the many details involved in winding down a medical practice.
- Ask God to encourage and begin to knit together in love the hearts of those in Northern Kentucky who have contacted me and expressed an interest in becoming involved in the church plant. (see Colossians 2: 1-3)

Thanks. Your friendship and prayers really are a great help and encouragement to us.

Sincerely,

Lee

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