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LOVE DEEPLY. REACH BROADLY.

Over the past several decades the population of cities across the United States has exploded. Now approximately 80% of our nation's residents live in metropolitan areas. Sadly, the church has not only failed to keep pace with this population shift, but has actually experienced significant decline in urban areas. If this trend continues, more and more people in our country will be without a clear gospel witness in their local community.

Atlanta, the appropriately named "capitol of the New South" is certainly no exception to this trend. Although Atlanta used to be considered the hub of the Bible Belt, now the vast majority of those living inside the Interstate 285 Perimeter claim any inclination towards the church. Yet in spite of these sobering developments, we are not without hope, for we not only have confidence in the life-transforming power of the gospel, but we can already see God's hand at work in our city.

A couple of years ago, a handful of believers from Blueprint Church with a burden for their community began meeting on the eastside of town. In time that small gathering grew into multiple groups living on mission and making a significant kingdom impact in that part of the city. Simultaneously, after over a decade of pastoral ministry in Chicago, the Lord led our family to Blueprint to be a part of its church planting efforts and opened the door for me to serve as a member of the pastoral staff.

DUE TO THESE FACTORS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE LORD HAS OPENED A DOOR FOR TREMENDOUS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY, AND WE DESIRE TO PLANT GOSPEL HOPE CHURCH ON ATLANTA'S EASTSIDE.

WE WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOU BE A PART OF WHAT GOD IS ALREADY DOING IN ATLANTA THROUGH THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS GLORIOUS GOSPEL AND FOR THE SAKE OF HIS MATCHLESS NAME.

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MISSION

WE EXIST TO
GROW IN THE GOSPEL
AS A FAMILY
WHILE ON MISSION.

BIBLICAL TRUTH

God is the source of all truth, and he has spoken to us plainly in the Bible. We desire to be a people who consistently hear and apply God's word to our everyday lives.

GOSPEL CENTRALITY

The good news of Jesus' work on behalf of sinners is the central theme of the Bible, and therefore should influence every aspect of ministry. To put it simply, we believe we never outgrow our need for the gospel.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

The church is a family of diverse people united by the work of Jesus. We are convinced that our shared lives are meant to display the identity-giving power of the gospel.

CORE VALUES

PURPOSEFUL MULTIPLICATION

Healthy things grow and multiply. Disciples make disciples. Leaders develop leaders, and churches plant churches. We are committed to be a disciple-making, leader-developing, church-planting body of believers from our very inception.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

God has been extravagantly generous to his people. We desire that the lavish grace we have received propel us to be a congregation that is exceptionally generous with our time, talents and treasure.

PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE

God's people have always been dependent by design. Because of this reality, we desire to be church marked prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit as we strive to selflessly serve others.

WHY PLANT CHURCHES?

On any given Sunday around only 18% of Americans attend a church of any denomination. What is more, over the last several decades this percentage has steadily decreased. Sadly, it seems the impact of the church is at an all-time low in our country's history. So what is the solution? I believe it is to plant new churches. According to Tim Keller, "The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for the numerical growth of the Body of Christ and the continual corporate renewal and revival of existing churches." Even though there are many existing churches in the United States, new churches more effectively reach new generations, new residents, and new people groups. In fact, 60%-80% of the members of new churches are people who were not previously attending any worship gathering. This is simply to say that church planting is one of the most strategic ways to reach those outside of the church with the gospel.

(Summarized from "Why Plant Churches?" by Tim Keller at redeemer.com)



WHY ATLANTA?

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

Atlanta is the 9th largest metro area in the United States and has experienced steady growth since the 1960's. This trend is projected to continue with the Atlanta Metro reaching over 8 million by 2040.

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GLOBAL INFLUENCE

Atlanta boasts the world's busiest airport, the headquarters of thirteen Fortune 500 companies and over forty colleges and universities. In 2015, Atlanta ranked 36 on AT Kearny's list of most influential global cities.

36th most influential global city

MULTI-ETHNIC IMPACT

Our target area is marked by extreme diversity. In one square mile 145 different nationalities and 761 ethnic groups are represented. We believe this provides a tremendous opportunity to literally reach the nations by reaching our neighbor.

145 nationalities

761 ethnic groups

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Lord has graciously allowed Gospel Hope Church to partner with the North American Mission Board, the Summit Network and Blueprint Church. These strategic relationships have allowed our church plant to experience a great deal of gospel momentum.



In His grace, the Lord allowed both Ryan and Tricia to be raised in homes where they heard and responded to the gospel at an early age. They met in college at Northland International University and were married after Tricia finished her Bachelors in Biblical Counseling and Ryan received his Masters in Biblical Studies. From there Ryan went on to receive his Masters of Divinity from Baptist Bible Seminary and pursue a Doctor of Ministry from Westminster Theological Seminary. Since getting married the McCammacks have been privileged to serve in local church ministry. For the past eleven years, Ryan led Gospel Life Church--a congregation in the Chicago metro area. During that time, God blessed Ryan and Tricia with seven great kids: Ian, Calvin, Sydney, Geneva, Paton, Selah and Felicity.

Through a series of relationships, the Lord led the McCammacks to Atlanta in order to plant a new gospel-centered, disciple-making congregation on the eastside of the city. In preparation for this endeavor, the Lord enabled Ryan to receive training in church planting from the Summit Church and the North American Mission Board.

Currently Ryan serves as a member of the pastoral team at Blueprint Church, who will send the McCammacks along with a launch team out in the months ahead. Ryan and Tricia are encouraged how the Lord has led in this process and excited to see how the Lord will exalt his name through Gospel Hope Church in the days ahead.





PHASE 1 **BUILD & PARTNER (SUMMER 2016)**

Our leadership will begin to build our launch team and develop strategic ministry partnerships to ensure that Gospel Hope gets off to a healthy start.

PHASE 2 **TRAIN & DEPLOY (SPRING 2017)**

We will spend focus time training leaders and deploying additional groups living our mission in our community.

PHASE 3 **GATHER & SCATTER (FALL 2017)**

Gospel Hope will launch regular Sunday gatherings as well as continue to scatter.

PARTNERSHIP

Obviously this is a huge task that we cannot accomplish alone. We would like to invite you to come alongside us as we plant Gospel Hope Church. There are three avenues of partnership to explore:

INVEST

We are asking for partners to commit to an ongoing partnership for 3-4 years, or give a one-time gift to help offset some of our startup costs. This could come in the form of monthly support (\$100/month; \$500/month; \$1,000/month etc.) or larger gifts that decrease annually (Year 1 - \$50,000; Year 2 \$40,000; etc.) as our church grows and moves toward self-sustainability.

PRAY

We desire to be a church that is marked by dependence on the Lord. From the beginning of our planting efforts we have endeavored to strategically pray for our calling, our mission, and our city. We, like the Apostle Paul, desire prayer partners who will “pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication,” so that we may continue to “boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel.”

SEND

Involvement in church planting can be a great catalyst for renewed spiritual and missional vibrancy for partnering churches. We gladly invite both short-term mission teams and people who are interested in relocating to Atlanta to join us in proclaiming Christ in our city.

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