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June 20, 2018

Dear WCN Family,

While I am with the team you sent to Oaxaca, Mexico, I feel it's appropriate to update you on some other sending you have done. WCN has been fertile ground for God to call, raise up, and send people abroad into pastoral ministry. Enjoy and appreciate the following updates from Nicholas Herring, Daniel Hawks, Dani Hawks, Melissa Brussa, and Matt Alexander as they serve abroad in pastoral ministry:

*Kingston Springs United Methodist is a small church in a small town. It's a congregation of artists and musicians who travel regularly for shows and performances, so you're never sure who you might see pop in on a given week. They are well educated and take strong ownership of their faith. The worship service is traditional, and for the first time in my life I'm making regular use of a hymnal. Sundays are this strange mix of high liturgy and informality, which I guess is what you get when you mix a traditional Methodist service with that small town, everyone-knows-everyone sort of environment. The teens are kind of their own thing right now. Only about a fourth of them show up on Sunday mornings, and those are the ones with parents in the congregation. The rest drive or walk to church on Wednesday nights. They are dedicated to the Youth group, but don't yet see themselves as a part of the main congregation, let alone the universal Church of all believers. My main goal this summer is to help bridge that gap; to help create ways for them to connect with the other adults in the congregation and for the adults to connect with them; to create service opportunities where the adults and the teens are serving side-by-side, and to create fellowship events where both groups get to know one another rather than being two ships passing on a Wednesday night. I'm excited to learn and grow with this church, and to participate in whatever the future may hold! -Nicholas Herring, Youth Minister, Kingston Springs United Methodist Church, Tennessee*

*We are into our seventh month as the co-lead pastors of Family Community Church of the Nazarene. One of the main ministries of the church is Family Community Christian School. The school provides a Christian education for kids from 1 year old to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We serve as pastors not only to the church, but also to the 500 students, families, and faculty. Throughout this school year, we have been able to preach and lead weekly chapel services for the Junior and Senior High age groups. In June, we are having a Work & Witness team from Indiana spend a week cleaning, working, and preparing the campus for the upcoming year. The church is growing, both numerically and spiritually. The church board is wise and mature. We are all planning and praying for the vision and future of the church. In April, we began a new Wednesday night*

class, "A Beginner's Understanding of the Bible." When we got here, we noticed the need for new Christians to have a foundational understanding of the timeline and story of God. We cannot say enough good things about our Youth and Children leaders. Every Wednesday, we have anywhere from 60-80 teens and kids who eat dinner together and then split into groups. We are reaping the harvest, planted long before we got here. Amelia is growing like a weed and soaking up all the attention she gets. She has become the mascot at school events. She talks constantly. She ends all her prayers by saying "puppy," so we feel like she is finding her way as a PK. Pastor Dani has started her Master's at TNU online for Religion and Pastoral Counseling. We miss you. We love you. We pray for you. -Daniel and Dani Hawks, Co-Lead Pastors, Winnsboro, Louisiana.

Greetings from Northwest Indiana! Honestly, I had never considered living anywhere else other than the southeast region. Ed and I took a huge leap of faith, trusting that God would catch us. Friends, we are exactly where we are supposed to be. Ed has said many times, "I like it here." This is an answer to many prayers. After moving to Valparaiso, Indiana in February, Ed and I have been engaging in a different culture, meeting new people, and experiencing God's grace in unique ways. We bought a house and are eager to create a welcoming environment for our community. Serving as a part-time associate pastor, I get to preach once a month, lead in Sunday worship services, meet with church members weekly for discipleship, work with our children's ministry leaders, experiment new ministry paradigms, and partner with non-profit organizations actively fighting human trafficking. As with any job, the first few months are spent in observation and slowly stepping into new places. Right now, I'm drinking from a fire hydrant. Fortunately, the water has a healthy source and a steady rhythm. The church has made space for us, embraced us, and continues to love us into healthy relationships. We are healing, growing, and opening our lives to others. Thanks be to God! Ed and I are beyond grateful for you – for your continued prayers and investment in our lives. Thank you for walking through the valleys with us, and celebrating these mountaintop moments, as well. You are grace to us. -Melissa Brussa, Associate Pastor, Duneland Community Church, Chesterton, IN

Greetings from Chester, SC! First, let me tell you about your favorite Alexander: Priya! We celebrated her first birthday and her baptism in April. She is walking and doing some talking. She loves to brush her two teeth and comb her hair. She loves our dog Buster and calls for him after every nap saying "Bu-Bu." She is independent and loves to learn new things! She has a smile as big as the equator and shares it almost every moment of the day. Because our extended families live in Chester, Priya has the opportunity to grow up with cousins, aunts/uncles, grandparents, and great-grandparents every day. She especially loves her Nanny Shirley, her great-grandmother who may or may not give her everything she could ever want (and more). Priya's church also cherishes her. She is surely loved! Trina serves as CFO/Controller of HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Rock Hill, SC. She is halfway through her work toward earning an MBA. She serves in our church's kids' ministry and church board. This year we celebrated our 10th anniversary with a canoe camp trip on the Broad River. We are celebrating one year of our church plant. Over this last year we have built relationships with churches in our community across denominational and racial lines. We have invested in elementary schools while giving over 125 hours of service reading to classes and mentoring students. In our first year, we have grown to an average worship/discipleship attendance of 18/20. We just finished our first "Fitness Camp" (our spin on VBS) with 40 kids learning what it means to be FIT in Jesus! Most of our congregation was unchurched, but people are growing, giving, and serving! In July, One Church will be officially organized at District Assembly. Please continue to pray for the Alexanders and One Church! Grace and Peace, -Pastor Matt Alexander, One Church, Chester, South Carolina

I am full of gratitude and good pride. Keep praying for these pastors and for our team. We return and report on Sunday, July 1st.

-Pastor Daron

## COMING SOON:

- Jun 19-28: Mission: Mexico
- Jun 25-29: Tween Camp
- Jul 1: Mission: Mexico team report, 6pm
- Jul 2-5: Elementary Camp
- Jul 10: Prayer Meeting, 4:30am
- Jul 25-28: Discovery Camp
- Aug 1: Back to School Prayer service, 6:30pm
- Aug 5: Celebration of Baptism service, 6pm
- Aug 8: New Immerse Groups begin
- Aug 12: Come to the Waters, an Intro to WCN, 4-7pm
- Aug 18: Teens' Back to School Bash

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S/School: 10am  
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