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August 24' Prayer Letter

Dear Faithful Supporters and Followers,

We are still gladly advancing with our deputation ministry. Early in our surrender to Gods calling on our lives, we prayed fervently concerning the method in which we would enter the work of church planting, specifically wrestling with whether we would take the time to raise support or simply move, find a job, and start. With a heavy burden, I wanted to get to our field in haste. I talked to men on both sides of the isle. Let me just say, I respect any church planter who faithfully planted a church by reaching souls with the gospel and preaching the truth, all without worldly compromise. After talking to various church planters, I learned that God accomplishes His church planting work through the lives of imperfect men in various ways and through various means, but in each of those



church planters' lives, one thing is certain, it required faith. You simply cannot mimic the faith of someone else.

I am glad I sought counsel from men of God. The Bible says, "*Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.*" One preacher said this, and I will never forget it, "brother Mike, you are



going to hear lots of voices, but the one voice you need to listen to is Gods." Doing what God tells you to do is where faith begins!



Looking back, I can say that I am tremendously thankful for those men who counseled me. The Lord made it clear to me that we needed the prayers and financial support of Gods people to rightfully consecrate myself to the work of church planting in Nashville, TN. We have met wonderful people, seen a handful of different ministries and most importantly, we have become the blessed

beneficiaries of new friends and faithful prayer warriors.

During the month of July we had the opportunity of presenting our work to four different Independent Baptist Churches, attend church camp, enroll our children in VBS, and attend a youth conference. We want to thank those Pastors, their staff and members, for receiving our family with such love and hospitality. The following page will include some praises and prayer requests.

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Praises:

- Megan was needed on the piano at one of the churches we visited, and she did a wonderful job!
- A precious soul was saved at Emmanuel Baptist Church's VBS and I was given the opportunity to preach to the teens and adults.
- Various Churches have reached out to us to let us know they are going to take us on for support!
- We were invited to the "identity" youth conference at Bethel Baptist Church just outside of Memphis, TN. We were able to meet with some friends who live in the area as well. The preaching was tremendous, and God moved in a mighty way.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for Megan as she continues to learn the piano, finish her Bible courses, while also being a full-time mom!
- Pray for Michael as he takes on some part time work on weekdays while still advancing on deputation over the weekends.
- Pray for Summer and Timothy as they return to school in a few weeks.
- Always pray for more meetings!

