



*Prayer Update, August/September 2012*

# *Hope from the Heartland*

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Dear Pastors and Faithful Supporters,

***“Jesus Christ the SAME yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8***

I am very grateful that our God and Savior never changes. In a world where people change like the rolling tides, we have a savior that is a fortress, a rock and immutable. This brings great peace especially during tumultuous times in church planting work. After all this is our Savior's church and He promises *“...I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* Matthew 16:18

Our ministry here has been under great distress over the past year. We are now in our third meeting location since planting. We had a very brief stay in the Senior Services Center from September—February. We were then asked by the city manager to vacate as it is a city building and religious services are not allowed to be held in city buildings according to a long standing city mandate.

We rejoice at the miracle of God in using the **CLA** to coax the city to consider a zoning change allowing churches access to commercially zoned properties and buildings. This has been officially mandated—praise the Lord! Now we face the difficulty of the availability of a commercial building that would be to the specifications of our congregation also meeting the codes of the city for a public assembly place.

Since February, we have been meeting at the Good Samaritan Care Center (nursing home) in their chapel/activities room. We have been blessed as it is rent free, however, we cannot promote or advertise our presence in this place. Also, we cannot grow because our group is already capacity for this room according to the fire marshal's rating.

Please pray as we continue to press forward in the search for God's perfect place for us. Also pray that as we face daunting storms i.e. families leaving, that we would be found faithful to Him that *“...endured such contradiction of sinners against himself...”* lest we be *“...wearied and faint...”* in our minds. We cling to the promise of God in I Thessalonians 5:24, *“Faithful is He that calleth you, who will also do it.”*

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

- ⇒ Provision of an adequate meeting location OR permanent home
- ⇒ Continued spiritual growth in the congregation
- ⇒ God to continue adding to His church
- ⇒ Strength & wisdom to carry on the work

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYER AND FINANCES!**

Earnestly Contending,

Pastor Dennis Gruber & Family

*“...that ye should earnestly contend for the faith...” Jude 3*