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Dear Pastor and friends,

The fall is usually a busy time for us in ministry. For whatever reason, people return from a summer vacation, ramp back up for the new school year and there is a natural upswing for us as in church attendance with new faces and new families. The six-week school break hits us hard with an overall 33% drop in average attendance. Then, the fall sees our attendance rebound and add another 15-20% in added growth. With that comes new responsibilities, new conversations, and challenges to meet.

Starting six weeks ago meeting with one man - a new convert - for discipleship and personal growth in his new faith, has now grown over six weeks to a group of six people that meet for bible study and prayer. Two have followed in believer's baptism and two men actively seek a personal relationship with Christ. I love these meetings - watching the excitement in their eyes charges my batteries, even when the meetings go past the 4- or 5-hour mark.

Presently we are also participating with fellow believers in our city who are committed to prayer 24/7. We seek Christ's face via repentant hearts and humble spirits asking him to visit our city with a fresh outpouring of grace.

God has been so kind to show us his grace and doors are opening in various ways for the gospel to impact lives. Please pray that servants in Europe can stand with endurance. Attrition among those who seek to plant a new ministry is so high across our continent. Even as I write, there are brothers and sisters whose hearts are heavy under a burden - but His grace is sufficient.

We are so blessed and encouraged – rejoice with us. Please know that others are in a different place – we weep with those who weep.

Yours, in His service,

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