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November 2021 Prayer Letter

Dear Prayer and Fasting Partners,

I was going through my Ignite journal the other day when I noticed I had written things in the back of my book. I began writing things down in March 2020 under the heading, “Blessings from God”. There were all kinds of things listed in the 5 months I took notes, some large and others more simple. The large: my family of origin for the faith instilled by my father and mother, my wife, children and grandchildren, the Christian Church of Manteno giving me an opportunity when I was 22 years old, and the guidance and direction from Bob Sloniger through the years. The simple: the smell of coffee in the morning, good food and sights in nature. As we approach the time of Thanksgiving, I want to thank you for the prayers you lift to the Father for Ignite. I am thankful for the prayer partners God has blessed us with.

Here are some things to focus your prayers during November:

1. **Exponential Chicago:** This regional church planting conference will take place in Naperville on November 2 – 3. Several of our planters are attending and I’d like you to pray for good ideas to arise from this as well as opportunities for community building.
2. **Meeting with partner in Hammond:** I will be meeting a friend who pastors a church in Gary to discuss the area around the building we are asking God to provide a planter for. I look forward to learning more from Clint and I would ask you to continue to pray for a planter (who can speak Spanish) for this area.
3. **Church in Valparaiso, IN:** I will be meeting with a church in Valpo on Nov. 14 that is looking for ways to better reach their community. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for me and their leaders as we talk after the service.
4. **Northwest IN:** This area of our region continues to grow at a rapid rate. We think it needs to be a focus for planting in the near future, so let’s pray for that area.
5. **Kheimh Molaghat Farsi Church:** November 7 marks when the church begins meeting weekly in Addison. (We thought this was going to happen in October, but it was pushed back one month.)

Please pray for James and Joy Shahabi as they continue to reach out and gather more people from Persia for this plant.

Thank you for making time to pray for Ignite and the opportunities ahead. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving season. Love in Christ, Lance