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June 2020 Prayer Letter

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Dear Ignite Prayer and Fasting Partners,

On the weekly Ignite prayer call today, we spent time thanking God for the different people who have impacted our lives through the years. My mind was drawn back to growing up in a household of faith and the lessons I learned growing up from my parents continue to influence my life today. I remembered Bob Sloniger taking a chance on a young man right out of college as I became a church planter at Manteno. People through the years like Bob Szoke, Earl Ferguson and Chuck Richardson poured wisdom and insight into my life. My life continues to be influenced by the church planters and church leaders who are sources of creativity and encouragement. Robyn Moes is someone I thank God for as she handles many of the details of my vocational life, for which I am tremendously grateful. We all have people who have made a difference in our lives and I want to thank you for being people who continue to refresh my life and our ministry through your prayers for Ignite. Things are beginning to “loosen up” in our region and I would like you to pray for the following things this month:

1. **Wisdom in beginning public services:** Each of our churches is in a unique setting and situation. Please pray for wisdom and discernment for their next steps forward.
2. **Non-Traditional Planter Training:** This month, participants are going to be looking at the practice of serving. Pray that they will each find 3 – 4 people to gather together with the purpose of sharing what they have been learning.
3. **Five “Hotspots for Planting”:** These are five regions we have identified as potential planting sites.
 - O’Hare Airport area: Some of the towns are Elk Grove Village, Franklin Park, Niles and Des Plaines
 - Lake County, IL: This county has an urban side (southern Lake) and suburban / rural (northern Lake)
 - Randall Road Corridor: Between Elgin and Aurora, this location is home to over 220,000 people

- Cook County, IL: The second largest populated county in the US, extremely diverse and dense
- Chicago, IL: We are working on the Chicago Initiative, please pray for the development of this plan

Thank you for laying a strong foundation for Ignite as you pray for us. I want to encourage you to spend a few minutes this month thanking God for the different people of influence he has placed in your life. Gratitude is wonderful gift we can give.

Have a wonderful June, Lance