



APRIL 13, 2011

Dear Friends,

As the apostle Paul wrote, I thank the Lord every time I think of you. In particular, **I thank the Lord for your love for Him and His Church.** I also thank the Lord for the privilege of gathering with you each week as part of Living Hope Church. By God's grace, for nearly three years, we have enjoyed passionate worship, relevant teaching, and authentic community. We have even shared the privilege of partnering with God by serving college students on the campus of Trinity Christian College.

Now it seems that the Lord is beginning to write a new chapter of ministry among us. The central theme of this next chapter is a new location in the Crestwood area. Why? From our first gatherings, nearly three years ago, we believed that God was calling Living Hope Church to become a Reformed, multi-ethnic, and charismatic congregation serving that particular geographical area. **Has the the time come for us to mobilize for that mission?**

This summer we hope that God will answer that question for us. Toward that end, we will ask God to prepare us to bring the Gospel to the Crestwood area by granting us a heart for mission in that community. In addition, we will revisit our congregational goals and reexamine our ministry, as well as seek, with God's help, to increase the size of our core group. Finally, throughout the summer we will search for a location in the Crestwood area where we can gather each Sunday morning.

Until the Lord moves us elsewhere or tells us otherwise, we will continue to gather each Sunday in the Grand Lobby of the Ozinga Chapel on the campus of Trinity Christian College. We will likely meet at an earlier time in the morning both this summer and in the fall, but have not made a commitment as to when. Also, we will not gather together on May 29 and July 2. On those Sundays, I encourage you to visit another church and come back with some ideas for Living Hope.

If you have any questions about our summer plans or our potential mobilization this fall, please do not hesitate to contact me at shamstra@livinghopeforwhatmatters.org.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

- Pastor Sam Hamstra



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