November 12th, 2022

**City on a Hill Church Ministry Report**

Hello, this is Pastor Kwangwoun Kim of City on a Hill Church. We have been so grateful for your prayers and financial monthly support you have been sending us. Your support has been such a precious gift and help to us, and we continue to be encouraged, strengthened and blessed through your ministry. I pray that God blesses Joshua J & Sunyo Buck Mission Fund even more than before, so that more God's servants of the next generation would arise through your ministry.

Beginning on July 2022, we have started our daily prayer and worship services, and from September 13th, 2022, we have started online dawn services. Our daily prayer and worship services has been taking place in our living room every day, filling our space with God’s presence like the spine of our church.

Every time we begin dawn service I have been experiencing God’s amazing grace and His strengthening which was enough to assure me that God was moving among us and that He is with our church.

However, because we had to cover the cost of living along with ministry, I started a handyman business alone on early September. The Lord gave me a quick eye to be able to replicate anything once I see it, but I was worried because it was the first time I ever have created a business. Thankfully, God filled about $4,500 of our financial need of paying for utilities, credit cards, student loan debts etc. through the business. However, we had a continuous lack of our rental fee. Thankfully, when I asked some acquaintances and family members for help, they sent support to cover for it and we have been truly grateful.

Unfortunately, during the two months that I have been working as a handyman, I made the mistake of letting go of focused prayer and filling my daily prayer time. I was physically exhausted, and since most of my customers were Muslims and Hindus, the spiritual influence and burden was heavy. While I was working, I also heard God’s stern warning in my heart saying, "I didn't call you here to do that." We went to visit the International Prayer House in Kansas City during the first week of October for a break, and ever since we came back I have been on a 40 day fast.

First of all, I prayed that if God really has called us to plant the City on a Hill Church, that God would provide the rent for us that was due on the beginning of November. Surprisingly a few days later, an American pastor who I had never thought of even contacting, called me by mistake. We haven’t talked for a while, and we were glad to talk each other. So we spoke on the phone and we both shared how we were doing. After about 15 minutes after the conversation, he suddenly sent me $500, saying that he wanted to do a one-time offering. Two days later, a young man I had met twice before, suddenly messaged me, asking me to pray for his marriage and his child’s education, and sent me $2,000. To my surprise, our rent was covered, and we were able to pay November’s rent.

I felt it was not God’s will for me to be working alone on a full time handyman job while trying to plant a church, so I am praying and fasting until Thanksgiving Friday that God, who is bigger than I am, and who knows all our needs would provide for us.

During the fast so far, I have also been repenting that I did not obey God when I felt like God wanted me to fast 40 days before starting ministry in Dallas, TX. I have been repenting that I began our church plant based on my experience of prayer and worship. Worship and prayer is not wrong, but in Acts, we see that Jesus tells the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit that God will send them. Although God has already given us the Holy Spirit, I think that God pointed this out to me during the fast because He wanted to recover the depth and quality of our prayer and meet us.

During the fast God gave me the heart to be in full time ministry, and although I do not see it with my eyes, I believe that God will provide for us. To this day, November 12th, we haven’t received God’s full provision, and sometimes it feels slow, but we are holding our peace and believing that God will provide for his church.

I want to bring up something that has been in process since praying and fasting. It is none other than getting the church registered into the Southern Baptist denomination. I had put it aside and delayed it for a while, but since a week ago we have been working on processing the registration because God has given us the heart to meet new families locally and become a real family with them.

On November 13th this week, I plan to visit The Village Church in Flower Mound, northwest of Dallas, which the director of the Texas Department of South Baptist Church, Dr. Kim Hyung-min had recommended. I want to share our church's vision with them and discuss whether they could be our Southern Baptist sending church.

Also today, I inquired if Gateway Church has its own church planting ministry. We have been going to Gateway Church for Sunday services for about two months, because during the service we saw a Spirit-filled, biblically healthy teaching, and the prayer for the restoration of Israel and David’s fallen tent.

I appreciate joining the Southern Baptist Church and planting a church somewhat independently, but if we might be able to partner with Gateway Church, which we found to hold same biblical views and spiritual values as our City on a Hill Church, I believe it would also be a blessing to partner with Gateway with our church plant as well. I want to make a final decision as I visit and discern the biblical views and spiritual values of Village Church prayerfully. I would truly appreciate it if you could pray for us on this decision.

Also, my wife, pastor Una, has been faithfully leading our education ministry, which is one of the visions of our City on a Hill Church. We believe that the "church," "family," and "education" has to be based on biblical truth, led by the Spirit of God in unity. For us, homeschooling or a Church School is an essential necessity, and we are considering this prayerfully. My wife has been a full-time homeschool teacher since my oldest child was in Kindergarden. In this 2022-2023 school year, she is serving as a teacher in a homeschool co-op that meets once every week, gaining experience and praying for how to make godly education available for the children in the City on a Hill Church in the future. One of her testimonies in homeschooling is that as she taught American History and Creation Science through her homeschooling curriculum, she realized what a blessing it is for children to learn History and Science from an early age from a biblical point of view, based on the word of God. She shared that as she taught children she was able to see how God established America, and was able to more heartfully pray for this land and the world that God had created. Please pray that through the City of a Hilly Church, many young families could be led by the Word of God and arise as God’s holy army that God delights in.

Finally, we have temporarily stopped online ministry as of October 17th, when fasting began. After streaming online for a few months, I felt more like a YouTuber than praying and serving local people. If God leads us to stream on YouTube and many people would join us, it can also be a valuable ministry, but we have suspended online ministry for four weeks now with the thought that it should be a priority to meet people and serve people in prayer locally. Although starting next Monday, November 14th, prayer and worship service will resume again. Please pray with us, that God would send people to City on a Hilly Church in God's way when the daily prayer and worship services resume. Although I do not have enough physical energy because I'm still fasting, I'm pray that God will open up the door of Heaven and lead our worship to His presence.

We are extremely greatful to the Joshua J & Sunnyo Buck Mission Fund, for supporting our City on a Hill Church. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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