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Dear Friends,

With 2017 in full-swing, we eagerly look forward to the Lord's plans and future for us here in South Dallas. If it is any thing close to the years before, we have a lot to look forward to. Already we have volunteer groups calling us wanting to come help us minister in the area of community outreach through Vacation Bible School and Sports Ministry.

We are so thankful to be Missionaries with World Impact. We believe that the mission priority and the mission focus lines up with the Lord's calling on our lives. One of those focus areas is to **Develop Missional Partnership**. Local Community leaders are the outlet for community transformation so we seek to form kingdom-minded relationships that collaboratively love, serve and engage under resourced community in our city. The Lord blessed us with the opportunity to partnership with a community Church plant in 2013 called New Found Life (NFL) Bible Church in sunny South Dallas Fair Park area, about 8 blocks from our home.

One of the areas we are so thankful for is our Church Leadership Team at NFL Bible Church. We have individuals from the community stepping up to the plate of servant hood leadership. They may not have all the worldly degrees but they do have the Christ like Spirit to serve and a desire to know God and make Him known. We are so proud and humble to know and have a relationship with each one of them. The future and direction of the NFL Bible Church is in their hands with the guidance of the Pastor and not ours. Becky and I help in the areas of equipping and empowerment. Even though at times we find ourselves doing things the Church family should be doing with us, we continue to model Christ that they may learn and then model it to others.

Another thing we appreciate and love about the Shepherd and Pastor of the Church is his focus and emphasis on not just being hearers of the Word but also to be doers of the Word. Before a true Church movement and revival can happen, these two things must be a priority.

Please join us in praying for a movement and revival which would cross ethnic, culture, denominations and religious boundaries. A movement and revival which would put Christ Jesus at the center of everything we do and say.

Also, pray the Lord would identify new partnership and leaders who would step up to the plate of servant leadership. Thank you for your much needed support and prayer.

In Christ,

Jim and Becky Elam