



Dear friends, this Christmas season, we are grateful for our generous donors and supporters at New City Church Planting.

It has been a year of challenges and changes, including losing our remarkable founder and leader, Clint Clifton. Yet we are encouraged by how the Lord continues to rebuild and sustain our ministry and move New City Church Planting forward in the shadow of this great loss, and we praise God, knowing that Clint is in heaven, where he's living fully in the glorious presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope that you take heart, no matter what you face this Christmas, knowing this same eternal hope offered to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NEW BEGINNINGS AND RECENT UPDATES**

With your support, we've been able to continue engaging with church planters worldwide and are excited about the future. In rebuilding, we have been focusing on developing church-planting resources and our residency program, providing support for evangelistic outreaches, and starting a new branch work that focuses on supporting spouses of church planters.

**Resources & Residencies:** Some of our most exciting developments this year include translating one of our greatest resources, Thresholds, into multiple languages, with many opportunities for distribution already in progress!

Thresholds has been translated into Amharic, Farsi, and Spanish. Our church planter from Ethiopia plans to teach and distribute the books to other church planters in Ethiopia. Our Persian church planter is planning an evangelistic outreach in The Republic of Georgia. Also, we have just committed to a seminar on Thresholds in Mexico City, and our Spanish Director is speaking about New City at a church planting conference in Texas, where there is an excellent opportunity for developing more church planters and reaching more people for Christ.

As for our residencies, several church planters were working through the program with Clint at the time of his passing. All of them have since graduated and are actively planting churches. We look forward to sending updates on their progress in the coming year.

**Evangelistic Outreach Grants:** We've begun giving grants to church planters to enable them to hold evangelistic outreach events in the areas where they are church planting. These events create wonderful opportunities for getting people acquainted with the church and hearing the gospel before ever attending a worship service. So far, we have provided five grants and are encouraging church planters to apply for these grants more this year.

**Spousal Ministry:** We have also started a new branch of New City Church Planting that will focus on supporting spouses of church planters. We're excited to announce that Jennifer Clifton will head this initiative and join our team in January.

## **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR**

With these developments, we're excited to see what the Lord will do in 2024. We believe we are following what Clint would have wanted for New City Church Planting, working closely with Jennifer Clifton and Colby Garman. As we aim to honor Clint's vision and memory, and as we seek the Lord in the New Year, we hope you'll consider supporting New City Church Planting in the following ways:

1. [Could you make a financial gift to support the launch of our spousal ministry, headed by Jennifer Clifton?](#) We aim to raise \$10,000 to fund this project as it launches in 2024.
2. [Could you make a financial gift to support grants that allow church planters to hold evangelistic events?](#) Each event costs roughly \$1,000, and we would love to raise another \$10,000 to fund the next ten evangelistic outreach events.
3. [Could you make a financial gift to support the translation and contextualization of Thresholds into Russian and Arabic?](#) Each language costs roughly \$5,000 to complete, and we would love to see these resources developed this year.

Please consider supporting these impactful projects and helping us move forward in the coming year. We wish you and your families a joyous Christmas season!

Warmest regards,

The **New City Church Planting team** and **Board of Directors**

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