

CHURCH PLANT N.C.



'HELLO' FROM RALEIGH!

AS THE CAPITAL CITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, RALEIGH CONTINUES TO GROW. AS ONE LOCAL PASTOR SAYS "THE WORLD IS MOVING TO RALEIGH!"

Moving from the Land of 'Eh?' to the Land of 'Y'all'

We have officially arrived in Raleigh, NC! Boxes are unpacked and my church planting residency has begun. Since we have arrived, I have attended two invaluable church planting conferences, read books on church planting, met with local pastors and potential launch team volunteers. Many of our local contacts are perfect strangers, and we are excited at how some of these relationships have grown. Heather and I are also excited about an opportunity to start an 8 month discipleship program to prepare us as we make disciples.

We are also learning and studying the various Raleigh suburbs and determining exactly where God wants us to settle and

begin a church plant. Growth is everywhere with young families moving in from all over the world. As we define the vision, set up ministry values and foster new relationships, our prayer is that God will continue to lead us into new and life-giving relationships with the unchurched.

The residency I am participating in through Home Missions ends in September, and so please pray that this residency will prepare me as a church planter, and us as a family. We are aware that the powers of evil do not want this project to succeed, and so we pray that the Lord will daily cover us with His armour. We know we have the King on our side, and that gives us great comfort.

Thank you for praying, and we ask that you continue to pray.

Here are a few items to give shape to your prayers for us:

- Pray that God will use this residency to hone the necessary skills of a church planter.
- Pray that God will harvest quality leadership to form the church planting launch team.
- Pray that God will continue to provide opportunities to connect with strangers through different social activities.
- Pray that God will supply the \$20,000 we have yet to raise in support for this ministry.

Thank you for all your support, and may God continue to bless you!

In Christ, Pastor Mark Knetsch

Facts about Holly Springs and Area:

The Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area (aka "The Triangle") continues to be one of the fastest growing regions in the United States.

Holly Springs, a southern town bordering Raleigh is a place we are honing our efforts. It has grown from 908 people in 1990 to 28,000 in 2013. The growth is picking up exponentially once again with the improving economy. Development is everywhere!

Toll Road NC 540 opened this year serving as a major artery that connects Holly Springs with I-40- the pathway to the Research Triangle Park (RTP). The RTP attracts young professionals/families from all over the world.

The mayor of Holly Springs told me the average age of Holly Springs is 33.1. He told me that when I was 33.1 years of age back in March.

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