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Open Door Baptist Church
7000 Gloryland Way
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Dear Open Door Family,

Thank you for your faithful support to our family as we continue to faithfully serve as your missionaries to the world through the field of New York City.

We have some very exciting news. For the past year, with the support of our sending church (Westwood Baptist of Poplar Bluff, MO) and our sending agency (Church Planting America), we have been working on establishing Connect NYC Ministries, a resource for urban church planters.

Fifteen years ago we began pursuing the vision God gave us of "Five in Five," to plant five churches in each of the five boroughs of New York City. God has been so faithful as we've followed His direction. We've currently planted three churches and are now blessed to have opportunities to train other church planters as they assist us in following our "Five in Five" vision. It's a unique opportunity to be able to serve on a field within the United States, yet through its diversity reach the world.

In addition to providing knowledge and tangible resources, Connect NYC will act as a clearinghouse for the church planters underneath its umbrella, ensuring funds are delivered to each missionary as well as hold them accountable. In November, we held our first official meeting and invited 5 trusted advisors to join our board. Each advisor is a man of God that is currently financially supporting our ministry and has also spent time serving with us on the field of New York. This includes our sending pastor, Steve Proctor. Board members will challenge us to cast wider vision and give us financial accountability.

We are so blessed to partner with you in reaching the world for Jesus Christ through New York City. With that being said, **we are requesting that our future support be sent through Connect NYC to the address listed below OR given online via our website.** Please be sure our name is listed within the memo so that it is directed to the appropriate church planter. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for your faithful support as we continue moving forward in this "Five in Five" vision.

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