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Dear Oakdale Park Church,

Hello dear friends. We are so grateful for your faithful partnership in the Good News of God's redemption transforming people in Grand Rapids, Detroit and our entire world. Your multitude of cards and generous care package at Christmas were such a blessing to our entire family. Thank you!

Our fall season was tinged with grief as a dear friend and colleague in our neighborhood ministry died suddenly at the end of August. We've been walking with his wife and daughters through the loss as we grieve ourselves and determine how to continue his legacy as the neighborhood pastor for the past 25 years.

Our family has been in transition with Jamison moving to study at Calvin University, Tyler establishing himself as a sophomore at Henry Ford Academy Dearborn, Quentin preparing for high school next year, Kristen teaching kindergarten at Charlotte Mason Community School, and hosting a 7 year old foster girl for the last 8 months.

As for our ministry with Hesed Community Church, we are seeing open doors for ministry in all three neighborhoods where we are intentionally serving (Piety Hill, Brightmoor, Morningside). Our major prayer for this year is the development of a consistent gathering of a worshipping faith community that would encompass the discipleship and Christian community development efforts we have made through the past four years. We have also collaborated with Resonate Global Mission and Ann Arbor CRC to begin Cohort Detroit: a one-year equipping program in neighborhood ministry for young adults both from within and outside of Detroit.

Please pray for:

- Neighbors in our Piety Hill neighborhood who we are inviting to consider gathering regularly for worship
- Continued growth for our ministry house supervisors in the Brightmoor & Morningside neighborhoods.
- Grace to navigate conflict in ourselves and the communities within which we are present.

We continue to give thanks to God for the opportunity to live, learn and serve in this great city and for communities of faith like Oakdale Park Church who pray and support us.

Grace and Peace,

Mark and Kristen  
Jamison, Tyler, &  
Quentin  
VanAndel



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