



October 16, 2022

Dear Pastor Tom,

We hope this letter finds you well.


When we last spoke, we promised that we'd check in with you in October to fill you in on our progress. We are pleased to share the following updates.

- In February, we transitioned from Bible study and fellowship meetings on Sunday to a more traditional worship service. We currently average around 20-30 people in attendance, with another half-dozen who watch our streams live. (The services average between 15 and 20 views on YouTube after they're streamed.)
- On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the outgoing board of Highway Tabernacle voted eight applicants into membership at Highway Tabernacle. Including the members who decided not to transfer their membership to Chicago Tabernacle, our total membership stood at 22 people.
- At our Family Celebration service on May 15<sup>th</sup>, we baptized five believers and welcomed nine new members into fellowship. Following the service, we held a business meeting to elect a secretary and treasurer, so that we could retain control of Highway's account with PNC Bank. On Sunday of last week, we baptized one believer and added one adult and two junior members to our fellowship. We currently have 23 full members and two junior members.
- In June, we held a three-day Family Retreat for the church. Key school leaders also joined us. We had over 40 people participate and set the ground for growing as disciples and prioritizing disciple-making as a church. We built on the momentum of the retreat by calling the church family to work with our school team to lead community outreaches in July and August. Close to 100% of the members and most regular attenders participated in both outreaches.
- Over the summer, we hosted a free, full-day Vacation Bible School for 50 children in our neighborhood. We also invited three summer ministry interns to our team, two of whom have remained with us this fall. One, a Temple Student, is now a youth leader. The other, who attended our school as a child, is now an adult member, runs the livestream each Sunday, and is working in our school.
- In September, we were able to resume our missions giving, supporting forty-five missionaries and ministries.
- This month, we are kicking off small discipleship groups, with a class for the school staff and two adult and one youth Alpha classes. We trained key leaders throughout the month of September and called the church family to participation in a special Connections Weekend.

- Candace has adopted two dorms at the University of Valley Forge as dorm pastor, and we look forward to partnering with them in city as well as campus ministry.
- We are resuming our community-wide Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Service (with the school) with the help of River of Life Church in Doylestown, continuing a partnership that has gone on for several years. Our school and church will also be providing turkey dinner boxes for 100 families.
- We are planning a candlelight Christmas Eve Service with the church and school in partnership, as we did last December, along with other December events.
- Candace is continuing to work on getting her credentials, and we both are sharing pulpit duties. We also have a member, Tony Rodriguez, who will be credentialed this fall, available to fill in at the pulpit. Otto Wegner is also on call and has conducted special services for us.

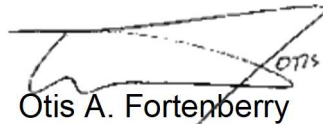
We are grateful for the way that God has continued to lead us and to provide for us. We appreciate your prayers and support, and we're eager to talk, sometime, about the next steps.

By His Grace,



Candace Wegner

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