

Dear Friends of City Pres Albuquerque,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We wanted to share some recent steps in our journey as a young small church, and ask for your prayer and support as we consider what God has for us in the future.

In 2017, we relocated and began meeting at 210 Truman Ave NE, near the intersections of Central and San Mateo—in the center of the city. God brought us to a location that allowed us to work to be a faithful presence and serve near Albuquerque's International District, Kirtland Air Force Base & Sandia National Labs, and the UNM campus, while still being easily accessible to the rest of the city.

Now, five years into our lease, our landlord has given us the opportunity to purchase the building that we currently lease. To consider the offer, we formed a committee tasked with investigating the building and its suitability as a long-term home for City Pres ABQ. After much research and due diligence, the committee and our church members have determined that this offer is both fair and timely, and could represent entry into a fruitful next season for the church body. Purchasing the building gives us greater flexibility to use the space in ways that further our mission and ministry, while simultaneously reducing our monthly expenses to create more room in our budget for ongoing ministry work. This is not to mention the added stability in the neighborhood that ownership would represent.

This building is located in the densest zip code in a state with one of the highest poverty rates in the country. Because of its proximity to the intersection of the I-25 and I-40 interstate corridors that facilitate drug and human trafficking, the homelessness and crime rates are the highest per capita in the US. It is in this place, and at this time, that we believe God is calling us to be a faithful presence of the love of Jesus in the absences of our city.

Our next step is embarking on a capital campaign to raise the funds needed for the down payment. Our goal is to raise \$300,000-\$500,000, or even the full \$890,000 asking price. Any of these amounts will significantly reduce our monthly occupancy expenses and free up much more of our budget for ministry. Reaching any of these goals will be an incredible blessing from God and will allow us to continue to serve Him faithfully in the heart of Albuquerque.

We are writing to humbly ask for your help in three ways as we move forward with this campaign:

- 1. Pray. Pray that God would continue to direct our paths and make His will clear.
- 2. Give. Your support doesn't just help us purchase the building, but also helps position us to be a long-term presence and light in our city. The website below will provide more information and giving options.
- 3. Share. Please consider sharing this information, or helping us connect with others who may feel led to support us in furthering our mission and ministry.

We are so thankful for your continued support and partnership. May the Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace (Num 6:24-26).

In Christ,

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