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Dear NETS Team,

April 3, 2009

NETS has been very, very busy!

Today, after over a year of praying, working and waiting on God, NETS finally purchased the large church facility (check it out on our website) in Watertown, Mass., less than four miles from Harvard Square. Thanks to all of you who have been praying with us as God has led us through the highs and lows of this process. Tonight, a team from Christ Memorial Church will arrive to begin renovations. By summer's end, we hope to have completed work on the attached parsonage and, by God's grace, to begin services in the fall.

But this building is just the start of what we are beseeching God to do in the Boston area. Last Sunday, Dave Appenzeller and I had the chance to meet with planter Chris Bass and folks considering joining his launch team (about five couples and some singles). Chris has made some excellent contacts and needs our prayers for strong recruiting over the summer. I've challenged him to recruit at least 10-15 couples and several more committed singles before launching. *Pray for Chris and his budding team as they trust God to work.*

This past week, residents Scott and Julie Terry traveled to Portland, Maine, (Scott for the second time) to be evaluated as North American Mission Board (NAMB) missionaries. The need is great in Maine for, like Vermont and New Hampshire, Maine will soon introduce same-sex marriage legislation. If passed, five of the six New England states could have legalized same-sex marriage – quite a turn around from a country where sodomy was illegal just a few short decades ago. Our region desperately needs the gospel. *Pray for Scott and all our NETS church planters as they seek to shine gospel light into such darkness.*

Redeeming Grace Church in northern Vermont is still moving forward with their property, although the timeline is likely moved back a few months. Nevertheless, things look promising for the land off I-89 and fundraising is very strong. *Pray that Redeeming Grace would be in their new building by Christmas.*

Finally, our banquet is just two months away. In last month's letter I asked you to consider increasing your monthly support. Monthly support is the bread and butter of any ministry. We have a great team of supporters. Would you consider joining them at \$50 per month? If you're already on the team, might you raise your support by \$25 per month? Our giving has been solid this year, but the challenges ahead are great. *Please pray for a successful June banquet, and for the possibility of a NETS Louisville banquet this fall.*

Thank you for your faithful gifts and prayers and let us continue to plunder the strongman's house.

For Christ and His Church,

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