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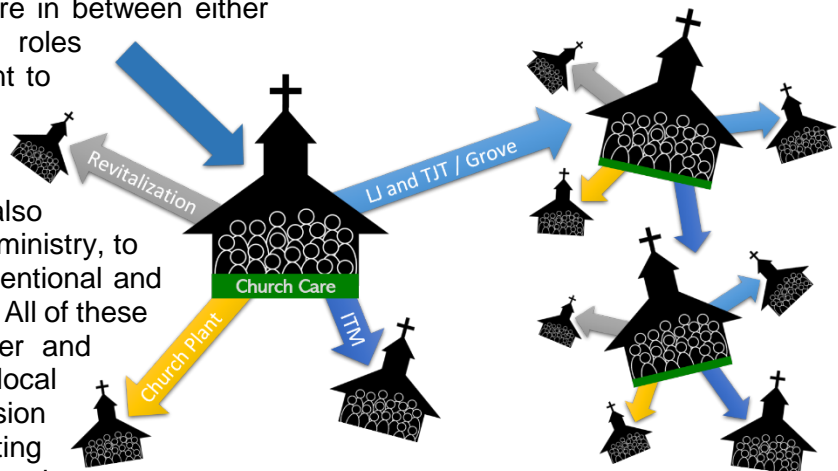
Hey Everybody,

Welcome to another edition of the audio Wilmeth wire. I'm happy to be able to give you a quick update about what's going on here around the mission as well as some of the things going on in the Wilmeth household. It continues to be a joy to be able to serve the Lord and use the different talents and skills that He has gifted me with to be able to serve Him. One of the things that I've been having to do a lot of lately is working on the technology pieces. We have updated our financial software and that has bled over into web updates as well for our website and that has been taking up a lot of my time. I am very thankful that God has given me the abilities to do some of it but also to understand enough of it to coordinate with people smarter and more capable than me to work on all of that process. We are nearing the end of that project. One individual, Dave Anthony, used to be here in the mission regularly, now helps us out on a here and there basis, has done a ton of work with us. I also praise our financial team; they have been doing an awesome job in the transition as well. If you have questions as you get into the BCP give page or anything like that, don't hesitate to call or our team here. They will help out.

One of the other Mission work pieces that I've been able to have a hand in and I think in the last update I talked about helping our short-termers and our volunteer workers. I did that for a short bit of time and we were able to hand that off to another gentleman here in the office. I've been able to focus a bit more on the candidate coordinator side of things. We do have one couple who is working through the process right now that is looking at becoming a missionary candidate with us and so I'm walking through the process with them and we're excited to see what God has in store for them as they follow his leading.

And one other thing just from a mission standpoint, it's sometimes hard to quantify the scope of work that Baptist Church Planters is doing. Even just by our name, of course our focus is on planting churches. We know that in order to plant a church, in order for you as a church member to take part in planting a church, it all has to start with reproducing. You have to reproduce yourself, disciple others, help them to grow and to build, and in your own local church grow and develop and build that church so that it can then reproduce and plant a new work. We have been able to broaden the scope from just that direct action of sending a missionary with a team to plant a church in a new community, and we have been broadening what it is that we do to help the local church become strengthened, to be building disciples, and to have the aim of reproducing themselves as a church. Because of that, we are working with more than 40 churches in various stages, not only the church planting stage but also in revitalization. We're also working with churches that are in transition, that are in between either

pastors or in between ministry roles transitioning from being a church plant to being a self-supporting church. We are helping strong churches become stronger through discipleship training and leadership development. We are also helping in teacher programs for youth ministry, to help the education of our youth be intentional and be purposeful in reproducing disciples. All of these different aspects are coming together and growing what God has in store for the local church but also for what we as a mission are able to do going forward. It's exciting to see how God is growing the ministry and the efforts and how God is growing the local church. We are excited to see what He will do in the coming years to reproduce and to plant new ministry works and for how He will have us have a hand in that.



For the Wilmeth family, we are planning to have an opportunity to get to be in person and give some updates to supporting churches in the month of July. We're going to be traveling and will be in Nebraska the weekend of July 11th. We're actually going to be stopping at Temple Baptist in Lincoln on Sunday morning. We will be with them and then at Gretna Baptist also there in Nebraska on Sunday evening. So we are looking forward to seeing both of these churches. I believe the last time I was there was the summer when I moved out to Ohio so it'll be good to get back there and to see everybody again. That's already been four years ago. And then during the week we will be dropping by Slater Baptist in Slater, Iowa, on the 14th and then that following Sunday on the 18th we should be at Bethel Baptist in Oskaloosa, Iowa, for the morning services there. So we're looking forward to connecting with a few of our supporting churches and being able to see some folks. We are planning to have some family time in between there and see our family that lives around the area in Iowa as well. If you wouldn't mind praying for the travel and for all the details of the meetings, it would be much appreciated. We are so very looking forward to seeing everybody that we get a chance to see in the various churches.

Just some quick family news as well for you...this was Faith's senior year and she has successfully graduated from high school. We are very proud of how well she has accomplished her schoolwork and in the fall she is headed off to Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, to major in English with an emphasis in creative writing. She has a hope of one day becoming a published author of fiction works and in the meantime desires to become a professor in English. The school ended very well for all of the boys. They did a very good job at adjusting in this last school year to all the various ups and downs and changes and they're now working on adjusting into summer break. It's a bit easier of an adjustment than adjusting into school, but it still is an adjustment all the same and they are doing well. Adam will be heading into his freshman year in the fall, Ethan will be heading into eighth grade, and Asher will be heading into third grade. The older three all get to go to camp this summer. Since we have moved we have not had the opportunity to be able to do that, so for Adam and Ethan it'll be the first time getting to go off to church camp. The church we go to here is actually going to Lake Ann up in Michigan in the last week of June, so Faith and Adam and Ethan are all three looking forward to that.



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Then one last, I guess you could say it's a pretty big announcement for the Wilmeth family, is that we are adding an additional little one to our group! The due date is right about Thanksgiving Day and we are all very excited and I'm feeling very blessed that God has provided this for our family. We will have a little baby boy and I would ask that you pray for Jacy and the baby. Everything is going well, she's about 16 weeks along right now, and the pregnancy is going along very smoothly. You can pray for Asher...he's coming to terms already with not being the youngest anymore, so is it going to be a transition for him as well, but we are very excited and very looking forward to what God has in store for us as he continues to bless and continues to provide.



Thank you again so much for supporting us, for praying for us, for being a part of our team in ministering in whatever way the Lord has for us here at Baptist Church Planters and here in Ohio. We are so thankful for your love and we are thankful for you. We pray that you are able to continue to serve God and to serve others as you worship and love your Lord. Thank you and God bless.

In the service of the King,

Eric for the Wilmeths

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