



RESTORATION
CITY CHURCH
WASHINGTON, DC

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Dear Restoration City Family,

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to express my gratitude for all you do to make Restoration City such a special community. God is using your faithfulness, prayer, generosity, and willingness to serve to build His church and advance the gospel in our city.

I hope you will be as encouraged as I was by a short summary of what we saw the Lord do in the fiscal year that ended on August 31st. In those 12 months, we dedicated 7 children, welcomed 18 new members and, most significantly, baptized 10 people! We also saw 140 people get connected to a Community Group and a 28% increase in our Sunday morning attendance. Finally, we were able to send out two short-term mission teams, a church plant, and two long-term missionaries while continuing to support our local ministry partners. Every one of these numbers represents an individual life being restored by Jesus, in community, for mission.

Despite that growth, our financial giving has remained relatively unchanged since this time last year. In September and October, our giving totaled \$86,000, which allows us to meet our fixed personnel and facilities expenses but has forced us to use \$23,000 from our operating reserve to cover variable expenses related to internal and external ministries.

While the staff continues to limit variable expenses, I want to ask you to pray about making a year end donation to Restoration City that is over and above your normal giving. Lord willing, we will not only replenish that \$23,000 but also position ourselves for a strong start to 2018. I know that sounds ambitious but when you consider the fact that we had an average of 150 adult attendees every Sunday in October, it's doable if we all seek the Lord and give as He leads and we're able. You can make a one-time donation or establish a recurring gift at rcc.church/give.

I'm trusting the Lord for His provision in December so that we can take advantage of all the doors He's opening for us as a church in 2018: a marriage conference, three international mission trips, new discipleship classes, and expanded opportunities for local outreach as we continue to pursue our mission of restoring people and communities.

In the mean time, I pray this holiday season is filled with fresh joy in Christ and a deep sense of His great love for you.

In Christ.