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Dear Pastors & Prayer Warriors,

PRAISES

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." (Ps. 34:1) As I reflect over this past quarter, it is very evident that we have many PRAISES for our Lord! He has been so good to our little church plant and our family. We continue to experience on a daily basis the grace and blessings of God upon us. We PRAISE God that He IS, and not we ourselves! It is a great comfort to know that the work of Church Planting is NOT dependent on our ability to build a church, but rather it is ALL GOD! We have seen many visitors come and go, but by His grace Harvest Baptist Church continues to remain "STEADFAST and SURE in 2024!"

PROBLEMS

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1) It should not be a surprise to any of us that this life is full of trouble and PROBLEMS, especially to those who are truly determined to do the work of God. The HVAC at the church was hit and miss for about 6 weeks before it finally went completely out and had to be replaced. We had some flooding into our building from the roof, and our nice church banner blew out of the ground and down the road a few blocks. A brother of a man that attends our services pretty regularly, murdered a man and they have needed a lot of extra care. Hannah has been hospitalized a few more times and continues to need much prayer. We had 2 deaths related to our home church, both were a result of suicide, and I flew home to NC by myself to grieve with our church family and friends.

POTENTIAL

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil.4:13) It is only because of this great truth, we know there is still so much potential for Harvest Baptist Church and our family to see God's greatest work in days ahead. We have a few families that have not learned the importance of faithfulness yet, but there is POTENTIAL. We have an opportunity to but the building we're meeting in, and there is POTENTIAL. Our son has been preaching while I'm out, and there is more POTENTIAL. If the people of Allen, TX ever get to the end of themselves and come to Jesus, there is POTENTIAL for our city and quite possibly even our state and nation!

PERSUASION

"..for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I which I have committed unto him against that day" (II Tim. 1:12b) While there are still many things that we desperately need God to do, and there are countless prayers that still remain unanswered, we like Paul remain persuaded that HE CAN do it!! Thank you for your steadfast love, prayers, and support for our family and Harvest Baptist Church in Allen, TX!

In Christ, The Leake Family