

# UPPER MIDWEST CHURCH PLANTING

## The ISEMINGER Family



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In my last letter, I mentioned that the need for a larger space was clear but not urgent and asked for prayer about what we should do. I hit “send” on the email, wrote out the rent check for our meeting place and walked to the landlords office to drop it off. We have been praying for his wife, who had cancer, so after giving an update on her condition, he asked how things at church were going. I told him that we were starting to think about a larger space and he said, “I just found out last week that the space next to you is going to open up in a few weeks. I could put another 2,000 square feet in there and connect them for you.” The church prayed for 2 weeks and decided to move ahead. It has been difficult for him to find someone to do the work, and we may end up doing it ourselves, but it’s a blessing to have a solution!

**A lady named April** recently moved from the Philippines and has been attending with her three children. Before moving she watched our livestream for several months; we knew she was on there, but didn’t know who she was. She was saved in the Philippines and had been scouting for a church before the big move. **Her fiancé, Kevin**, has been attending with her. Please pray for Kevin; he needs to get saved.

Annemarie met a lady named Gloria in town one Saturday, invited her to church, and she came! She’s been coming faithfully for about 3 months.

While sitting at the coffee shop one morning, I met **a lady named Mary**. She was new to town and was having difficulty finding a church, so I invited her to visit Gospel Light. After sitting through our Sunday school that weekend, she came up to me and said “This is exactly what I’ve been looking for!” She is a sweet lady, with a testimony of salvation and some false doctrine that she is working through.

**Martin** is a young college student that dropped in one Sunday after seeing our sign. After service,

he shared his testimony with me and said he has been looking for a church for a long time. He came the next week with **his family**, and the week after that with his family and a bunch of other college students. They have continued to come, usually bringing someone with them.

You might recall the gentleman who passed away in February. His daughter, **Kathy**, and some of **her family** have been attending faithfully. They’ve dropped in on occasion, but they are becoming regular.

We’ve added 11 new members... from one (big!) family.

We have had 3 of our church kids saved over the last month and are excited to have our first baptisms soon!

We’ve started 2 new Sunday school classes and need a third, but are waiting for more space.

We added an organ to the auditorium! Our pianist had a deep love for the organ and purchased one for the church before it started. She was waiting, in faith, for God to send another pianist. Once He did, the organ was moved into place. Then God sent a few more pianists and we now have a regular music rotation.

Our attendance has consistently been in the mid 30s and on higher attended days, we have people sitting, literally, at the back door.

Many of the people that I’ve written about come to church with walls up. We have struggled to get to know them and, in some cases, even to get their names. Someone told me that Gospel Light was the most friendly church they’ve ever been to and sure enough, our people do a great job of welcoming newcomers, but the walls remain.

**Please pray** for the names you read in this letter. Pray for salvation, doctrinal clarity, healing from past church hurt, and the Lord to build His church in Alexandria.

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