

I'm Excited

I'm excited because of the exciting things happening around Larchmont these days. This week is the first week of our new music minister, Scott Ross. We have prayed a lot for God to send us the right person to lead our music program, and I believe God has answered our prayers. Scott is a talented and mature servant of the Lord. He works well with people, he's intelligent, and he loves the Lord. I think he and his family will be a great addition to Larchmont Church of God. Keep him in your prayers and show your appreciation to him and his family for coming to serve among us.

I'm also excited about the great day we had on Missions Sunday. Donald Curtis challenged us to remember that no matter how tough things are in our life they cannot compare to the poverty and suffering experienced by the people of Haiti. This really puts things into perspective. My worst day is much better than their best day. Donald also challenged us to be a missionary wherever we are. I once heard a speaker say, "You're either a missionary or you need one." If I'm not saved, I need a missionary. If I am saved, I am a missionary. You don't have to cross the sea to be a missionary; you may just need to cross your street. May God help us to share the gospel wherever we are and to whomever the Lord brings across our pathway.

Though it is still not definite, I'm excited to share with the church family that we have a young man that's interested in helping with our youth. He currently attends Southeast Christian Church where he's helped with the youth over there. He's thirty-one years old, and his name is Travis. We've invited him to come and share his passion with the Executive Council. If it goes well, we will ask the church if they want to bring him on to help with our youth. I believe our young people need a leader. Right now they are without a regular youth leader. Erik and Natasha Adams were their leaders, and we thank God for all the hard work and sacrifice they put into our youth group. Some of our youth are here today because of their dedication. Yet, they have decided to step down under the Lord's leading. So be in prayer about Travis and the need our youth have of a leader. Our youth will never get back the time they have during their teenage years, and it's at this time that they need guidance from God's word.

Finally, I am thankful and excited about the warm response I've had to my last devotion entitled "Pray for Me." I have had people write me and call me in order to let me know they would be praying for me on a regular basis. You don't know how much that means to me. It's not that I'm going through any big crisis; it just that as a pastor I need the prayer support of God's people. Being a pastor and delivering God's word each week is a huge task. Without your prayers I cannot do it. Thanks again for praying for me, and thank the Lord for the exciting things happening around Larchmont.

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