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Dear Pastor,

I'd like to share my burden to plant a local, Independent, Baptist church 20-25 miles NE of Indianapolis in the Fortville/McCordsville area.



I am currently serving as the Assistant Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church in Lapel, IN under the leadership of Pastor Dillard Cole. My wife Stephanie and I have been married for 12 years. We have 4 boys: Drew (6), Jake (4), Luke (2), and Levi (6 months).

At the age of 15, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I grew up in a Pastor's home and always told myself that I would never become a preacher. A few years later, I enrolled at Pensacola Christian College. Shortly after graduation, I felt a tug at my heart that scared me to death and put me on the run. That tug was the Holy Spirit, and the message was clear.

Preach! After years of running from the Lord, I surrendered to preach at the age of 33. The songwriter penned the words that rang true with me, "I've wasted many precious years..."

Our goal is to plant New Life Baptist Church in the Spring of 2015. To do so, we need help through prayer and support from like-minded local churches. We would love to come share our burden for this new church plant with your church. Please prayerfully consider supporting us as we move forward by faith to plant The Lord's church.

In Christ Jesus,

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Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."