

SEVEN MILE ROAD HOUSTON NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Seven Mile Road,

It is an exciting season in the life of our community, and I am delighted to fill you in on three significant changes taking place with our staff as we enter into the fall.

First, Peter Kim, our Church Planting Resident, will be taking on significant new responsibilities in the life of the church. As such, he will be ordained as a Pastor/Elder in the life of the church on September 10th and will have a new title – Pastor of House Churches. Peter will lead our efforts in House Churches, tending to the shepherds of our various House Churches as well as identifying and developing future leaders from within those groups. Peter may still plant a church at some point, but we have decided to extend his runway with us beyond the original two-year agreement. This is an absolute win for our community, and I invite you to celebrate this development with me, while congratulating and thanking Peter for his faithful service to the body.

Second, we have hired Michael Atmar to be our Director of Equipping. Michael, his wife Erin, and their son Case will be moving from Branson, Missouri to join our church family at the end of the summer. The Atmars have been serving faithfully at Kanakuk as assistant directors of the K-1 camp. Michael and I have known each other for years, and there are few men I have greater respect for – he and his family will be a tremendous blessing to Seven Mile Road. Michael will be giving leadership to our Sunday Gatherings, our volunteer teams, and our on-going equipping efforts.

Finally, we will be welcoming Tyler Ballew and his wife Jessica. The Ballews are preparing to plant a multi-cultural church in the Missouri City area and come to us most recently from the Austin Stone. The Ballews and the team that is planting with them will be incubated at Seven Mile Road for the next 18-21 months. We hope to love and support this team well as they learn from us and lay the ground work for a fresh gospel work. We will then launch them out when the time comes. Please begin praying now for this couple and their team – that God would prepare the way for them and that we would be a faithful mother church that blesses them richly along the way!

As I said, it is an exciting time! Praise God for what he is doing. Let's continue to seek his face and be quick to give him all the glory both now and forevermore!

Your pastor,
Jeremiah Morris



PETER KIM AND KATHERINE CHUNG



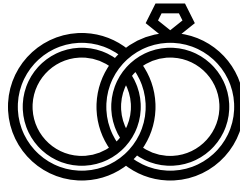
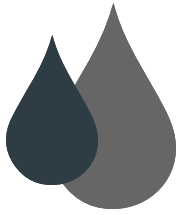
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TYLER AND JESSICA BALLEW

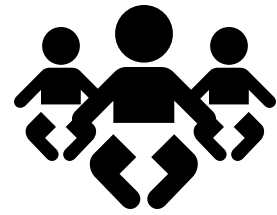
COMMUNAL CELEBRATIONS

11 BAPTISMS

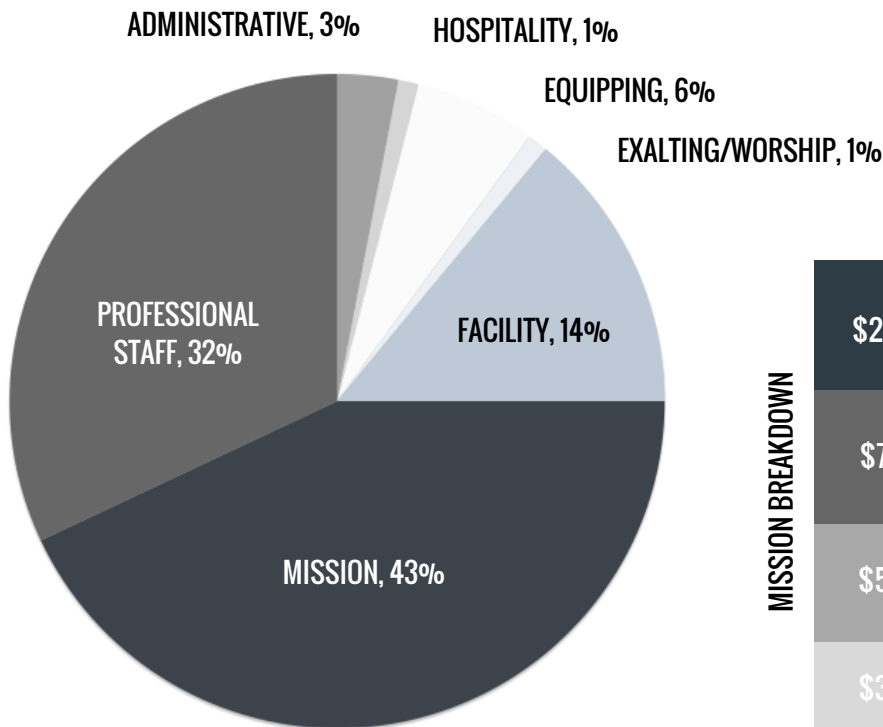


7 MARRIAGES

12 CHILDREN



FINANCIAL/GIVING UPDATE



**2016-2017
OPERATING EXPENSES:
\$493,825**

MISSION BREAKDOWN

\$215K

Given toward mission in our first 10 months both locally and globally

\$70K

Given to 4 strategic mission partners throughout December: Living Water, ODM, City to City, 7MR Boston church plants

\$50K

Given in partnership with City Church in Lagos, Nigeria to see a Gospel-centered church planted there

\$30K

Given to house churches to redeem the city and fight brokenness in their neighborhoods

HOUSE CHURCH UPDATE



MARCH 2016

Began with 5 House Churches spread across the city, 6 months before launching our Sunday Gatherings

SEPTEMBER 2016

Multiplied into 7 House Churches along with our Sunday Gatherings

MARCH 2017

Multiplied into 10 House Churches around the city, including 1 House Church based at ODM

SEPTEMBER 2017

Training new leaders with hopes to multiply into 15 House Churches in Fall 2017

MARCH 2018

Anticipating further multiplication toward 20 House Churches in Spring 2018