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Dear friend in Christ,

It is my great joy to announce to the Forest Lakes District that God has raised up Jerry and Sue Cellan to lead in the planting of a new EFCA church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. After literally years of praying for the right couple, we are confident that the Cellans are very well suited for this significant endeavor. I eagerly look forward to working closely with Jerry as he develops a plan to launch an "Antioch" type of church in this hub city.

Eau Claire is not only an important university town, but it also holds potential to become a strategic center of outreach and church planting in Western Wisconsin. As such, to envision an "Antioch" church means one which is designed from the beginning to establish a solid team approach to ministry multiplication. From this substantial work we would expect to see several other cities reached for Christ in the near future. Of course, starting this church with the right planter and plan is essential. We believe that together with the Cellans and others whom the Lord raises up, the FLD will begin to see evangelism and healthy disciple making extended in a wide area.

For the Cellans to establish this new church with the best prospects for growth and reproducing, they will need a large team of friends to pray fervently for them. It will be a faith venture together. They will also need to raise a large sum of money, not only to cover their own support, but also to cover the very substantial expenses involved in beginning a major ministry like this. Jerry has already embraced this challenge with faith and enthusiasm. I know that each person who joins in this missionary effort will feel closely linked to them and to the Spirit-led FLD mission "**to GLORIFY GOD by multiplying healthy churches among all people.**"

Through our Redeemer's grace,

Ray Olson

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Director of Church Multiplication

"Strengthening the churches..." Acts 15:41