



the PROMISE of HOME

Hey illuminate,

I can't believe how far our church has come in just five years. Our launch team has vivid memories of that first Sunday in 2012, setting up in the theatre and then hoping and praying other people would show up. And wow, people showed up, and have been showing up ever since. God is doing what only He can do here at illuminate!

We had a dream to "Help people find life in Jesus Christ" and that's exactly what's been happening. Hundreds of people have made decisions for Jesus, and many of those people have been baptized. All the while, people are Meeting God and Growing Spiritually profoundly each week in our worship services, in our Next Gen ministries, in LifeGroups, Bible Studies, and in personal time with the Lord. Over half the church is Making a Difference at some capacity within our walls and outside the walls which means the people of illuminate get the blessing of advancing the Kingdom of God in our region. And in this most recent season, our Discovering Freedom ministry is releasing hope and health to people who thought there was no hope. Old wounds are healed, old habits replaced, old chains broken.

But God has more for illuminate on the horizon. Our region is one of the fastest growing places in America. People, who have eternal souls, are coming to our area, and these people need a place where they can find life in Jesus. I just happen to know a church who's made it their mission to do just that!

We have looked into every option we could imagine, and the leadership of illuminate believes the best way for us to continue to reach people who don't go to church is to buy land (May 2018) and build a home to which all may come (estimated 2020). In order to do this, we need to raise \$3.916 Million above normal giving. The Promise of Home campaign that launches this January will continue for two years. We will be asking you to make a commitment above your normal giving towards this goal.

Here's what's important to remember: Although it takes money to fulfill this vision, **our primary concern is people.** At illuminate, we are NOT about growing numbers. We ARE about reaching broken people with the truth that Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose again, and because of that they can have freedom, hope, and purpose — in a word: grace.

I imagine a few years from now in our new location, the launch team setting up and anxiously awaiting the arrival of guests. I imagine hundreds of people visiting. I imagine dozens of those people getting baptized. I imagine relationships healed, addictions broken, and pasts redeemed. When we recount these stories, all we will be able to say is, "Wow."

Life in Jesus,

Tim Ingram
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