

As many of you found out on Sunday, after ten wonderful years at New Vision we have felt called to a new work. Over the past two years we have felt an undeniable angst and stirring in our hearts that we knew was from the Lord. Our pastor, Brady, has been so gracious to walk alongside of us through this and has provided valuable counsel to me through weekly meetings. To have a pastor who wants to see you fulfill your calling is something I will never take for granted. He truly is a gift to our congregation.

In January 2018, we will be moving our family to Boston to plant a church partnering with the North American Mission Board and New Vision. Having the opportunity to still be connected to our NV family is a real benefit for us. New Vision will serve as our Sending Church and will be supporting us in the early stages of church planting.

We are excited to be a part of the Gospel renewal inside the city of Boston. In Acts 8:8, Luke tells us that upon Peter sharing the gospel, "there was much joy in that city." We want to see that same joy come to the city of Boston. Why Boston? The numbers are staggering. There are 5.9 million people living in metro Boston. There is one SBC church for every 39,257 residents. Only around 2% of the population identifies as an evangelical. Boston is considered the largest unreached metropolitan area in the United States. As Katy and I began to honestly ask the Lord about Boston, it became more and more evident to us that He was calling us to go.

Over the past 10 years our New Vision church family has been apart of some of our sweetest and also most difficult times. You celebrated with us as we graduated from college here, were married, bought our first house where we brought our first child home, mourned with us as we walked through the loss of two babies, and supported us when we began the adoption process last fall. The friendships we have developed here will forever be shaping to us. New Vision hired me directly out of college and gave me the space to grow, mess up, learn and increase my pastoral capacity. To say New Vision and Murfreesboro has been special to us would be an understatement.

As you can imagine there is a lot we have to accomplish between now and when we leave in January. If you could pray for us during this time we would be grateful.

#### Specific Needs:

1. Clare starts school in the fall. Pray the transition over the winter and starting a new school will go smoothly and we will be sensitive to and aware of her needs.
2. We need to sell our house and would like to quickly. Please be praying for the family that will buy our house. (Let us know if anyone is looking.)
3. We will be spending the month of July living in Boston. We will be hosting NV families, getting acclimated to the culture and meeting with other church planting families. Pray for us as we seek to build bridges with Bostonians.
4. We are in the process of recruiting Supporting churches and families. New Vision is our primary Sending Church, but we also want others involved. What does supporting mean? We need others praying for us, financially giving towards the church plant and involving themselves in short term mission trips through New Vision. (If you know of any churches/families that may be interested in investing in a church plant in Boston let me know.)
5. We believe God is calling others into this work with us. We want families, singles and college students going with us. In order for a church plant to be set up for success you need a solid core team. Is this you or do you know others interested? Please pray that God will make it evident to those he has called.
6. We will be saying goodbye to a lot of people we love deeply over the next couple of months. Please remember us in your prayers as this will be difficult.
7. We will be moving away from both of our families. This will be difficult for both us and our parents. Please pray that we will continue to find strength and encouragement in God's calling on our lives.
8. We will also be saying goodbye to a ministry we have loved and poured our lives into over the past 7 years. We will soon be announcing who will be leading the Point, but I can tell that I'm very excited about the future of this vibrant ministry, and I'm certain you will be too.

Above all Katy and I want to say thank you. Thank you for ten amazing years in Murfreesboro and on staff at New Vision. We believe the best is yet to come and our relationship with New Vision is only going to continue to grow and mature.

-Brian and Katy