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Grace Church Family,

In 1 Tim. 3:15 the church is identified as “the pillar and support of the truth.” We preach Christ crucified, risen, and coming again. We preach the whole counsel of God. We live for Christ and Scripture. We stand together for the Gospel. We are committed to making disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them to obey Christ. We do this for the glory of God.

The body at Grace is blessed with a wide array of humble servant-leaders, and a growing congregation that loves Jesus, one another, and reaches out with the love of Christ. As we do what God calls us to do in the power of the Spirit, God does His amazing work. He works in us and through us for His glory. He is at work in us to will and do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). God is providing many opportunities for Gospel ministry in our homes, neighborhoods, the community, and worldwide.

I want to highlight two exciting developments God has orchestrated, one regarding someone already serving with us, and also a family that will be new to serving among us.

First, Randy Clark has been serving as our Interim Pastoral Associate for the past year while they have been on furlough from their ministry in South Africa. He has given leadership to our children’s and family ministries and pastoral care. With the Clarks recently discerning God was leading them to stay in California, we are excited to announce that Randy will become our full-time Pastor of Family Ministries. Randy brings over 20 years of experience working with children and families, a Master’s degree in Education, and a passion and enthusiasm for his ministry areas. He will be pursuing a Master’s in Biblical Studies. Pray for him as he shepherds his leadership teams and serves among us, and the entire Clark family (Randy, Susan, Julia, Marissa, Gabriel, Sophia, and Elijah) as they continue to settle back into life in the USA.

Also, James and Rebekah Holt recently concluded their ministry in North Philadelphia at Urban Hope Training Center and have agreed to be full-time missionaries with OnMission Partners. As part of his ministry James will also be a Pastoral Intern with us. We will be welcoming James and Rebekah Holt to Orange in April! James will have his office at Grace, and will work closely with our pastoral staff, as he focuses on being the primary contact with Anclados a Cristo (the Hispanic church that meets at Grace), and focusing on Hispanic ministry in El Modena, as well as connecting with various other Hispanic ministries in Southern California. Please be praying for the Holt family (James, Rebekah, Elliot, Emmanuel, Santiago, Mateo, and Solomon) as they transition to California and please join us in welcoming them as they serve among us.

We are committed to equipping you and your family for works of service (Eph. 4:11) and engaging in sacrificially serving Jesus everywhere you are. We are committed to raising up leaders and sending them out for Christ’s kingdom. God keeps giving us ample opportunities for these pursuits both locally and globally. It’s an exciting time to be a part of Grace Church!

For Jesus and the Gospel,

Mike Sciarra for all the Elders