



Helping people discover and follow the God who is far more than they imagine.

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Greetings Everybody,

We hope this letter will find you thriving as we all head into the Christmas Season fast approaching. In 2015, we transferred our counseling, spiritual direction and PLAYMAKER to an office in our home in Springfield, MA. In 2018, Kit counseled 26 individuals and 9 couples. Kit does spiritual direction for people and has been doing so for 3 years. Kit produced 15 PLAYMAKERS Profiles of Motivational Design for clients from 5 states. Tricia has counseled 15, 8 for inner healing and 7 for Spiritual Direction. She also led a Women's Valentine's Day Retreat.

Currently, we are attending The City Church in Springfield, where we joined a Gospel Community Group. In March, Tricia produced an art show called (*Waiting At The Station*) using the prints from the book, paintings of Tricia's brother Steve Hawley and poetry of Christian musician and poet Michael Kelly Blanchard. We also exhibited the work at Southwick Community Episcopal Church in Southwick, MA. Later this year at City Church, Tricia took the initiative to form a Prayer Team after we taught a six-week course on different kinds of prayer, emphasizing understanding how to hear God's voice in praying for others, the etiquette of praying for people, and being a servant and good listener. We have a team of seven.

2018 has been a year of surprises and a year of loss, grieving and transitions. In the space of 5 months, Tricia and family had to bury her mother, pack up, move and sell the two houses. These houses have been in our family for over 62 years, so there was much saying of goodbyes. We have also walked alongside our grandson Brody who at 3 was diagnosed with leukemia. He is now 5 and will be ending his chemotherapy treatments this coming June! Praise God!

Our next step in serving Christ and helping others to heal and grow is to purchase a house where we live and continue helping others heal and move closer to Christ. We seek to be in a space that reflects our sensibility of hospitality, grace, beauty and healing. We started to bring this to prayer about a year ago and believe God is inviting us now to trust Him and to find a space where people can gather in small groups, have individual Immersion Retreats, as well as both of us having offices to see clients for Counseling, Spiritual Direction and Prayer. Therefore, in March, we plan to begin the process of getting a mortgage to buy a house.

Therefore, we are raising money to pay for moving and closing costs when we purchase a house in Springfield or the surrounding area. We've raised \$9,000 of the \$10,000 needed for a down payment. Moving/closing will cost \$5,000. We are also seeking to raise \$5000 to provide scholarships for people who can't afford to pay for counseling, spiritual direction, or retreats.

You can donate at the imagine/Northampton website: [www.imagenorthampton.org](http://www.imagenorthampton.org), our Facebook page, [@imagenorthampton](https://www.facebook.com/imagenorthampton), or at [www.gofundme.com/buying-a-house-for-ministry](http://www.gofundme.com/buying-a-house-for-ministry). Please check out the updated website for more information about our history, what we do and how we can support churches in helping people grow deeper in Christ. We are still a 501(c3) and this is where we get our income to meet our needs and expenses. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Love in Christ,  
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