

# Mike and Laura Strong

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Laura and I are dedicated to helping people flourish in their life-long pursuit of Jesus Christ. We are currently working in the low-income area of Minneapolis. We are dedicated to creating disciples that are rooted, established, and built up on the word of God. We spend a lot of time with our people in life-on-life ministry so our people can learn from our walk with the Lord. We are doing a lot more work in identifying and training local men to be planters, pastors, and church revitalizers.

We live in an area that has many religions like Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and a large number of forms of paganism including Wicca. We also have a significant presence of Catholic and hyper-charismatic churches in our area flooding our people with false gospels. Our church plant is made up almost entirely of new believers, which can present many challenges as Laura and I work to help them grow and mature.



## Prayer Requests:

- As our church grows, we are in need of additional partnerships to take on the growing number of expenses.
- We also need faithful believers to join us in the work of discipling the new believers who have joined the church in the last year or two.
- We are asking God to ground our church plant in the word and to make Jesus Christ and the gospel the center of each member's life.

## Praises:

- We praise God for his leading and provision over the last year. We have seen God save eleven people as of August 2023 through the ministry, and seven have been baptized.
- God is growing our members' faith and helping them step out to use their gifts to serve the members of the church plant.
- We are especially thankful for members starting a worship team and serving in children's and youth ministry.