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Vision 2020 — A New Beginning!

God is sending us to Ogden.

Ogden Quick Facts: It is a city in the county seat of Weber County in Utah. It is about 40 miles (64 km) north of Salt Lake City. It is the **7th largest city in Utah**, with a population of about 87,325 in 2018 (US Census Bureau). Ogden is also home to the **Hill Air Force**



Base. In Weber County's 2019 report, approximately 2551 homeless live in Weber County, making it home to 13% to 16% of the State of Utah's homeless. Ogden Regional Medical Center recently reported that Ogden has twice as many deaths by overdose than any other place in Utah, whereby Utah has the 7th-highest overdose rate in the USA between 2013 and 2015. Utah also ranked the 5th-highest in the nation for prescription drug overdose deaths. (Search for the facts online.)

Dear friends and family,

Since 2012, Ron has coordinated state-wide NDP-UT's activities from our home in Logan. His numerous prayer and worship events are held at the State Capitol building in Salt Lake City. Since 2016, Karen has been ministering to individuals (age 5-70 years), couples and families struggling family and spirituality issues, and trauma, abuse and addictions issues in Ogden. These individual are affiliated with the homeless, local church, and the Hill Air Force Base communities. The LORD is answering an 11-year old prayer for a formal place for FCF and NDP to meet at so we can better serve Him and Utah. On **November 13, 2019, God opened the door for us to rent a suite in Ogden.** FCF and NDP could operate out of Suite 105 in the building named "Building God's Way", effective February 2020. Knowing that we will be church-planting, the owner is willing to work with us financially and to increase our monthly rent gradually. The starting rent will be \$600 per month, with gradual bi-annual increments up to the total of \$1600 a month by 2022. Our current lease contract will be for 3-years (2020-2023). We need to pay that full monthly rent as soon as possible, ideally before the middle of 2022. We hope to be a fully self-sufficient church group by the end of 2022.

We are 100% stepping out in and walking by faith. We are praying for the LORD to put together His chosen ones as His *worship teams* and *pastoral team*, where we can all work together to redirect the people of Utah to our Lord God Almighty. We also need *board members* to support us through for the first 3 years. We are looking for people to help us build a core team. We want to do church His way, and not man's way.

We could use your help in the following ways:

- 1. **Prayer for FCF and NDP** that God's kingdom come to Utah and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- 2. *Prayer for Ron, Karen and Billy Flessner* for the LORD's blessings, anointing, wisdom, favor and protection to be on us, on the congregation and on the ministry team.
- 3. *Monthly financial support* to help us with this church-plant and start up costs.

We continue to thank you for your faithfulness in and obedience to the LORD. We greatly need and appreciate your friendship, daily prayers and monthly support. God bless you and your family.

His servants, Revs. Ron & Karen Flessner

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion -, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor." Isaiah 61:1-3

The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Matthew 9:37

FCF needs co-laborers:

- worship teams
- pastoral team
- board members

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FCF Highlights in 2019:





Merry Christmas at our home with friends from Bangladesh, China, Palestine, Turkey, Malaysia and Dominican Republic.

Ron preaching in Wyoming







Happy Thanksgiving with friends from Mexico and Iran.

2019 National Day of Prayer



Ron at NDP prayer-breakfast event at Salt Lake City



Worship & Praise at the State Capitol with youth choir from 1st Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Pray for America on Patriot's Day

Flessner family



spring. He graduated from his high school at the end of May. He is now a freshman at Dixie State University in UT.

Ron: He is working part-time for Hobby Lobby in Riverdale, UT since March, 2019. He loves getting a good work-out. Karen: She continues to work

Karen: She continues to work with individuals struggling with mental illness, addictions & homelessness in Ogden.

Flessner family transition: Ron and Karen will be moving to the Ogden, UT in summer 2020 to be closer to work. Stay tuned more for information in 2020.

New Contact Information & Location

Starting February 2, 2020

Freedom Christian Fellowship will have its 3:00PM Sunday services at

2909 Washington Blvd, Suite 105, Ogden UT.

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