

2022 — iFCF Reboot....Ministry Needs and Challenges....

Shalom dear friends and family. Merry Christmas and have a blessed 2023. We continue to thank you for your faithfulness in and obedience to the LORD.

Like many church bodies in 2022, we have been dealing with and recuperating from the devastation of the COVID-19 social isolation aftermath. In December 2019, we felt the LORD said, "It's time". We saw an incredible ministry opportunity opening in Ogden. We stepped out and walked in 100% faith—we moved FCF in Logan to plant iFCF in Ogden. The LORD allowed us to minister to about 12 people in 2020. However, during the pandemic outbreak in 2020, the number gradually dwindled. When Ron got very sick from May 24 to December of 2021 (he was in the hospital for 103 consecutive days from May to September, and another 3 weeks in December), we lost everyone. No one stepped up to minister to each other. They all scattered. When we felt abandoned by the local church congregation, we also felt comforted by the LORD through His Holy Scriptures...when Jesus preached the truth, people turned away from Him. In His hour of need, people abandoned Him. We felt we were in good (Jesus') company. Jesus is our Immanuel. He said He is with us. He will never leave us nor forsake us. We felt loved, encouraged and supported by Him, and by our friends and family from around the US and the world.



2022 seems to be a **year of waiting on the LORD** for iFCF. Every Sunday in Ogden, Ron continued to faithfully "cast the net" by preaching the WORD and sharing his testimony of his healing journey. When he did not feel well, he preached from our home in Logan. Our son, Liam, has stepped up to lead praise and worship. Every Sunday service is recorded and posted on our website (<https://ifcfogden.org/>) and on our FaceBook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pastorsronandkarenflessner/>). Please **follow us** and **like us** on FaceBook. On the **website**, please go to the "Sermon" tab and click on "YouTube" to participate in the Sunday services.

Wresting in Prayer: An Expository Bible Study—On every 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 5-6 PM MT, together with 6 other brothers and sisters from Utah, Montana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Arizona, we met via Zoom for Bible study. We learned ways to *wrestle in prayer to know the fear of God, to know the trust in God, to know the peace of God, to know the rest in God, to be still and know He is God, to petition God, and to wait on God.*

Power Prayer Hour—On every 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays from 5-6 PM MT, we sought the LORD in prayer and intercession. We have been seeking and petitioning Him for a **fresh spiritual awakening in our families, neighborhoods, communities, cities, states and country.** We felt He strengthened our calling and mission. Though we currently have 0



congregation members, He will not allow us to fold nor quit iFCF, nor to merge with another church body. He has plans for us. He showed us that **Ogden is an epicenter of family-drug-alcohol abuse and gang violence resulting in broken lives and families.** We are to continue to seek and petition Him to build His body, and for Him to bring people to help us

build a core team to reach out to and minister to people in Ogden and northern Utah. We are to be totally dependent on Him. We are to do God's church God's way in God's timing. Praise and Glory be to our LORD God Almighty.

Please continue to pray with us and for us. We greatly need Him, and appreciate your friendship, daily prayers and monthly support.

"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 broken-hearted, 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

iFCF needs co-laborers:

- worship teams
- pastoral team
- board members

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Highlight of ministry in 2022 - Pastors Gina Gibson (NDP Regional Director) and Ron led a prayer meeting at the Utah State Capitol Building on the National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2022. We were very encouraged by the huge turnout.

From September 14-18, 2022, together with other prayer warriors and intercessors for all 50 States in the USA, we participated in the NDP Leadership Summit in Philadelphia. Ron travelled by air for the first time, post-surgery. Travel went well. We visited and prayer walked at the Independence National Historic District, Independence Hall, and the Faith and Liberty Museum. We did a "Roof-Top Prayer" over Philadelphia. In **September 13-17, 2023**, the NDP Leadership Summit will be in **Kentucky**. Join us at the **Ark Encounter** (<https://arkencounter.com/>). **See you there!**

Flessner family 2022 highlights

We had not had a vacation since 2019 (due to the COVID in 2019-2020 and Ron's extended medical issues in 2021). On January 26, 2022, Ron drove 1.5 hours for the first time, post-surgery. In February, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day from Malaysia. In April, Ron was able to experience a 2-week long virtual celebration of his 68th birthday (via Zoom) with family and precious friends from Wisconsin, New York, North Carolina, Michigan, Nebraska, Arizona, Wyoming, Montana, Texas, Seattle, Utah, Brazil, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia. Throughout 2022, we had house guests from



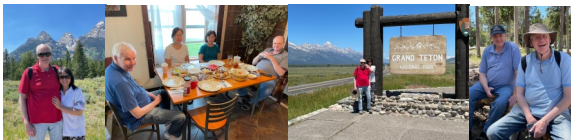
Malaysia, Wyoming and Brazil. In June, we went bowling as a family. Carrying his food bags on his back, in his backpack, he still beat us by having the highest score. In July 2022, together with good friends from



Montana and Malaysia, we had a fantastic 5-day vacation in Idaho-Wyoming-Montana. We visited the Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone



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The Good LORD Jesus has been very good to us. We have been strengthened in our faith, journey and walk with our Good, Good Father God. Please join us as we pray for Ron's total and complete healing.

We love and appreciate you all. Thank you for your love, encouragement and support all these years. Together with you, we look forward to the blessed 2023!

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