

March 21, 2018

Dear Friends,

When we started Impact Ardmore 3 1/2 years ago, we had no idea what God had in store for us. A few of us began knocking on doors at Willowbrook Apartments just to try and make a difference in the community. Over time, God took our little four-person team and grew it into a ministry with, at our height, over 100 active volunteers from 15 churches, serving hundreds of apartments! Lives were changed, and in many cases radically transformed. Just before writing this letter today I heard someone share a story they recently heard about Impact Ardmore helping a woman get into a new house so that she could keep her children - when nobody else was able to assist. That is kind of our story. We have often done the things nobody else was willing or able to do. Impact Ardmore has tried to always err on the side of showing the radical love of God through our actions (and hopefully our words).

With all of this in view it is disappointing to share that, effective immediately, we are closing the Impact Ardmore ministry entirely. There are many reasons for this decision, each with their own merit.

Serving the community through the Impact Ardmore ministry has been one of the highest privileges of my wife, Stephanie, and I's life and ministry. We have made countless friendships that will remain with us forever. Our family has grown to include hundreds of people from the community. John Wesley said one time, "The world is my parish." We have done our best to make the city of Ardmore ours. No person and no place has been off limits or out of reach. And, thanks be to God, that remains unchanged.

The new season God is leading us into is an exciting season of focus on the church we planted in January of 2017, Home Church. Home Church is a network of house churches led by everyday folks all around our city. In many ways, we will have a greater ability to make an even more significant impact in Ardmore by planting little outposts for Jesus all around our city. We are genuinely excited about this new chapter, in the midst of our sadness over the change.

Whether you have been a volunteer, partner, resident or just a general supporter of Impact Ardmore, please hear my most heartfelt "Thank You!". We could not have done anything without each of you, along with God's blessing over this work.

No matter what you may need, if myself, my family, or our church can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 580-647-8400.

In Christ,


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