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Our first grandchild, **Clara Ida Mary Ringall** was born on March 30<sup>th</sup> to our daughter Rahel and her husband Daniel in Cambridge, U.K. We are grateful that God gave them a healthy baby and protected our daughter during the delivery.

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In March we hosted a pre-conference, a workshop and a luncheon at the largest church-planting gathering, at Exponential in Orlando. Each year over 6,000 pastors, church-planters, missional leaders gather to learn from each other and encourage each other in the difficult task of planting new multiplying churches around the world. Here are some of the feedbacks:

"If you know anything about CRU, the first thing that comes to my mind is evangelism. I don't know that there's been a ministry that God has used more to bring more people to Jesus than CRU. When I found out that there was a residency, I wanted to be in. I wanted to see exactly what they were doing. And **what I love about them is they do equip you with very practical tools. It's not up in the sky. And that is exactly what I needed.** And now, as a result of that, as part of our training of our church planters, we require that each church planter have a very practical plan for evangelism, not only for themselves, but for their core group and their members. They have to have a very practical plan. In our coaching now we are focusing on making sure they are executing that plan. **It's not just on paper, but it's in the dirt. It's in the street. It's out where people live.** "

-Richard, Church Planting Leader, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Memphis.

"I've been doing ministry over seven years as a lead pastor. When I came to CFCM (our residency program) it was mind blowing because they gave me language not only to go out and do evangelism easier, simpler, but also to communicate to my team so they didn't feel overwhelmed. When I came in here, I said: Yes, that's what I want, that's how I want to communicate it..."



Duane Grant, Lead Church Planting Pastor, The Body Dayton



Gabor had the privilege to give an interview to **LighthouseTV.** In this interview he shared about how God used a small mustard seed to start a ministry, YTL, which went to 62 countries. Scan this QR code to watch the interview and be encouraged how God can use avarege people to advance His Kingdom.

## **Our Focus Until the Summer**

God has blessed us with a very capable team gifted in various ways. While this great team carries forward finishing our residency fellowship and many other responsibilities, God allowed us to spend the next few weeks away from the business of ministry to focus on studying His Word, spending more time in prayer, growing deeper in our relationship with Him and finishing some writing-projects we wanted to finish for so long. After 33 years of full-time ministry this is the first opportunity when we can dedicate a few weeks (until the end of June) just to concentrate on such important matters. This is an important time and a special gift from the Lord that we want to treat with dignity as it is commanded in Exodus 31:12-16: such time is a command from God for our sanctification, completion and for a deepening understanding of who He is so we could serve Him with deeper understanding and greater zeal after we return from this time.

As always, we are SO GRATEFUL for your continued prayers, friendship and partnership!



## Advancing the Kingdom of God together,

Gabon, Edine