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THE UPDATE

— Nate McConnaughay

LETTER FROM MATT

Hey Everyone! Well, last issue I mentioned that my support raising would be coming to a close very soon, so this issue is to let you in on all the exciting plans! To do that, Matt McGue, the lead pastor here at Lifepointe, decided to write you all a letter. So here's a word from Matt McGue:



Friends and Supporters,

I wanted to take a moment to write this letter to say how much our church has been blessed by your faithful financial support of Nate. Your giving has made a significant difference in not only his life, but the life of our church. As a church plant, nearly all of our pastors committed to fundraise all or part of their salary for a period of time. As you may know, our church is now prepared to provide a salary for him beginning in July. Your supporting Nate over these past couple years has helped us begin to take this step of faith.

Can I challenge you to give a little extra these next two months to finish your commitment to Nate? He has recently moved into a new apartment, is getting his truck repaired and has gone without a lot of things these past two years (I know personally that Nate has often gone without buying things like new clothes). Your extra gift would really be a blessing to him right now, especially with these additional costs. Possibly these next two months you could consider doubling your gift, give a portion of your tax return or find a creative way to sacrifice. Whatever the Lord puts on your heart will be exactly what Nate needs.

Nate has done an outstanding job of ministry these past two years. I have watched him lead worship, develop leaders, preach, lead a high school small group, oversee the creation of our new website, create amazing video and graphic art work for our services, plus a number of other things too many to list. He is multi-talented to say the least. The best part about Nate is his heart for God. This young man walks with God and lives out the fruit of the Spirit. I was just talking to him today and he was preparing to get away for a day to spend with the Father. He has been such a blessing to me and my family.

Thanks again for praying and supporting Nate these past two years. What you have done has made an eternal difference!

Matt

SO WHAT'S GOING ON?

I am constantly humbled by the support I receive in this city and ministry God has called me to. I am excited for what God will be doing as we draw close to the end of our financial partnership. I would ask that you would continue to offer prayer on my behalf and on behalf of the work God is still just beginning out in South Charlotte.

Who I'm listening to: Aftermath by Hill Song United, Storyboards by Sleeping At Last, and a band called the Autumn Film.

What I'm reading: 1&2 Corinthians, Do Hard things by Alex & Brett Harris.

I am excited about what God will be doing. The Lifepointe staff just returned from the Exponential Conference in Orlando, Florida and we came back even more ready to take on the challenges ahead of us. I'm ready to see God work in powerful ways as I seek his heart for my team and for our circles of influence. I think God has been reminding me the importance of this ministry going beyond Sunday morning and he wants to show us what it could be like to expand our Creative arts team and push us into unexpected areas in our city and culture.

PRAY...

-that during our next series, there would be godly conviction of the times we just Act like Christians and that God would draw our hearts and our passion and turn our lives upside down for his Glory

-Christ would be revealed and shared in this community through our lives and creativity

-wisdom in my leadership and ministry



Pics: We've been getting to go out and play music more around the area. Top: I got to play some original music for a benefit concert to get some friends to Santa Cruz for the summer. Bottom Left: Some of us Invisible Servants got to play on Faith Night at Knight's Stadium; the Charlotte minor league baseball team located right next to our Fort Mill Campus



Upcoming series

**STOP ACTING
LIKE A CHRISTIAN.
BE ONE.**

QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT BE ASKING

Here's some questions you may be asking and some answers. Feel free to contact me if you have any others!

1. *How do we keep up with you now that our financial support is coming to an end?*

Blake and I started a website blog called InvisibleServants.com where we talk about our ministry, give tips on creative arts, and give devotional thoughts and whatever else we feel like posting. This will be the best place to keep up with what's going on with us! I'll also send out one more brief Update issue

2. *What happens if my commitment was for 3 years?*

Well, there's a couple things you can do: 1 - continue to support the work at Lifepointe but it would no longer go directly to me, but to the church's ministry in Charlotte in general. And 2 - prayerfully consider who else might benefit from unexpected financial help or support. Pass along the blessing!

3. *If I'm not giving you financial support now, can I just buy you presents?*

yes. anytime is good, but my birthday is November 6th.

4. *What are some of your next big ministry steps?*

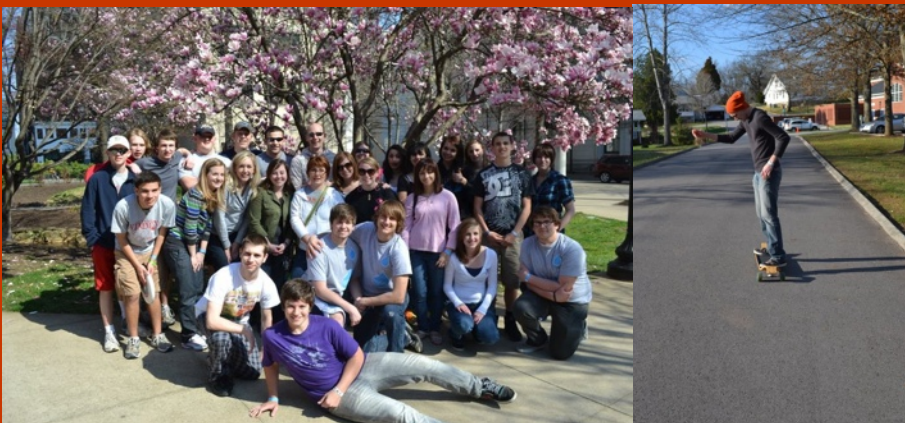
I'm working on finding a coach/mentor for myself and getting serious about building my teams and the relational aspect of my ministry. I'm thinking about what might be the best ways to build up some musicians and artists and pour into them. So I don't know exactly what that will look like yet, but I'm toying around with ideas like Blake and I hosting an open mic night to fill the void left from one that just ended. Or creating a casual, consistent gathering time for artists and photographers to hang out and talk about their art and share that passion. I'm really thinking and praying about what might be a good next step for our team, so if you have any insights, let me know!

Well, that's about it for now. Be blessed, thank you for participating in my ministry and what God has called me to down here in Charlotte!



this isn't really a picture from the last couple months, but I thought it was hilarious. Gonna hopefully see my bro Mitch and some other friends this summer.

Bottom: I got to be a sponsor for our Johnson youth Retreat. It was an incredible time with our students and God really worked in their lives. And I got to skateboard on campus again with some of our students. yay!



Thanks for ur Support!!!

Seriously, with danger of saying it too much, your support has been instrumental in my life, ministry, and who I am today. A thousand times, thank you!!!