

# Offerstories

## Church Planting

Last week I visited with Juan, a church planter we're partnering with to start a Hispanic church here in town. I was moved to tears when I heard one story of a member who just moved here looking for work. Her husband died last year and she was at a point of desperation. Juan and his wife, Margareta, were able to help her find a job and a place to live.

Surprisingly, she wrote a letter to us. She found out from Juan that we are financially supporting the church and she wanted to thank us. She shared that because we gave, she now has a hope in Christ and a spiritual home that she wouldn't have had otherwise.

It's stories like this that make Jesus so amazing. Many of you give. And I want to thank you and challenge you to give even more. Some of you haven't given, and I want to challenge you to experience the faithfulness of God as you give. There truly is no greater joy than the joy of tithing and generosity. As I stand before you during this time of offering, a single mother is worshiping 10 miles away with her new spiritual family. As our ushers come to receive your gifts to God, let's pray ...