



WEST VIRGINIA MINISTRY RECAP

Russell spent 5 weeks in August and September working with Roy and Nikki Schneider and **The Refinery Church in Elkins WV**. The Refinery held their Grand Opening Sunday on September 10th with 145 in attendance! They have already launched four community groups in Upshur and Randolph County. Since launching in September, they have averaged between 80-100 on Sunday mornings. In other big news, CityReach is coming to Elkins WV in June 2024 to partner with the The Refinery Church! This will be the 20th year for CityReach and we will be serving in the state where CityReach began in 2004. For more information about how you can be involved with CityReach, visit www.gocityreach.com. The Schneiders are also expecting a new baby in the family in January! Would you take time to pray for the Schneider family, for Nikki and the baby to have a healthy pregnancy, and for The Refinery Church?



ARKANSAS IN OCTOBER

Russell had the opportunity to teach at the MTM (Missionary Training Ministry) module in Mountain View AR during the first week of October. There were approximately 60 ministry leaders in attendance for the week including several couples praying about the potential of planting a church in the near future. **Thank you Flatwoods MBC for your continued investment and sponsorship of MTM and for the opportunity to share our ministry and preach on October 8th.** During the following week Russell spent time with Micah Deaton, who is planting **Summit Baptist Church in Springdale**. Russell preached at Summit on Sunday, October 15th and enjoyed visiting again and seeing all that God is doing through this new church.



FIRST ANNUAL BARNABAS RETREAT

In late September, we hosted our First Annual Barnabas Couples Retreat for stateside church planting couples and ministry couples. The purpose of this retreat is simply to provide a time for church planting couples to find rest and encouragement for their unique calling. This year our sending church, First Baptist Church of Inwood, funded the entire retreat so the only cost to each couple would be travel. We loved getting the opportunity to show hospitality and encourage each ministry couple. Our sending church went above and beyond providing incredible meals and hospitality baskets. One church planter said it this way "Barnabas Retreat was just what our souls needed. The Lord met us there just when we desperately needed to hear Him. It was like The Breath of Life was breathed back into our hearts. So thankful for the speakers, the churches who made it happen, and Russell Knight for allowing God to use them in such a mighty way. Breathtakingly beautiful area, great encouragement, totally unplugged! A little slice of heaven on earth."

