



Dear Friends,

This is Jeremiah, Wendy and Abigail Williams writing to you from Lawrence, Kansas. Many of you know us personally and many do not. If by chance we do not know one another, perhaps through the Quaker grapevine you may be familiar with our family's recent relocation and the deep desire He has put in our hearts to love and serve our new friends and neighbors in the name of Jesus. It has been more than evident thus far that there are those of you who are aware of our current journey and have partnered with us in Spirit and prayer. The power of Christ at work is undeniable, and we are deeply grateful for you and your commitment.

Believe it or not, we are creeping up on the one year anniversary of living here in Lawrence. While Lawrence and its rich Quaker heritage (original home of Kansas Yearly Meeting and Lawrence Friends Church) puts us in a somewhat unique situation, as we were preparing to move to Lawrence in June of 2015 we were very much under the impression that this first year of living – as on any other mission field – would be a year of relationship building, observing, discovering and learning. The Lord has not disappointed! Relationships are abundant and we continue to grow in our love for this community and its people.

In just under a year of experience so far, our growing need for the prayer, support and partnership of Christian brothers and sisters in this Kingdom adventure has become increasingly clear. One of the most astounding realizations in our time here is that we have been slow to ask for help or support in any official form (due in great part to the fact that we have not always known how others could best help). And yet, the Lord has still impressed upon the hearts of individuals (without us asking) a desire to pray for us and support us in many ways. This has been a true blessing. We now are at a point where what lies ahead has become clear enough to see the next step or two and with this clarity has come the recurring conviction that none of this is possible without the greater Christian community ... without you. As we are all, by His grace, aiming to discern and live a life that honors Christ and draws others to Him, we genuinely desire your relationship and partnership in this great adventure.

With this in mind, we are eagerly hoping and praying that, if time and opportunity allows, we could visit with you face-to-face in your local communities, churches, and/or homes. While e-mail, internet, etc. is such a blessing for communicating with one another, we would love nothing more than to meet with each of you in person. This could be during a time of corporate worship on a Sunday morning, or it could be over a meal together on a Saturday evening, or both. In whatever shape or form seems most fitting, we would love to share more of the story that continues to unfold here in Lawrence, discerning together the potential ways that the Lord might call us to partner with one another in some fashion during the days ahead.

If there is a specific time and place when your church might invite us to share more about the work of the Kingdom in Lawrence, please contact Jeremiah by phone (307-371-6725) or email ([jeremiah\\_j\\_williams@yahoo.com](mailto:jeremiah_j_williams@yahoo.com)). If you still feel a bit in the dark about who we are and what we are doing, you can read more by going to our blog: <https://friendsoflawrence.wordpress.com>.

Thanks for your prayerful consideration, and we hope to see you soon!

Jeremiah, Wendy & Abigail