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Often when I read the Old Testament I see the mistakes the Israelites could have avoided if only they had asked the Lord *before* making some of their decisions and commitments. I don't want that to be true of me and my team. James writes, "But if any of you lacks *wisdom*, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." And so I ask you to pray for me this month in light of these upcoming activities:

INTERN BRIEFING

Next week (Thursday – Sunday) our leadership development team will be in the middle of our intern briefing at Hampton Beach, NH. Eighteen new and three returning interns will come together for four days of training and equipping before we send them on to their campuses (or back home to complete their financial ministry team.) It is so exciting to see months of hard work come to fruition as these new laborers are sent to campuses throughout the northeast to share Christ and build Christ-centered laborers. *Please pray for me as I lead a devotional time on "How to Love my Team," and also prepare them with some of the practical nuts and bolts they'll need for life as an intern.*

PLANNING

On August 24th our Leadership Development Team will spend the entire day planning. We will make decisions that will shape our trips to our local teams around the region this year. Then as regional directors we'll spend an additional few days setting our goals and priorities for the coming year. We need wisdom. *Please pray for us to hear from God, communicate well with each other, and make wise decisions.*

NEW HOME

On the last day of August I will be buying a condo (a former gate house) in Reading, MA. It will be a 28 minute commuter train ride to downtown Boston where our office is located. Many of my team members also live in Reading. *Please pray for me as I make the transition and the bazillion decisions one has to make when moving.*

As always, thank you for your partnership with me. It is so nice to know we are in this together and that I can invite you to pray. I really couldn't do all this without you. Feel free to share some of your prayer needs with me too – so I can pray more specifically for you.

Grateful God answers prayer,