



## THE WHITCOMB FAMILY Church Planting in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley

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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on what God has done for us this past year, our hearts rejoice! Through the many trials and blessings, we've seen the Lord's goodness and are thankful for His mercy, love, and grace. Now a new year has arrived — one in which we plan to start a new church in Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley. In the past year, we've seen God provide abundantly and accomplish great things to build His church, and we anticipate His continued blessing.

He has confirmed, strengthened, and enlarged our vision as we've watched Him draw families together to form our core church group. God has also extraordinarily provided financial support for several needs we've had. With our pending move to Augusta County, Virginia, in April, we believe that God will continue to provide our every need, and we know we can't do it under our own power. This church plant will need to be a team effort.

So, how can you join the team? Of course, you could come to Augusta County with us. We'd love to have you, but we realize that most people won't be able to do that. We welcome your prayer support, and we also want to share with you about **Vision for the Valley 360**. We've prayed about how others can unite for God's work in the Valley, and we've deliberated about how to gather financial support for this church-planting effort. We believe that to be most effective in ministry, we should begin the church with full financial provision for our family. We need to be free from the burden of other employment so that we can be fully engaged in the establishment of this church. Our goal is to be fully supported and involved in the ministry when we move in April.

That's where **Vision for the Valley 360** comes in. The concept is this: 60 financial partners giving an average of \$60 support per month, for up to 60 months. At the end of the 60 months, we trust that the church will be completely self-sustaining. We ask you to pray how God might be able to use you to help this new church, either as church members with us, as prayer partners, or through participation in **Vision for the Valley 360**. Since the target date for planting this church is April, 2010, the need for support is immediate. Enclosed is a card which explains in full detail how you can get involved as a partner right now. We are excited to see what God is going to do through your generosity.

In June, we shared our **Vision for the Valley** at our sending church, Community Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina. The response was encouraging. Many other people have also become aware of our ministry and have expressed interest in supporting the establishment and growth of this new church. We have been motivated by this and continue to seek God's will, because we know that believers all over the world are praying for us.

We want to provide you with current information about the church plant, so we've created a ministry blog: [www.visionforthevalley.wordpress.com](http://www.visionforthevalley.wordpress.com). Here you can find out exactly what God is doing as we follow His leading to share the Gospel with the people of the Shenandoah Valley. Thank you for your prayers and consideration to invest for the cause of our Savior.

Grace and Peace,  
The Whitcomb family

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