



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

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Dear Friend and Partner:

In June 2014, Lisa and I had the privilege to be called as the interim pastor and wife for Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill, a church plant in a low-income community of New Haven (CT). We, now, have the opportunity to transition into full time ministry in The Hill. Would you consider partnering with us in this adventure as we seek to build Jesus' church, change people's lives, and be agents of transformation in The Hill.



The Hill & the Hill Church

The Hill, an under-resourced community, is home to low-income and minority individuals and families. Lack of employment, idle teens, crime, and poverty are everyday issues for the good people of the Hill. CPC in The Hill is a part of a multi-congregational vision of Christ Presbyterian Church (New Haven). The Hill congregation envisions reaching our neighbors and changing the neighborhood through church growth and intentional activities that show Jesus' love and hope.

A Glimpse at one of our ministries

During the summer, we bring a grill to a nearby park each Wednesday evening and serve up hot dogs and hamburgers, some fruit, salad, and whatever our good people bring. We typically serve 50–70 people. One evening at our BBQ ministry, I was asked how big is our church. I replied, *"We are very small right now. You're looking at almost everyone who comes on Sunday."* I pointed to those grilling and serving food. *"Of course there are a few more—but what you see is basically the Hill church."* The gentleman raised his eyebrows. *"Wow. You're serving lots of people here. This is pretty good. Thank you."* I said you're welcome of course, but added, *"Being so small we still have a good community impact—this [pointing to the crowd we were feeding, about 80 that evening] all from a small group of people. Imagine what we'll be doing when we're bigger, with more people joining us as a church."* Imagine.



The Challenge of Fundraising for the Hill Church Plant

Typically, raising support for a potential church plant means, without the gifts of others, there will be no church plant. CPC in The Hill offers a different challenge: if an individual doesn't give, *there is still a church*. As the interim Pastor, I am currently 20-hours a week, participating in some form of ministry in the Hill. To be more effective, I need more time in the Hill. We'd like to see this shift to at least 2/3 time. Also, without increased support, our Summer Park ministry and Sidewalk BBQs cannot happen—and I cannot increase my time in the Hill. We believe we have something

special—we truly engage our community. To maintain and grow our impact, we need outside support. CPC in The Hill is being planted in an under-resourced community, many out of work and with barely enough to sustain their families. We need outside support to meet the needs of planting and growing a church in the Hill.

This is not a typical New England urban-city church plant! We are asking you to partner with us

Along with financial support, we seek to enlist 200 regular prayer partners. Our financial goal is to raise \$48,000 to support the ministry in The Hill. Your partnership will help to sustain our ministry and provide resources to operate the church and its ministries that will empower families and promote a healthier and more stable neighborhood.

Pastor Chip & Lisa

Ways to donate:

- Monthly payments or as one annual sum
- By check, made out to "CPC New Haven"; "Hill/Anderson" in memo; send to CPC New Haven, 135 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06510
- Pay online at anabaino.org (online donation, upper right-hand corner; drop down to Hill Church Plant—Chip Anderson)