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Dear congregation

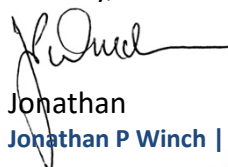
I write to thank you for your extraordinary gift of \$174,098, received from First Pres Columbia this week. We feel perhaps something of what Paul felt when he received the Philippians' gift, and *rejoice in the Lord greatly*. How wonderful to know that brothers and sisters across the Atlantic are standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the work of raising up a new generation of gospel preachers here in the UK!

Your gift tells us that you grasp the need, and indeed, it's plain to see – in the vacant pulpits, the desolate church buildings, the divided communities. But we know you also share our conviction that Christ will build his church – that he is building it – despite the challenging national scene. He who taught us to pray the Lord of the harvest for more labourers is also the One who *gave ... the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry*.

We're seeing those men come forward; able men, with the opportunity to become something in the world if they cared for the world's opinion – but determined instead to grow in favour with God. One such man is Andrew Gianelli, a doctor of eight years' experience and a young family, who has just completed his first year with us, studying part-time. Andrew is on the point of swapping primary care medicine for full-time study, whilst interning in one of England's (few) Presbyterian churches. It has a congregation of under a hundred, but a faithful and able minister who will mentor him well. The church is close to Oxford, so our move from the northeast to the heart of England will provide for Andrew an in-person education.

We will put your money towards the refurbishment of our second student house, an eighteenth-century townhouse on historic Ship St., Central Oxford, down the road from our new teaching and study premises. The house is just 200 feet from the spot where the Oxford Martyrs (Latymer, Ridley and Cranmer) were burned at the stake for their part in the Reformation of England. Latymer's dying words were, "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man: we shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England, as I trust shall never be put out." May God grant that candle to burn with a steady flame in our own day.

Warmly, in Christ



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