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From the Elders...

We're excited to update you on the transition to Nathan Rector's arrival as the senior pastor of Valley Real Life. It's been an amazing prayer-filled journey watching God at work in the process of bringing Nathan to VRL as the senior pastor. The process has included: several potential candidates (some from out of state), phone interviews, personal interviews, meetings with our church family in Post Falls and much prayer seeking God's direction. There is no question in our minds or the staff's that God has brought Nathan and his family to us. He and his family will be moving out here during the month of June. The tentative plan is for him to be here and begin preaching full time either June 27 or July 4, 2010. However, he will be working (from Illinois) starting in June coordinating with Stuart and the other pastors in preparation for his arrival. He will also be traveling here to Spokane and preaching on June 13. Because we are sure many of you are interested in getting to know him, we have provided some more information on his background for you below. If you would like to welcome him you can email him at nrector@valleyreallife.org. Please join us in praising God for bringing us together. We are excited to move VRL forward for the Kingdom.



About Nathan Rector

Nathan is a native of Keokuk, IA and has a wonderful wife named Jayme and two beautiful children, Cameryn (5) and Drew (2). Nathan has been in ministry for 11 years, pastoring in Missouri, California and Illinois. For the last six years he has been on staff at The Crossing, which was recognized last year by the Christian Standard as the fastest growing Christian church in the country. The Crossing is a multi-site church, with four locations in the U.S. and one campus in South Africa. Nathan was the Quincy IL campus pastor which means he led the staff and ran the day-to-

day operations of their biggest campus (2300 people). He was also a part of their preaching and executive teams. Before becoming the Quincy campus pastor, Nathan led the small group initiative at The Crossing, establishing a thriving small group ministry at each location and providing ongoing leadership of the Quincy network of small groups. Nathan has a strong passion for small groups and during his time in Quincy, the small group ministry grew more than 600%. Today, two out of every three adults attending The Crossing services are involved in a small group. Nathan holds a Bachelor of Theology degree from Ozark Christian College where he majored in New Testament and Greek studies.

Please join us in prayer for Nathan and his family as they enter into the busy, hectic and exciting time of transition.

Praise God for his faithfulness to us. To God be the glory.

Dean Byrns, Ed Palacio, Scott Sparley
Valley Real Life Elders