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Dear TransformOurWorld Conference Participant,

Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name!

Can we ask a favor from you? We are ministering in a city that has been downtrodden for forty years. This is an historic city that was dedicated to God in 1666 and has been a leading center for Christian piety, education, science, manufacturing, civil rights, and the arts. The city is Newark, New Jersey.

We believe that the solutions for Newark's most pressing problems will not come through financial bailouts, but rather by saturating the city in prayer. *Last year, for example, 33% of Newark's streets were adopted by people in the PrayForNewark network, and the homicide rate dropped by a record 33%.* As of today approximately 40% of Newark's 903 streets have been adopted, leaving about 500 streets in the "to be adopted" category.

We are here to tell you that Prayer Evangelism, as implemented through the Adopt-a-Street initiative, is making a difference in Newark's spiritual climate, most noticeably in the area of public safety. Homicides stopped completely in Newark for 43 days—at the same time the Adopt-a-Street initiative was launched. This event was so extraordinary that a New York *Times* reporter came to Newark to investigate what was happening. A researcher from Columbia University said that there is less than 1 chance in 100,000 that this could occur in a city that had been averaging 100 murders a year for the past several years. Then the 33% drop in homicides occurred for the entire year 2008, making Newark the nation's leading city in reducing murders.

What does this tell us about the power of Prayer Evangelism? *The Newark crime data for 2008 and 2009 clearly support the idea that the more an area of the city is saturated with daily prayer, the more that area is transformed as the Kingdom of God brings light into areas that have been filled with hopelessness and abandonment.* When you read encouraging news like this, don't you want to see what God will do when the city's Street Adoption rate hits 100%?

When Ed Silviso took a poll of the audience in Jacksonville on the final day of the TransformOurWorld Conference, there was unanimous agreement that we all long to see the day when 100% of our city's streets are reached through Prayer Evangelism. *With your help, we will soon see the day when Newark, New Jersey, becomes the first city in the United States where 100% of the streets are saturated in prayer, every day of the year.* When intercessors across the U.S. see this happen in Newark, they will believe that the same thing can and will happen in their

cities. This will truly be a landmark event that brings our nation one giant step closer to the radical transformation that Harvest Evangelism believes is possible.

If you have already signed up to adopt a street in Newark, we thank you and will be in touch with you soon by email or phone. But if you have not yet requested a street for adoption, this would be a perfect time to do so. It's very easy to do—simply sign up through our www.prayfornewark.org website, or mail in one of the Adopt-A-Street request forms that you received in Jacksonville. You can also write a personal request to PrayForNewark volunteers by emailing them at prayfornewark@gmail.com.

When *the grace inside Newark* is released by *the grace outside the city*—the daily prayers of Christians like yourself—know that you will begin to see what happens when this “Detonator City” comes into alignment with the Covenant purpose envisioned by its Founders in 1666: That Newark will be “as nearly as possible a Kingdom of God on earth.”

Can an abandoned city like Newark be transformed? The Bible assures us that this is possible. Isaiah 62:10-12 exhorts us to “build up the highway” that leads to the desolate city. When believers like ourselves do this, we can confidently hope to see results:

*They will be called the Holy People,
The redeemed of the Lord;
And you will be called Sought After,
The City No Longer Deserted (62:12, NIV)*

Thank you for considering to partner with us to see 100% of Newark’s streets adopted in the coming months. *As you pray for a street in Newark, be assured that God will do the “greater things” He promises, both in Newark and in your own city.*

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“And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness.” —Isaiah 35:8, NIV.