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David and Debbie Looper are transitioning to Huntsville, Alabama. For the past three years they have served Grace World with both honor and humility as our connection and care pastors. They have built a tremendous ministry that welcomes our new guests through Next Steps, hosts our congregation on Sundays, and offers care throughout the week when individuals and families are facing their own adversity. Both have demonstrated what it means to be "Jesus with skin on". They will be greatly missed.

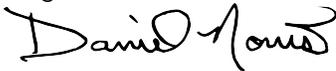
When I arrived at Grace World, David's resume was waiting on my desk. He and Debbie felt the Lord's call to come and serve at this house. With no offer of a job, they both plugged into the church and began to serve with an uncommon love. When we began the search for a Pastoral Care Pastor, it was apparent God had already sent His choice. I cannot imagine having come through 2020 and the pandemic without them. David embodies what it means to be a pastor. His love for people and his ability to empathize in their time need is a gift I admire. Debbie's ability to reach the down and out, her boldness to share hard but needed truth, and her gifts of administration make them a dynamic couple in the kingdom of God. I know they were sent by God for such a time as this!

Jenna and I have known this transition was coming for about two months. The Lord gave us both separate dreams, and other significant confirmations that He is in this. David and Debbie have shared with me the need to be closer to their family, especially their beautiful grandson. Alongside that, David has received and accepted a position with the Huntsville Dream Center where he will be working with the church and city to help provide relief to the growing homeless crisis there. No doubt they will thrive in this role!

I know this news saddens us, as we will have to say goodbye. However, the news also excites us as David and Debbie, who will always be part of the Grace World family, are carrying a part of us north to Alabama to grow the kingdom there.

Their tentative last day will be September 15. We look forward to celebrating them in their transition. David and Debbie, we love you and honor you! I say, "surely the best is yet to come!" We pray God's richest blessings upon the both of you as you continue to say YES to Jesus!

Together In The Harvest,



Pastor Daniel K Norris

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