Church Planting Update:
Kairos Community in Lancaster, CA

“We are a network of Neighborhood Churches (NCs) that meet together for corporate worship Sunday nights in a Foursquare Church’s building. This past year, we planted two new NCs and helped transition a 60-year-old Baptist church into a new season of ministry with us. We relocated their small gathering (15–20) from a rented space to an independent senior living community where we now minister to and integrate our church with seniors, ages 85 and up.

Through V3/BGAV, we have been able to fund these new church plants and have grown in equipping our leaders for mission and spiritual formation. We baptized nine adults in 2016 and would love to double that number. Recently, we experienced several seekers—a gay, agnostic man; a Mormon convert; two former pastors who were burned out from exploitive church leadership practices; a Jewish/Buddhist family in the throes of trauma; and a newly relocated, single Christian woman—all engaging with our community and taking steps towards Jesus and his Kingdom.
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Young church members stuff toiletry bags to distribute to the community.

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