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We are hard at work uncovering the stories of God's salvation taking shape in Chicago:

- Organic churches and networks are springing up in neighborhoods all over the city, and people are coming back to God and God's family.
- A movement called The Pray4Chicago Project is saturating the city in prayer and re-imagining how to join God in mission work in every city neighborhood. We're working on a "spiritual map" of Chicago.
- Men and women in groups of 2 and 3 are coming around the Scriptures, confession, and prayer in listening to God and doing what he says.
- Resources and events in leadership, spiritual formation and missional church planting are stimulating new growth among organic churches in the city.
- Divine compassion to practicing pagans, ex-convicts, homeless, Chinese immigrants, atheists, and the most vulnerable people.

## THE CENTRALITY OF CHRIST

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### OFF RHYTHM

With as many seismic changes in our world today, it is becoming increasingly clear the profound sin-sickness that permeates our planet. We have observed that rhythms repeating around this pervasive sickness sow seeds of destruction, slowly growing "fruit" that leads to death, physically and spiritually. In the city of Chicago, we have observed these rhythms manifested in gang-violence, addiction (especially drugs, overeating and work) and brokenness in families and government systems.



*An art model off rhythm that was addicted to heroine.*



*Chicago Avenue near I-90/I-94.*

### THE PATTERNS OF JESUS CHRIST

The Good News is that people are acutely aware of this chasm that separates themselves from God, and all across the globe, men and women desire to find God – even if they don't know where to look. Even with 5 out of 6 Americans not a part of the Church, there is a profound desperation for God and his lifestyle of intimacy, wholeness and salvation from the sickness of sin. God's rhythms bring life to people in cities; we join God in modeling rhythms of life to people in our context, and we would like to invite you to join us in this as well.



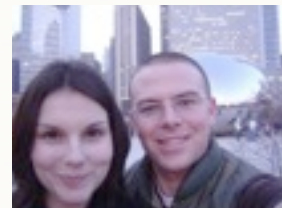
*A flower with the patterns repeating around the center.*



*Expressions of the patterns of Jesus Christ in the life of people.*

### VISION FOR A NEW RHYTHM

We (Katrina and Mark Willis of GodGrown Missions) live as learners of God in the middle of one of the most complex mission fields in the world: urban Chicago. Alongside a growing team of friends, we are sharing the bread God has given us with the rest of the city. Through modeling rhythms of God's life in the urban context, we are sparking a movement of love and transformation at every level across the region. Our vision is to see a vibrant family of Jesus Christ in close reach, culturally and geographically, of every person in the city.



*Willis family at Millennium Park*



*Mark Willis (detail). Graphite on paper. by Katrina Willis*