

The lead pastor of Norkenzie Christian Church in Eugene, Oregon, announced to his congregation on Sunday, July 4, 2010, that their Worship Director, Chip Demetri, would be moving his family to St. Louis, Missouri and taking a new job as Director of Worship at Greentree Community Church. The announcement read as follows:

*Four years ago I was looking for a Worship Director. God gave me a friend and a brother in Chip. I am full of gratitude ... I am grateful for the friendship and brotherhood. I am grateful for the ministry that we've shared. I am a better preacher because of Chip's ministry. I have grown as a leader during these 4 years. I am grateful that Chip and Peggy are a part of my story and the story of Norkenzie. So while there is sadness, there is much to celebrate! I intend for us to celebrate Chip and Peggy here in July. They will be with us through the end of this month.*

*I learned about the church in St. Louis from Chip and then I went and checked them out online! It is inspiring what they are doing in the Name of Christ there and it does not surprise me that Chip and Peggy have been drawn to them. The ministry they are doing is consistent with who the Demetris are and God's call on their lives. The church in St. Louis is only 12 years old, but they have planted 4 daughter churches. They are very involved in neighborhood renewal projects and other outreaches. I am inspired and drawn there too ... but there's no way I'm living in St. Louis! :) (Enjoy that heat, Chip!)*

*This truly is a wonderful opportunity for the Demetris and their extended family. Now grandparents and cousins will be just a day's drive away.*

*So this month we will celebrate with the Demetris and will send them off with our love and blessing.*