

# A MONTH OF MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

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This was written 9 years ago for a chapter in Reggie McNeal's book called *Missional Communities*. A lot about our lives has changed, but our priorities have remained the same.

Where: South End of Tacoma (ethnically and economically diverse, fairly blue collar).

Who: Todd and Hannah Morr with their 4 kids between 7 months and 7 years old. Hannah is a stay at home Mom.

We lead an MC that includes 4 other adult couples that have 8 more kids between them, so we have 10 adults and 12 kids (11 of them are 7 years old and under). We moved to Tacoma 2 ½ years ago, and we've helped multiply 2 times, from our original MC. Our current MC has been together for a year plus, and we're hoping to multiply in the next few months.

Our South End City Group currently has 7 MC's.

A "normal" month in the life of our MC is messy and chaotic, as we try to balance the demands of living out our Biblical Identities of family, missionary, servant, and learner, as we work, parent (4 small children), try to love each other as spouses, disciple our MC, and demonstrate and proclaim the gospel to our neighbors. It's a sometimes tiring and demanding way to live, but very, very rich at the same time!

## WEEK 1

- **Monday:** Hannah organizes play date with some MC moms and some non-Christian neighbor moms. At night Todd plays basketball with guys from South End City Group and a non-Christian friend.
- **Wednesday:** MC has meal together, catches up on each other's lives, and discusses 1 of the 4 G's (God is great, good, gracious, and glorious).
- **Thursday:** Todd meets with his DNA, while Hannah watches the kids. (Todd will watch the kids next week.)
- **Friday:** Todd and Hannah have non-Christian friends over (who have 2 kids) to grill and hang out.
- **Saturday (day):** Todd mows the grass for the single mom next door, while he's mowing his own grass.
- **Sunday:** Todd and Hannah participate in the Sunday morning gathering and sit with others from their MC.

## WEEK 2

- **Monday:** Hannah organizes play date with some MC moms and some non-Christian neighbor moms. At night Todd and Hannah and some others from their MC with others from the South End City Group help host a meal and Life Skills evening for homeless families and single moms connected with 2 partner organizations of Soma.
- **Tuesday:** Hannah takes extra cookies she has baked to non-Christian neighbors next door.



- **Wednesday:** MC has meal together, catches up on each other's lives, and discusses 1 of the 4 G's (God is great, good, gracious, and glorious). We finish with prayer and some discussion about future opportunities to influence neighbors.
- **Thursday:** Hannah meets with her DNA, while Todd watches the kids.
- **Saturday:** Todd and Hannah buy and drop off groceries for 1 of 2 single moms that their MC has "adopted". At night Todd and Hannah invite non-Christian neighbors over for dessert and yard games (bean bag toss).
- **Sunday:** Todd and Hannah participate in the Sunday morning gathering and sit with others from their MC. At night Todd and Hannah participate in monthly training for MC leaders with all of the Soma MC leaders.

### WEEK 3

- **Monday:** Hannah organizes 2 weeks' worth of meals for a non-Christian mom, who has just had a baby. Other women from the MC and from the South End City Group help in preparing and delivering the meals. At night Todd plays basketball with guys from South End City Group and a non-Christian friend.
- **Wednesday:** MC has meal together, catches up on each other's lives, and discusses 1 of the 4 G's (God is great, good, gracious, and glorious). We finish with prayer and share some stories about recent opportunities we've had to speak with and influence our non-Christian neighbors.
- **Thursday:** Todd meets with his DNA, while Hannah watches the kids.
- **Friday:** Todd and Hannah meet with a couple in their MC for counseling, who are having marital problems.
- **Saturday:** Todd and Hannah go for a walk at the waterfront with their kids and their non-Christian friends and their kids. Todd mows the grass for the single mom next door, while he's mowing his own grass.
- **Sunday:** Todd and Hannah participate in the Sunday morning gathering and sit with others from their MC.

### WEEK 4

- **Monday:** Hannah organizes play date with some MC moms and some non-Christian neighbor moms.
- **Wednesday:** MC has meal together, catches up on each other's lives, and discusses 1 of the 4 G's (God is great, good, gracious, and glorious). We finish with prayer and some discussion about future opportunities to influence neighbors.
- **Thursday:** Hannah meets with her DNA, while Todd watches the kids.
- **Friday:** Todd and Hannah have non-Christian friends over to grill and play with their kids (on the trampoline).
- **Saturday:** Guys from the MC go hiking together.
- **Sunday:** Todd and Hannah participate in the Sunday morning gathering and sit with others from their MC. At night Todd and Hannah meet with the other leaders from the South End City Group to further discuss the training that was presented in week #2 of the MC Leader training.

