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The overloaded moving truck swayed dangerously as we rounded a tight curve on Route 20. “That’s one way to find out the max curve speed,” I thought to myself. A few minutes later we were plowing through six inches of snow and skidding to a halt alarmingly close to double-parked cars on East 22nd Street in Jersey City, NJ. Linda and I were home.



That was 1994. Our move to New Jersey to start what would become New City Kids was 25 years ago this month, and this year New City Kids celebrates 25 years of impact. Both of those moments in the truck are kind of

metaphors for what has unfolded by God's grace. In a way, they could be chapters in the story God is writing. "Testing Max Curve Speed." "Getting Through the Storm." I can think of many other chapter headings as well: "Trusting Teens with Leadership," "How Obstacles Become Opportunities," "Fighting Over Post-it Notes with Your Spouse," and probably the most important "Persevering Until the Breakthrough."

Linda and I arrived in New Jersey with no core team, no building, no strategic plan, no staff, no logic model—only the openness you have when you know you're about to embark on your life's calling and you sense God is inviting you into something that feels at once beautiful and impossible. Since that time God has been abundantly faithful! He has brought us people that were smarter than us, more charismatic, people who were far more mature at their age than we were (who probably know max curve speeds), people who were sold out for Christ, people who had great ideas and people who were willing to come along for the journey. Together we created New City Kids.

Today, New City Kids reaches 500 children and teens per day, 240 days per year. We employ 65 adults and 205 teens in three cities who together lead over 300 younger children each day.

Over the next several months we will be telling parts of the story and inviting you—our faithful prayer partners and supporters—to relive some of the moments along the way and help us prepare for the next 25 years of impact.

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