



## Kenneth Ortiz

HORIZON CITY CHURCH

### About the Family

Malaina and I, along with our two young kids, moved from Minnesota to Florida in June 2023 to launch Horizon City. I was a pastor at Cities Church in St. Paul and professor at Bethlehem College and Seminary. Malaina was previously a missionary to France and then worked as a college recruiter for several years in Minnesota.

I have been dreaming of church planting since my college days—more than 20 years ago—and Malaina has become my biggest supporter. We are currently recruiting a launch team to be part of this church plant. We are hoping to launch in fall 2024.

### About My Church Plant

We are seeking to launch a new church in the west Orlando area. Orlando is the #1 most visited city in the world and the third fastest growing city in the USA. The greater Orlando region is the most de-churched urban center in the USA. We lead the nation in percentage of people who have walked away from the Christian faith. Orlando metro is one of the top 10 most ethnically diverse regions in the country, and Orlando has been voted the “most gay friendly” city in America for 10 consecutive years.

Orlando is also quite transient. We’d love to launch a church that makes disciples, and then, as those disciples move to other parts of the country, they will take the gospel with them. We will have a heavy emphasis on teaching and personal evangelism. Learn more at: [www.horizoncitychurch.com/prospectus](http://www.horizoncitychurch.com/prospectus).

Find out how you can  
**Pray.**  
**Participate.**  
**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

Please pray God would bring us qualified men to be elders. Pray for evangelism opportunities and ask God to soften the hearts of those unbelievers we'll talk to. Pray for a like-minded music/worship leader. Pray for our finances as we're in the process of raising a significant amount of money to accomplish what we believe the Lord has called us to do. Pray for our launch team; ask God to give them grace in this season and ask God to continue to bring the right people. Pray for a location. We have looked at 29 different potential locations for our worship gatherings but none of them are a great options. For updated prayer requests, visit [horizoncitychurch.com/pray](http://horizoncitychurch.com/pray).

#### PARTICIPATE

Build relationships with missionaries and their families.  
Send notes of encouragement.  
Learn birthdays and anniversaries, so you can send gifts and cards.

#### PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.  
Support a missionary financially.