

## **The Open Table report**

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We are slowly moving ahead with our own 2nd Open Table here at Ghent. I have 5 members for that Table, but am waiting on the 6th member. I have put out the calls but have not heard from anyone yet. I'm hoping that will happen soon. When we can identify that person, we will be ready to train and then start! Please pray for this to happen sooner than later! It takes about 9 weeks to train and get it up and running, so finding someone soon is definitely important. Projecting forward, I hope we will be up and running by mid-August/ beginning of Sept. This may mean finding an appropriate location for the meetings since we may be able to meet in person, which is a plus. That location may be our church, but it will depend upon our friend's available transportation and location preference.

The big news on the horizon is that The Open Table is now expanding into the healthcare system with a pilot project in Maryland called Network Table. The Open Table will be working through a health care clinic out of a place in Maryland called Stonewall. This is very exciting in that it expands this model into other areas of care that are so needed all over our country. It will be interesting to see how this goes since we might eventually have Tables like this in our area. For information, please ask Lisa King ([office@ghentumc.org](mailto:office@ghentumc.org)) to send you the announcement.

Submitted with Loving Kindness,

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