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Developing Urban Churches

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Souls on Fire, Crossroads' student ministry, continues to grow! Students have placed their trust in Christ, obeyed in baptism and are sharing their faith with



friends. They are learning to live on mission in the schools they attend. Christ is being represented in public schools in Philadelphia and Bucks county. Others bear witness in a variety of charter schools. And, some shine in Christian schools in the city. Please pray for these students with us. Ask the Lord to grow them in their understanding of His word and strengthen them as they take a stand among their peers.

Last month, students helped put together a community outreach. With direction from their leaders, they hosted Crossroads' Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. It was fun watching students and adults working together to develop contacts with neighbors. A beautiful fall day helped! Ask the Lord to use these kind of contact development events to lead some to trust Christ. Pray for continued growth in the congregation.

This month, Crossroads plans to host threefold communion and a community Thanksgiving Eve service. Please pray that the Lord would be honored by His people.



Thank you for supporting MetroGrace this month! Please include this cut-off with your next gift and use the back to indicate any changes to your contact information.

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Word of Grace Church is grateful for God's provision through His churches! In the past several months, the Lord has provided about \$16,000 to replace the roof on the building of this urban church!

In order to provide protection from autumn rains, the roofing company was willing to complete the job and accept payments for the remaining balance. Some damaged wood brought the total to \$21,000. So the small congregation needs to discover an additional \$5,000 to cover the cost. Could the Lord use you to help? Let's ask the Lord to eliminate this expense before the end of the year! Just mark your gift, "Roof".



Please continue to pray for Pastor Pete and Danielle Forshtay and their ministry partners, Anthony and Katie Elliott. Recently, Bless Philadelphia, a community development corporation, approved a proposal from the Elliotts to lead Financial Peace University classes for the neighborhood. Please ask the Lord to bless the neighbors through their service. And, please pray that Christians in community churches would find financial freedom, becoming better equipped to support the work of the Lord.



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Leadership Development at Citylight

One of my daily prayers is that God would raise up a new generation of leaders so that the Gospel is preserved at Citylight and that she remains a light in the community until Christ returns. I've started a weekly Thursday night Bible study with men who are hungry to not just learn the Scriptures, but also to share it with others. Would you be in prayer along with me that God would develop some of these men into leaders who will stand firm and fast in their relationship with Christ through the hardness of life?

Anticipation for the Future

Along with the raising up of leaders, we're committed to making membership a priority, especially in our current culture where it seems many give pause before formally committing in membership to a local church. We have our largest group of Intro to Citylight participants ever, and we're praying that many of them would choose to take the step of membership.



Thank you for your prayers. My family is doing well, and we're enjoying life together. Owen's health is improving. Both Owen and Jenna continue to build relationships with those who are not following Jesus and have had opportunities to talk to their friends about Jesus. Pray that their witness continues to be filled with grace and truth.

This Thanksgiving—We're grateful for each MetroGrace Partner who makes our ministry possible!