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Developing Urban Churches

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Developing an urban church requires evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, prayer, congregational worship and more.

It means sharing life with a group of friends that become like family. Often we describe our congregations as our church family.

Last month some guys from Word of Grace got together to hang out, eat and share life. It was a great opportunity for men to build relationships. Those friendships help brothers celebrate joyful times and help during challenges.



Pray for the young leaders at Word of Grace. Ask the Lord to continue growing them. Pray for a developing group of young men following the Lord. Ask the Lord to raise up new leaders from the harvest.

Could the Lord use you to help develop a church in the city? Philadelphia is not far from the ocean. Come serve in the city and enjoy the South Jersey shore!

Last month we shared a need to replace the roof at Word of Grace. Toward that end, we hope to raise \$20,000 to cover that expense. Praise the Lord! Some funds have already come to help with the project.

Could the Lord use you, your small group or your church family to help? Let's encourage Pastor Pete Forshtay and his church family by giving generously to advance the gospel in the city. You can simply mark your gift as "Roof". Or, you can give online at www.metrograce.org.



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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Pete and Danielle Forshtay	\$ _____
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All-Church Camping Trip

We've formed a tradition over the last half-dozen years of an annual all-church camping trip. A service is held back in our area, but a large percentage of our people head to the woods for the weekend to connect over campfires, hikes, and other activities. The time has been instrumentally used by God to deepen relationships as well as introduce new people

into our church family. Many from our church have utilized this opportunity to bring in friends, neighbors, and family who aren't currently part of our church. Pray that relationships would deepen even more throughout the normal day-to-day.



Upcoming Baptisms

As people start following Christ with their lives, it's a joy to hear of their journey as they commit to Jesus. We have four people lined up to take the step of baptism, where they will publicly testify to others in our church family of their faith in Jesus for the salvation of their souls. Seeing the Gospel change lives never gets old. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would work on other lives as we continue to share the Gospel here in Allentown.



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Last month the Care Team from Crossroads held a baby shower for two Congolese women who are expecting babies this summer. It was a joy to celebrate life with neighbors that the Lord brought to us from the other side of the world. Please pray for salvation, growth and safe deliveries as these children arrive.



We're grateful for partners in the Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Charis churches. This month, Crossroads plans to send a group of children to Camp Conquest, one of those partners in Lancaster County Pennsylvania.

Camp Conquest has a great program that shares the gospel with those who need Jesus and disciples those who've come to know Christ.

The leaders, counselors and staff do a wonderful job in sharing God's love with children. Please pray for significant growth for all who attend.

Thank you for sharing to help make this possible!

Thanks for helping us develop urban churches!