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About a year and a half ago, twin brothers and their friend went to play basketball at a local playground. While there, they met some teenage girls from Crossroads. The girls invited them to the Souls



on Fire youth ministry; they began attending regularly. They began to attend morning worship services. Later, the twins' mother began attending worship, too. Earlier this year one of the twins, William, trusted Christ and was baptized. Last month, his brother Daniel trusted Christ and was baptized, too. Their lives have been changed for all eternity because a teenage girl invited them to church.

Who could you invite to come meet Jesus?

Pearl's journey began in California. She was born into a Mexican-American family with deep roots in a performance-oriented church. Questioning the basis of that faith, her spiritual search led her toward Buddhism. She practiced Buddhism for some time. Life circumstances led Pearl to Philadelphia and the Lord led her to Crossroads. Her initial interest was cut short by a sharp reaction to a missionary update that the church printed. She left for a while; but, the Lord brought her back. Recently, Pearl trust Christ for salvation.



Last month, she professed her faith in baptism. She has been eagerly working through the Growing in Christ course with Carmen, a trusted mentor. They have been meeting in the conference room at Pearl's place of work. When a co-worker wondered about what they were doing, Pearl invited her to join them. Recently, the co-worker attended worship at Crossroads with her family. Please pray for Angela, Kayla, Gabriella and Hope.

Could the Lord use you to touch lives in your workplace?

Thank you for investing in urban churches! Our people are sharing the gospel on the playground, at work and through consistent ministries of the church.



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Although it comes with its own challenges, having a building has been a blessing. We continue to see visitors from our community who are not connected to any church.

Having a place to welcome them, instruct their kids and train them for ministry has encouraged us. We know that a building is just a tool, but so far, in just over 2 years, it's been a good tool for evangelism and discipleship. God has also been providing for building renovation costs. Please pray that we will be able to raise the funds to rehab the annex portion of our building which currently is unused.

Each fall, our leaders have a 2-day planning time to evaluate the past year and move forward with ideas and goals for ministry. We recognized that we need to work on a specific structure of discipleship that will equip people for daily ministry and passing along faith that is firmly rooted in Jesus to the next generations. Due to the work schedules and life commitments of most of our people, Sundays seem to be the best day to add a teaching opportunity. I guess that is why a Sunday School model was formed in the recent history of the church? Please keep us in prayer as we seek to disciple people for the work of the ministry, balancing erratic work schedules with the need to teach God's Word in more than our Sunday preaching time with scattered Bible studies throughout the week.



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The Lord continues to use Word of Grace to impact young adults and families in the Wissinoming neighborhood of Philadelphia.



Their faithful ministry led to three baptisms last month. One young father was able to baptize his two daughters. And, Pastor Pete was able to baptize his daughter, Pearl. Consistent teaching of God's word, regular outreach in the community and building meaningful relationships allows the gospel to change lives and impact families.

Toward that end, Word of Grace began a new study in the book of Proverbs. Families who apply biblical wisdom know and grow in God's word. In addition, Anthony Elliott leads a midweek Bible study using The Gospel Primer to help establish disciples.



And, the congregation sponsored a community outreach, connecting with families in the neighborhood by passing out candy and cocoa.

Thanks for developing urban churches!