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Family & Friends

Last month, Crossroads hosted Family and Friends Day. The congregation invited folks to gather for worship and share lunch.



The church family shared testimonies about the Blessing of Family, Friendship and Church. And, we learned about Friendship with God.



Many guests and first-time visitors participated. The church family was excited to see the new facility filled with worshippers. Additional tables and chairs had to be set to accommodate the luncheon.



The Nations Nearby—As sometimes happens, the Lord brought a family that day that had no knowledge of the event. They had arrived from Africa just two weeks earlier. They were being housed at a building near the church. The parents and two teenage sons walked to church, participated in worship and stayed for lunch.

After the service, it was discovered that they spoke only Swahili. We did our best with a translation app on a phone. We found out that they were in need of food. So, the family was taken to a supermarket where they could select some items. They were delighted to see a plentiful supply of fresh fruits and vegetables. They stocked up on items like flour and rice. And the boys were thrilled



to get some Reese's Cups and Snickers bars. Once the items had been loaded up, the family was driven home. As the truck was being unloaded, some young women and several



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young children came to help. We realized that the need was even greater than suspected. Once the truck was empty, the mother looked up, pointed to heaven and folded her hands in prayer.



We were able to pray for her family and entrust them to God's gracious care. Please pray with us.

Camp Conquest—Our ministry to students is growing! This year Crossroads hopes to send at least nine children to camp. Parents will contribute and the congregation will help, but the cost is significant. Could the Lord use you to help children attend a week of camp? Simply mark **"Camp"** under "Other" on your gift. Thanks!



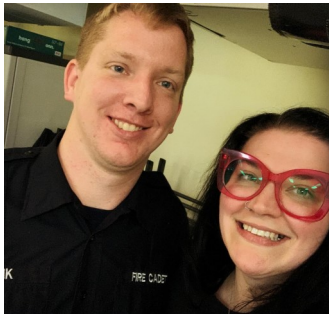
Pastor Pete Forshtay—peteforshtay@gmail.com

Pete and Danielle Forshtay continue to lead Word of Grace Church in the Wissinoming section of Philadelphia. It's great to see disciples growing in their walk with the Lord! Gerry has been worshipping, growing through discipleship and

serving regularly at the church. Recently, he was accepted into the Philadelphia Fire Academy and is training to be a firefighter. Let's praise the Lord for His work and pray for continued growth.



Max works at a neighborhood gym where Pete and Anthony Elliott exercise. When they learned that Max was an unchurched, new believer, they invited him to a worship service. He's been attending regularly. And, Anthony hopes to help Max prepare for baptism soon. Please pray for continued growth. Pray, too, for a young Muslim man at the gym who has expressed interest in learning about Jesus.



Pastor Rick Dobrowolski—rickdob7@icloud.com

Food & Fellowship—Our new place has brought opportunities for us to linger in each other's presence without the need to setup and tear down each week. One of our favorite spots is our new Cafe area. We don't have a kitchen area yet, but we do have this space to do coffee & tea while we fellowship with one another. We continue to find ways to use the building as a tool to do ministry.



Community Visitors—Each week, we've had new visitors from our surrounding community stopping by to see what our church is about. It's been a joy to see how welcoming our church family is to new people. We've quickly realized that Citylight is not a place to go and hide from others while you gather to worship. Most visitors are welcomed by many, and typically will be invited to lunch with someone by the end of their first visit. We've also seen some of those continue to attend week-to-week, joining us in worship and hearing the Word of God preached.

Thanks for all you do to help develop urban churches!