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Now the building delivers messages of grace, encourages the Lord's forces and offers the refreshment of Living Water.

It is a very useful ministry tool for Word of Grace!

The time has come to replace the roof on the church. The current roof is more than thirty years old. It's been coated and patched and coated some more. It really needs an entirely new roofing system. A local contractor is able to replace and warrant the roof for \$20,000.

Word of Grace Church is housed in a building that has been a central part of the Wissinoming neighborhood for over a century.

The facility was built for the U.S. Post Office in 1906. Later, it was home to an American Legion post. And then, the building was used to produce and sell water ice, a favorite neighborhood treat.



While that's a reasonable price to replace a church roof, it's still a significant sum for a small congregation. The church has saved some money; they continue to collect more. Some area churches have expressed a desire to help.

And, MetroGrace plans to provide some funds, too.

**Could the Lord use you to help replace the roof at Word of Grace Church?**

Your support would be a great encouragement to Pastor Pete and Danielle

Forshtay and their team. Simply mark your gift as "Roof" and it will be used to help this urban congregation. Please continue to pray for Word of Grace Church as they advance the gospel in they city.



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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my gift to support:

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### Leadership Development

We find that one of the hardest aspects of urban church planting (& maybe this is true in all places) is the development of leaders -- both in the current generation and in the next. We're praying that, as our current leaders equip members for the work of the ministry, others would rise up to assist and to eventually take our place. Our prayer is that God would use Citylight

to plant another urban church within the next five years. Please pray along with us. I admit that I grow discouraged from time to time, thinking that is an audacious goal when we are not even financially self-sufficient, yet I acknowledge that our great God can supply each and every need to make a future church plant a reality. One of the keys to that will be new leadership.

### The Community is Coming

Visitors are finding their way through our doors each and every week. Most have recently moved into the area or are excited about no longer having to drive out of their community to gather with a church. We also had a nearby church direct some of their people towards us, as they had people driving from our area to gather with them.

I'm excited to see the kingdom vision of that church.



**Pastor Jim Brown—jabrown215@yahoo.com**

James Arleth leads Congregational Care at Crossroads. He directs efforts to assess needs, gather resources and encourage those in the church family.



The Care Team is working with a Congolese family that recently arrived in the neighborhood. Four members of the family attended worship for the first time in February. It was discovered that they spoke only Swahili.



The team made contact with Snyder Avenue Congregational Church in South Philadelphia. David Grainge, a Grace Seminary graduate, leads the church. They have a ministry to Swahili speakers. Pastor Solomon and others from the church helped the Crossroads Care Team communicate with the family, learning about some needs.

Last month, Donna Adamoli and Cindy Jaslow from Crossroads collected many of

the items that were needed. The family was overjoyed by the outpouring of love.

Two Congolese women expect to deliver babies this summer. The Care Team plans to host a baby shower to help these young mothers. Please pray for this multi-generational family of seventeen. We're still struggling with communication. But the grandmother requested a Swahili Bible and Hymn Book.

Please pray for conversions and growing disciples.



**Thanks for helping us develop urban churches!**