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Developing Urban Churches

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**Pastor Rick Dobrowolski—rickdob7@icloud.com**

When people take public steps of faith, God uses those moments to embolden others in their journey of following Jesus. Citylight was privileged to baptize four individuals last month, delighting in hearing stories of God's faithfulness in drawing their hearts into relationship with him. Normally, we have baptisms in a borrowed pool or in another church's auditorium, but this time we took our baptism to an area creek. The weather was incredible, complete with sunrays streaming down through breaks in the clouds to cast the creek in an interesting light. All those present were spiritually refreshed, and our hope is that more would take the step of public profession of their internal belief. These are the events that truly warm one's heart to continue in ministry in our city. Thanks for your prayers.



**Pastor Pete Forshtay—peteforshtay@gmail.com**



Growing urban churches find creative ways to welcome others into the church family. Last month, Word of Grace gathered to enjoy ice cream and play some games. Pastor Pete arranged for an ice cream truck to serve treats at the building. It was a great time for friends to connect and share life together. Please pray for continued growth.



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Wissinoming is a densely populated neighborhood in Philadelphia. It is home to more than 23,000 residents. Pastor Pete and Danielle Forshtay and their ministry partners, Anthony and Katie Elliott are serving the Lord to reach their neighbors. Some have already come to Christ! They've been baptized. They are growing in discipleship. But, there are many more to reach.

God has blessed Word of Grace Church with a useful facility in the center of the community. But it needs a new roof; the cost is \$20,000.

**Would you pray with us for God's provision?**

So far, He has supplied about \$10,000 toward this goal. Praise the Lord!

**Could God use you, your small group or your congregation to help?**

Simply mark your gift as, "Roof"



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

Crossroads was able to help eight students attend Camp Conquest last month!

**Thank you for giving to impact the lives of young people!**

Two teens from our Souls on Fire ministry attended earlier in the month. Emelina had not attended Sunday worship, she only participated in Friday night youth ministries. While at camp, she trusted Jesus Christ for salvation! Since then, she has attended Sunday worship with her mother. And, she has begun working through *Growing in Christ*, a discipleship tool used at Crossroads.



Her friend Faith, who invited her to youth group and camp, had a great experience, too! She'd like to participate in Camp Conquest's counselor training program next year. Please pray for these students as they live out their faith at their public high school in Philadelphia. Please pray for Mike & Margarete Connor and Souls on Fire as they minister to students this fall.

As this newsletter goes to press, six younger students are growing at

Camp Conquest, too. Three of those students know the Lord as their Savior. Each of them is already serving the Lord at Crossroads. We're praying for open hearts that will follow closely after Jesus. Three of those students are not a part of Crossroads, yet. We're praying that each one would trust Jesus for salvation and grow in their walk with Him. And, we're praying that their parents would draw close to the Lord, too. At MetroGrace, we're thankful for the Charis Fellowship! We're grateful for the opportunity to partner with other ministries to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Camp Conquest and the Northern Atlantic Charis Fellowship have been a blessing to our urban churches!

**Thanks for helping us to serve in the city!**

