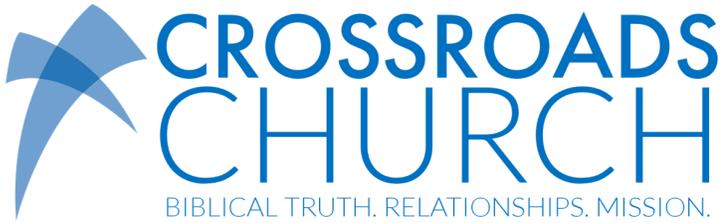


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Like many in the northeastern United States, Crossroads dealt with a significant amount of snow. Older American cities with small streets and limited parking have a difficult time clearing and disposing of snow. Praise the Lord that all were kept safe! Spring will be especially welcome this year!

Crossroads Men met for breakfast last month. It was a good time for fellowship and focus. Please pray that more men would pursue biblical manhood. Ask the Lord to help Christian men to reject passivity, accept responsibility and lead courageously.

Crossroads Women gathered last month, too. A growing group of ladies enjoys regular fellowship and service. In February they worked together to print T-shirts for Souls on Fire, the youth ministry at Crossroads.

The Crossroads Ministry Team gathered last month, too. The church family is working together on three outreach ministries during the spring and summer.

And, they registered fifteen students for Camp Conquest this summer. It's exciting to see God using a camp in the country to touch the lives of urban children and teens. This year, one teen plans to serve as a camp counselor. And, another teen hopes to serve with STACC, a four week training program. If you'd like to help a child attend Camp Conquest, please mark your gift for "Camp". In March, the congregation will invite friends and family for a special worship service and lunch. Please ask the Lord to use this event to introduce people to Christ.



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It's been an unusual winter

With the intense cold, snow, and icing over the last month, we decided to rally our team and head out more often and with more consistency. Area organizations who serve the unhoused have been hit hard with funding, but, by God's grace, we've still had some funds in reserve for this ministry.



Pictured with me is Nani Cuadrado, an area physician assistant who's gone from work in the emergency room, to working with street medicine, to now globally training people on how to work in trauma-informed ways with those who have been sexually and/or labor trafficked. The first time I went into a local camp--Nani is the one who took me. Since leaving Street Medicine two years ago, she hadn't been back to a camp herself until she became a part of our church family. I'm excited that God has led her to us and am hopeful that she will be able to provide additional support and leadership as we work with vulnerable populations.

Pray for those we work with. Represented in that group is a man who recently had to have a double amputation--pray

for him as he recovers from the surgery. Pray also for a woman who is pregnant and due in May. The camps keep growing in number as housing costs continue to increase and all of life gets more expensive.

As always, thanks for your prayers, both for our church as we minister here and for our voice as we seek to address the needs of those who don't have a voice to bring about change for themselves.



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Please continue to pray for Pastor Pete and Danielle Forshtay as they serve the Lord in the Wissinoming neighborhood of Philadelphia.

Pete is one of those guys who loves the snow. While many are complaining, he is rejoicing. Winter weather brings opportunities for ministry. He has been using activities like shoveling with the neighbors and playing with Pearl as ways to connect with others. Pray for continued growth in community connections that lead others to Christ.



Throughout the month, Word of Grace has been studying the parables about the Kingdom in Matthew. The congregation has been challenged to act like leaven, permeating their relationships with the gospel. Please ask the Lord to use this church family to make an impact in Philadelphia.



Thank you for helping us develop urban churches!