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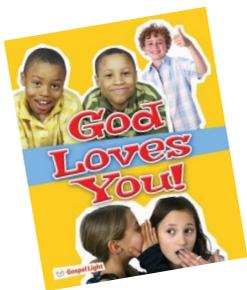
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MetroGrace connects **supporting, serving** and **stationed** partners to develop gospel-centered, community-based churches in urban neighborhoods.



Crossroads Holmesburg continues to impact its community. Neighbors gather for worship services each Sunday. The Kingdom Kids ministry serves children and their families each week. Teens are being reached every Wednesday. A Life Group meets in a neighborhood home. Al-anon meets at the church each Wednesday. Brazilian Baptist Church holds worship services in Portuguese at the facility on Saturday nights. And Bible Babes meets monthly to help women know and grow in the Lord. Please pray for this congregation as they serve their community.

Thrive, the youth ministry at Crossroads, meets at Holmesburg each week. Pete and Danielle Forshtay serve with their team to help teens come to know Jesus as Savior, grow in their relationship with Him and serve in their local church. Each week nearly twenty teens gather to learn from God's word, share life and have some fun. Recently, the group had a great time visiting a corn maze. And last month, teens did a wonderful job serving at a fellowship dinner. Please pray for teens dealing with the challenges of life in the city.



Our team continues to reach out in the neighborhood of Bridesburg, too. Last month, we were able to connect with children and their families by passing out candy, gospel booklets and invitations to worship. Pray that those contacts would result in conversions, baptisms and established disciples.

A growing charter school is located near our facility. Ask the Lord to enable our team to connect with students, families and staff.



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This month, Crossroads Bridesburg plans to use its facility to host elections for the City of Philadelphia. Pray that neighbors who come to vote would connect with our team and return for worship and other events. We're grateful for the generous support of God's people that enabled us to install a new HVAC unit in this facility last month. Praise the Lord for His provision!



Pete Forshtay grew up in Fremont Ohio. Kevin Pinkerton, Lead Pastor at Grace Community Church, has been great at encouraging Pete's urban ministry. Last summer, Zach Pinkerton brought a team to serve at Crossroads Wissinoming. They did a great job! They provided manual labor, reached out to neighbors and learned about the city. Zach recognized the need to replace the air conditioning system in Wissinoming. When he returned to Fremont, he



shared that opportunity with the leadership team. Graciously, they agreed to cover the cost for replacement. Through their generosity, the new system was installed last month! We're very grateful for the Charis Fellowship and partnerships that make a difference in the lives of urban families!



**Zach Pinkerton,**  
**Grace Community Church—Fremont Ohio**

*Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back: Persevering through Pressure* is a national bestseller by Charles Swindoll. Often, ministry feels that way; urban ministry requires tenacious endurance! Almost two years ago, MetroGrace began working with Crossroads Community Church to develop a congregation in the Rhawnhurst neighborhood of Philadelphia. Significant effort overcame many obstacles, but yielded few results. Last month, Crossroads recognized the need to conclude that ministry and redeploy the team. Mike and Margarete Connor and their team will return to the Holmesburg congregation. Mike plans to continue his training and assist Pastor Jim Brown. Recently, the team was honored for their courage, faithfulness and obedience. Please pray for refreshment as the Lord continues to direct.



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