



City Lights

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Greetings, friends and family!

Please take some time to read the following update to better uphold our ministry in prayer. Prayer requests and pictures follow the updates.

Get Involved in a Summer Push

We are into our 7th month at Grace and are praying that the Lord will keep growing the church. We want to push to be self supporting as soon as possible. Of course the timing is all in the Lord's hand—and we will be content with however slowly or quickly the Lord builds the church. However, we want to set some big goals and work hard to reach those goals. *Please join us in praying for this!*

With that goal in mind we would like to really push a couple evangelistic opportunities in our community this summer:

- The first would be to begin a summer weeknight outreach. This would be your typical midweek program for children and then an evangelistic sermon each week for the adults. Churches often use Wednesday night for prayer meeting and we are currently using Sunday for that. We would like to have a weekly church function/service where we can focus entirely on preaching the Word evangelistically. Our midweek service would be that opportunity. This will also help the focus of the ministry of the Word on Sunday to be toward believers. We would like to begin this by inviting the entire community to join us which would be very expensive.
- The second outreach is that we would like to cover two miles around the church property with gospel of John/church brochure packets. This would be a great way to make sure we are getting God's Word in each home. Many churches do this in their neighborhoods . . . It is a bit more difficult in our area because if we cover two miles from our church in a circle we would need material for 135,000 households. That is a bunch of Bibles to buy =) We will not be able to get all of that done but would like to get well on our way and as a young church we need your help.

We appreciate so much the financial contributions of faithful churches that have been such a blessing to the needs of the church plant so far. If you would like to be a part of these projects in giving financially you can go to www.gfamissions.org and choose the giving tab. GFA does not take any amount of donations for their administrative purposes but will forward your donation to Grace Baptist Church of Queens. There will be a box where you can designate what to use the gift for and you can note: Grace Baptist Church Summer Outreach Projects. Their website gives further explanation. One quick note about that opportunity . . . If you are an individual, please do not give toward Grace Baptist Church if you are not faithfully supporting your own local church. Thank you.

So there are at least two ways for you to get involved—pray and give.



"That the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy" Romans 15:9



April and Danielle were a couple of the young adults that went down to the WILDS Christian Camp for the College and Career Retreat.



Here is the beginnings of what could be a nursery injury. Charlotte is learning her parts of the face by examining Felicity's eye while sitting on her. Who are her parents?



Jeremy and Hannah introduce Daniel Kim to Dr. Seuss in the children's library. We miss Daniel after he faithfully attended for several months. John Brackbill met regularly for discipleship with Daniel who has moved back to South Korea. Daniel was just in NYC for a year to help learn English.

Free Coffee to Teach Grace

We have used a literature table in the subways in the past but rarely had someone stop unless they were already a believer. So we tried something new. We bought a jug of coffee and offered to give a free cup of coffee. This changed the scene entirely =)

On our table we had two signs—one says something like: “What is Grace? Grace is getting something that you do not pay for—like a free cup of coffee. The greatest gift of grace was God sending His Son as a payment for your sin to offer you the gift of eternal life.” The second sign says something like: “What is Grace? Grace is a local body of believers that . . .” We have Gospel literature and church brochures out. It has been neat to teach what grace is and explain that if someone is trying to earn a cup of coffee then it is no longer grace. They must come to God the way He provided. Jesus paid it all.

Family Conference

Another event we would ask you to pray for is our family conference this weekend (April 18th and 19th). Pastor Gary Yoder will be speaking and we have invited many people in the neighborhood to be a part of the family conference.

Pastor Yoder is going to be preaching evangelistic messages on family to use this to teach people the only way to have true peace and love in a family is if Jesus is the Head.

Please pray for this outreach Saturday and Sunday. The times and topics are:

- Saturday April 18th: 1:00 pm—Loving a Spouse Unconditionally
- Saturday April 18th: 2:00 pm—Living Single to the Glory of God.
- Sunday April 19th: 10:30 am—God's Blueprint for Family
- Sunday April 19th: 1:00 pm—Bringing up Children in an Immoral Culture

Prayer Requests

- Pray for people to be reached through the different avenues of outreach. Pray for the family conference and our summer outreach.
- Pray for the continued growth of the core group of Grace. We are praying that this group will be able to grow to take on the ministry expenses and be self-supporting as early as possible.
- Please pray for wisdom as we develop church procedures and programs that the Lord will enable us to make disciples of the nations for His glory.
- That the Lord will provide helpers in the ministry who will be able to be a part of our core group.
- That the Lord would help Tim with language study.
- That we will be faithful in our time with the Lord and family.



The Richmond Family at Central Park