

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. Psalm 40:5

We are so grateful to update you by making mention of God's many blessings. It's not surprising—our good Father has done it again—he has provided for his children!

BUILDING *update*

At year end, we sent out an update explaining how God had blessed us through the summer and fall, and yet we also presented several urgent, facility projects. We prayed that God would provide the necessary funds and manpower to complete these projects and he has! It's a joy to say that we have received the necessary funding and we are well underway in making arrangements to complete our most immediate facility projects!

God provided roughly \$10,000 from various donors, as well as, a gift of up to \$10,000 for the replacement of our gutters and a section of the roof. In addition, one of our partnering churches has provided a specialized team to install a new bathroom. They are also taking on a variety of other projects. And finally, an organization has committed to fund and renovate our nursery.

We are grateful to God for his ongoing provision and we thank God for using many of you as his means of generous provision!

CONGREGATIONAL *update*



MEET *kory*

Kory says, "I grew up in a God fearing home and Bible lessons were instilled in me at a young age. In my early teens I rebelled and thought life should be a party. I began using drugs on a regular basis and it wasn't long before I had a habit. Long story short, in the last 23 years I have been married and divorced within 5 years, my son was taken from me, I have been to over 15 rehabs and detox centers, spent a lot of time in jail, lived on the streets and buried a countless number of friends and family due to addiction. I began praying for death every night and was disappointed every morning when I woke up."

Kory thanks God for her religious upbringing because she says, "...when I was tired of running I knew who to call on." She describes the last trip to detox as screaming out to God that he would let her die. She saw no reason for her existence. She says, "I was in every way defeated. Completely broken!"

However, God heals the broken! She says, "But because my God is so good he picked me up and found a way for me. He is my provider in every way. Within hours I was on my way to getting clean and all the doors that needed to open for me, did just that. . . It blows my mind that The GOD of all creation would look down and see me, see my need, my pain and literally pick me up and use me to help another broken spirit. . . It just blows my mind! I'm a new creation through Christ! I am not my past. I have not only a future, but an eternal life a head of me."

She encourages others, "I want to tell you, no matter what has broken you, GOD loves you! He died for you! You are not alone! You are forgiven! What a mighty GOD we serve!"

*We are amazed at what God is doing in our church family!
He is the God who is close to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit!*

God is currently leading us through a season of emphasis on discipleship. God has many more stories of redemption to write, so we are eager to grow and reorganize ourselves to most affectively be disciples who make disciples.

PARTNERSHIP *how will you join us?*



*While God continues to do much, we are eager to see him do more!
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PRAY

Please pray specifically for those suffering from addiction.

Pray against the schemes of the devil. And pray that hearts would believe 1 John 4:4, "Greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world!"

Also pray that God would continue to provide for our ongoing building projects.

As the present projects are being completed we are already shifting our focus to further areas of need. We are attempting to raise further funding for an HVAC system for the entirety of the second floor. At a minimum we are looking to raise \$35,000.

GIVE

If you'd like to give, please go to the giving page at gracecitywiss.com/donate or send checks to GCC of Wissinoming, 6035 Walker St., Philadelphia, PA 19135.

SERVE

If you have a burden for urban missions please contact us with any questions for short-term or long-term ministry opportunities. You can email one of our pastors at dbirkholz@gracecityphilly.com or bmelone@gracecityphilly.com.

CONNECT

While not everyone can give and serve we can all join the #PlantWiss Investment by praying and connecting others. So please connect others by sharing this information via email or social media so that more can join in what God is doing here in the Wissinoming neighborhood of Philadelphia.

THANK YOU for considering your role in serving Jesus with us in Wissinoming. We are grateful that you would choose to partner with us.

For the Fame of God and the Renewal of the City,

Dan Birkholz and Bill Melone

Pastors of Grace City Church of Wissinoming

PLEASE *pray, give, serve, and connect!*
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