

PROJECT JERUSALEM

Praise & Prayer Update

June 2009



Mountain Stream Baptist Church—*Marshalls Creek, PA*

Team Leader: James (& Candice) Richards

BBS Teammates: Mark Henson, Rodrigo Bender, Maicol Venter, Jason DeGraaff

Praises:

The church's second New Members Class began in May. Local attenders are becoming more involved. Deeper interpersonal relationships are developing out of the Growth Group ministry. Additional financial support for the Richards has been committed.

Pray for:

- The upcoming Men's Day planned for Father's Day.
- A new basketball outreach to begin this summer.
- Planned summer outreach activities including a community Juneteenth celebration and a community carnival in August.
- Pastor Richards as he leads, preaches, and casts vision; for God's provision of ongoing support for the Richards.
- The Lord's provision for a youth leader; the initial leader's job has transferred him to Texas.
- The new Growth Groups started in May to help many to grow in Christ and closer to one another.
- Emergence of local church leaders from the young congregation.
- Individuals in the church who are looking for jobs.



Steamtown Church—*Scranton, PA*

Lead Church Planter: Dennis (& Kelly) D'Augustine

BBS Teammates: Adam Page, Pete Fox, Daryl Jackson

Praises:

God has provided a new, larger facility at the Marquee Cinema in downtown Scranton for Sunday mornings. The leadership team continues to be strong and unified. A new children's ministry director has volunteered. Matthew D'Augustine arrived healthy on June 1. He joins Michael, who is now two years old.

Pray for:

- For many to come to faith in Christ this summer during the many outreach activities planned.
- Wisdom for the leadership as they have many decisions coming up.
- For a smooth transition to the Marquee Cinema location in Scranton; finances for needed equipment.
- The youth group as they reach out to friends and meet as a group on Wednesday evenings.
- That God would raise up more people who are able to disciple new converts and immature believers.
- The administrative coordination and organization of the young church.
- That God's people at Steamtown would be growing in the area of financial giving over this next year.



Living Hope Baptist Church—*Mt. Pocono, PA (graduated)*

Lead Pastor: Pastor Tom (& Charlene) Hutchinson

Associate: Rodney Martin

Praises:

LHBC is seeing at least two families coming faithfully as a result of their spring Friend Day/Easter Services. There is another family that LHBC is praying God will soon give them. Attendance and giving is on the rise (the best ever). God is healing marriages—exceedingly, abundantly above what we can imagine or ask.

Pray for:

- The men's retreat on June 19-20, that many will attend and that God will do great things in the lives of the men attending.
- LHBC is launching a new Building Fund emphasis. The goal is to have a facility to rent, lease, purchase, or build within two years.
- The follow-up of many guests and new families – that God will lead many to be a part of LHBC.



North Valley Baptist Church—*Carbondale, PA*

Lead Church Planter: Pastor James (& Andrea) Schmidt

BBS Teammate: Nate Penley

Praises:

Small groups are finishing up their year very strong –another group is being planned for next quarter. One couple who came to church through marital counseling is planning to share their testimony of God’s grace and restoration during communion. The children’s ministry is outgrowing their Sunday school room. Two men volunteered to serve on a more regular basis. God’s provision in unique ways for the Schmidt family.

Pray for:

- Two back-to-back weeks of Daily VBS in a local park. The goal is to see 75 kids in attendance. Pray for those in charge and that there will be many salvation decisions.
- An August 9 pig roast planned for families of the DVBS. Pray for four first-time families to attend.
- Several of our new families to become more faithful in regular attendance and participation.
- Five men and one lady who are preparing for baptism. For their unsaved family members to attend.



Cornerstone Community Church—*Kutztown, PA (graduated)*

Lead Pastor: Pastor Nate (& Anne) Herrlin

BBS Teammate: Marc Francavilla

Praises:

Pastor Nate had a very refreshing and productive time camping during his week of solitude with God. A new pastoral intern arrived from Baptist Bible Seminary in May.

Pray for:

- Marc Francavilla who has arrived from BBS to do his one-year internship. Pray that Marc would be able to raise enough support over this summer to be able to devote himself to full-time ministry over the school year.
- God’s direction as a local church has volunteered to share their building with CCC.
- Pastor Nate as he serves as chaplain for SOLO labs in Kutztown. That he would be a good minister to the employees as they go through difficult times.

Cornerstone Bible Church—*Forest City, PA*

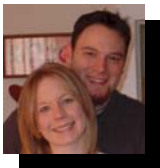
Lead Pastor: Pastor Tim (& Shannon) Madden

Praises:

Pastor Tim got a job with the Scranton Counseling Center. A local newspaper has requested to do a feature story about Cornerstone. Wednesday night Bible study is growing in attendance. The new leased building and location is working out very well.

Pray for:

- Twenty-five families that were interested in Cornerstone at its inception and have been contacted recently by the church. For their renewed participation in CBC.
- For the members of CBC to give sufficiently to allow Pastor Tim to be full-time in the ministry.
- That the article being written in the local paper would bring favorable publicity on the church and would result in visitors coming.



New Life Baptist Church—*Scranton, PA (graduated)*

Interim Lead Pastor: Pastor Mike (& Cindy) Stallard

BBS Pastoral Teammates: Dan Price (pictured), Andy Giessman

Praises:

A number of people have been saved at NLBC over the past year. For God’s faithfulness to NLBC in various areas of ministry and provision for the church’s needs.

Pray for:

- For those who’ve recently come to faith in Christ to be growing in Him and following Him in believer’s baptism.
- NLBC’s recently launched young couple’s ministry to strengthen marriages and their walk with Christ.

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