

PROJECT JERUSALEM

Praise & Prayer Update

March 2010



Mountain Stream Baptist Church—Marshalls Creek, PA

Team Leader: James (& Candice) Richards

BBS Teammates: Mark Henson, Rodrigo Bender, Shawn Green

Praises:

Eight persons were baptized at MSBC's first baptismal service on February 28. A marriage seminar over Valentine's Day weekend had 36 couples participate. A first men's breakfast was held in February where plans were made for developing a men's ministry.

Pray for:

- Special evangelistic outreach to "Kidzone" children on March 28.
- Easter Service outreach, that God would use it to draw many people to Christ.
- For the salvation of many unsaved attendees who come to Sunday services regularly.
- God to continue to fill the 15-month-old congregation with passion for Him and compassion for their community.
- Candice Richards, Pastor's wife, to secure a suitable job closer than her current NYC one.



Steamtown Church—Scranton, PA

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

BBS Teammates: Pete Fox, Josh Wilson, Matt Miller

Praises:

Steamtown attenders continue to grow spiritually and numerically. There have been several recent salvation decisions. House churches (growth groups) continue to thrive with each cycle. The first membership classes were just completed. Sunday attendance averages about 140-150.

Pray for:

- For a new discipleship plan being developed.
- That Steamtown Church would be a church that focuses on prayer.
- House church participants to grow spiritually as they discuss and apply the Sunday message, pray together, and care for one another.
- For Steamtown attenders to be boldly and consistently spreading the Gospel individually and as a church. The people have been challenged to take responsibility for those on their street.
- God to raise up more workers/servants to be involved in the ministry.



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

Lead Pastor: Pastor Tom (& Charlene) Hutchinson

Associate: Rodney Martin

Praises:

A men's small group is meeting on Monday mornings and God is transforming lives and families. God is moving people in the area of giving to the point that even in these economic times the first- quarter giving to date is the highest it has ever been. The LHBC core group continues to mature and grow in size. Many are assuming greater ownership of the church and vision.

Pray for:

- A permanent, full-time job for associate Rodney Martin. His present job is only temporary and does not allow him to begin Bible college training.
- God's blessing on three upcoming events scheduled around the Easter season: Friend Day (3/28), Easter Celebration Service (4/4), and Spring International Luncheon (4/11).
- Recent visitors to LHBC: Donna, Kendreia, Marcia, Dionne, Maureen, James and Michelle, the Josephs and the Drummonns, that God would cause them to return and join the LHBC family.
- Plans to obtain a facility that LHBC can utilize 24/7. Leaders are looking for property.



North Valley Baptist Church—Carbondale, PA

Lead Church Planter: Pastor James (& Andrea) Schmidt

BBS Teammate: Nate Penley

Praises:

The Sweethearts banquet was the best attended ever. Six unsaved people were first time visitors at the banquet; one came back Sunday morning and accepted Christ as Savior. Attendance has remained high and there is excellent growth for the beginning of the year compared to last year. For an excellent business meeting and a great spirit of unity.

Pray for:

- Several families experiencing difficulties with jobs, out of work or struggling to find work.
- Two key families facing the possibility of moving out of the area for jobs; for wisdom for them and for the church as it would be difficult to lose these very involved families.
- The church to follow through with budget goals in order to be self-supporting in June.



Cornerstone Community Church—Kutztown, PA (graduated)

Lead Pastor: Pastor Nate (& Anne) Herrlin

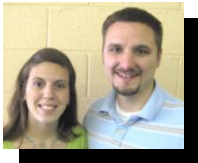
BBS Teammate: Marc Francavilla

Praises:

For individuals at Cornerstone who are independently taking opportunity to minister to one another and “be the church.” For the college group planning a Kutztown trip to continue ministering in their own community rather than start and leave a ministry over spring break. For Brian and Christina Brunsell, a couple in the church who are able to lighten Pastor Nate’s counseling load. Two new couples have shown interest in attending CCC.

Pray for:

- God’s direction for 15-20 students who are planning the spring break trip.
- A CCC attender recently confessed sin and is receiving godly counsel from Pastor Nate.
- Pastor Nate and the Brunsell’s as they have increased counseling opportunities within the church.



Cornerstone Bible Church—Forest City, PA

Lead Pastor: Pastor Tim (& Shannon) Madden

BBS Teammate: Farron Charlton

Praises:

CBC recently welcomed two individuals into membership. The congregation elected a member to become a deacon. Attenders have been very responsive to the Wednesday night Bible studies. CBC was able to send a monetary gift for assistance in Haiti.

Pray for:

- The Lord to enable the new deacon to serve faithfully.
- For more volunteers to provide leadership for the children’s ministry beginning in May.
- The Lord to continue to give wisdom to church leaders that He might use Cornerstone to accomplish His purposes for the Forest City community.



New Life Baptist Church—Scranton, PA (graduated)

Lead Pastor: Pastor Andy (& Becky) Giessman

BBS Pastoral Teammates: Mike Stallard, Mark McGinniss

Praises:

A new NLBC website has been launched as a tool to let people know about the church. There has been consistent growth in the women’s Bible study, “Oasis.” New men’s life groups are starting.

Pray for:

- Wisdom for continuing development of infrastructure and planning.
- Many families who are hurting because of illness or sin.
- Wisdom in planning future teaching series.

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