

Project Jerusalem - Praise & Prayer Update

January 2012

CityView Baptist Church (*Astoria/Queens, NYC*)

Lead Pastor: Robert (& Becky) Rodríguez
BBS Teammate: Alex Morris

Praises: Project Jerusalem Director, Ken Davis held a Christmas Gathering for the CityView ministry team before break. It was a great opportunity to continue building connections with BBC students who have a desire to minister in NYC.

Pray for:

- The remaining support to come in for the Rodríguez family to enable them to move into Astoria/Queens by early 2012. Currently they have 46% of their needed monthly support.
- The Morrisises as they continue to minister and complete an internship at First Baptist in Manhattan while investing several days a week in the Astoria planting project.
- The CityView prayer retreat this month and wisdom for the team as they map out the next six months.
- BBC's Global Ministry Conference in February. Pastor Rob is one of the keynote speakers and workshop leaders. Pray for his messages and lessons, as well as students catching the vision of CityView.



Mountain Stream Baptist Church (*Marshalls Creek, PA*)

Lead Pastor: James (& Candice) Richards
BBS Teammates: Rodrigo Bender, Shawn Green

Praises: Several people have indicated a desire to become members and are currently attending a preparatory class on membership.

Pray for:

- The new discount clothing ministry that began last month, that it will be a blessing to the community.
- Our congregation as MSBC seeks to be more intentionally engaged in evangelism this year.



Steamtown Church (*Scranton, PA*)

Lead Pastor: Dennis (& Kelly) D'Augostine
BBS Teammates: Pete Fox, Matt Miller, Dan Nichols

Praises: God's financial provision for Steamtown in 2011. Two new believers will be baptized this month.

Pray for:

- The new vision casting sermon series this month to cast a vision for Steamtown. Pray that people would get on-board with our desire to reach every man, woman, and child in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area.
- A possible location change for Steamtown; searching for a larger downtown meeting facility.
- Steamtown to continue moving forward in our effort to partner with other churches and plant daughter churches in the greater Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area.



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

Lead Pastor: Pastor Tom (& Charlene) Hutchinson
BBS Teammates: Stephen Stallard, Rodney Martin

Praises: A significant increase in attendance for our Sunday school classes and community small groups – even during the holidays! One man saved four months ago has committed to stop drinking alcohol after having been an alcoholic for years. Another Hispanic brother for whom we have been praying has recently trusted Christ and will be baptized this month.

Pray for:

- The urgent need for a different facility we can use 24/7 and that God would overrule with some obstacles currently being faced with the Mt. Pocono borough.
- Stephen Stallard and his wife Sonya as they look for a place to complete their seminary internship.
- Pastor Rodney Martin to find permanent, full-time, local employment.
- Our outreach into the community in 2012 to bear much fruit.



Cornerstone Community Church (Kutztown, PA)

Lead Pastor: Pastor Nate (& Anne) Herrlin
BBS Teammates: Marc Francavilla, Brian Brunsell

Praises: God has provided great facilities at Kutztown University and the people of CCC are giving generously – above budget goals! The counseling ministry is slowly starting to grow and new potential counselors are receiving training and experience.

Pray for:

- The right person to head up the college age ministry. CCC leaders will be meeting with the head of the Kutztown Christian Fellowship this month to discuss the relationship between Cornerstone and campus fellowship. Pray for a healthy partnership.
- The right person to coordinate and provide leadership for the children’s ministry, which is growing. The kids are really enjoying the new classes that began this past fall.
- “Church in the Park” and that early planning would begin soon. We are looking forward to monthly worship services at Kutztown Park again this summer. Pray for good involvement from other evangelical churches in the area.



North Valley Baptist Church (Carbondale, PA)

Lead Pastor: Pastor James (& Andrea) Schmidt
BBS Teammate: Nate Penley

Praises: Lord willing, North Valley will be completely independent in February – dropping our last supporting church. Several new attenders are inquiring about membership.

Pray for:

- Continued growth for several people who have come to Christ this month.
- Many unsaved people to attend the upcoming baptismal service and hear the Gospel.
- The planning of a regular young peoples group to continue and for them to begin meeting soon.
- Pastor James as he is planning to go back to school next semester to pursue a D.Min. degree.



Cornerstone Bible Church (Forest City, PA)

Lead Pastor: Pastor Tim (& Shannon) Madden

Praises: The Living Nativity Outreach went well and several visitors have come to church as a direct result of the event.

Pray for:

- Wisdom as CBC leaders prepare a tight 2012 budget and select qualified deacon-servants.
- Additional BBC&S students to commit to serve at CBC in 2012 and focus on outreach.
- Pastor Tim and Shannon as they are expecting their second child any day now.



New Life Baptist Church (Scranton, PA)

Lead Pastor: Pastor Andy (& Becky) Giessman
BBS Teammate: Mike Stallard, Mark McGinniss

Praises: There was a good attendance at the Christmas in the City program. We have made many new contacts from the Family Resource Center and NLBC has seen a constant flow of visitors lately.

Pray for:

- The move to a temporary location on February 5 at the Clarion Hotel in Scranton.
- Wisdom in decision-making regarding a move to a more adequate permanent facility. Leaders are looking at a now-closed Catholic church/school facility.
- NLBC people to grow in the area of financial stewardship and learn to give sacrificially.

