

Bertolet Praise and Prayer

September 2022

Growing Through the Year

After facing a number of challenges with Covid-19 this past year, our church plants in the Delmarva region have seen some very encouraging signs of growth. In both Chestertown and Milford things are moving in a very positive direction. Church Extension is also exploring opening other church plants in Delmarva. We need wisdom to know God's timing for these exciting opportunities.

Chestertown

Last month Grace Community held an open air campaign in the town of Chestertown. There were crafts for the young children as well as a challenging riddle for the adults to attempt to solve. The riddle itself was a wonderful way to share the gospel with folks. What was particularly encouraging to James was that there



was good participation from the folks at Grace Community. Having opportunities to engage the community has been a challenge with

many of the drawbacks from Covid. It was wonderful to be able to once again get out into the community and share the gospel. The youth at Grace Community have been another encouraging part of the ministry. There have been as many as twelve teens that



have been a part of this ministry.

Milford

Joshua and Juli Dupiche have been here in Milford for almost two years and there were many challenges when they first arrived. Now God has provided many encouraging signs of growth, both spiritual and physical.



There have been ladies' studies, mens' study and lots of fellowship times. God has provided a musician and for the first time in quite a while they have "live" worship music on a Sunday morning. Juli ran a MOPS program and she was very encouraged by the response from ladies in the community, many who were unchurched. The challenge with this ministry was finding individuals willing to run the nursery/children's care during this time.

Haines/Lintners

This past year, Church Extension added two families to come alongside the church planters here in Delmarva. Tracy and Renee Haines, who lived in Westminster, Md., have moved to Chestertown to begin serving alongside of James and Mindy Reff. Trace graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in



Washington, D.C. After going through the application process with the BFC, he learned of the need for an assistant at Grace Community. He took early retirement from Verizon and accepted a call to serve in Chestertown as an assistant. Pray as they still need to raise some additional support.

This spring Andrew and Jacqueline Lintner

raised their support and are now serving in an eight-month intern position on Delmarva. He will be



learning what is involved with church planting, using his videography skills to assist the church planters and work at being approved by the BFC Candidate

Committee so he is able to receive a call. In the midst of doing ministry they celebrated the birth of their daughter, Eliana Sue Lintner.



Family News

On June 3rd Timothy Bertolet married Erin Patota. Our family has been expanded. She has two girls and a son and of course Timothy has the four girls.



After being flooded out twice in a short time, Marie and Jason purchased a home in Sellersville, PA and moved away from the Perkaskie Creek.

Thank you to all of you who help Charles and his family as they experienced health difficulties with their youngest son. Your prayers and financial gifts were an encouragement to them and us.

Prayer Letters Updates

I want to encourage you and your church to sign up for our monthly email updates. Each of these includes short updates and simple praise and prayer requests for the month. We will also add you to receiving our annual prayer letter electronically from Church Extension.

To receive our monthly email praise and prayer updates, please send an email request directly to us at raybertolet@verizon.net

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Praises -

- For the Haines to be able to come and assist James Reff in Chestertown.
- Encouraging growth in Chestertown and Milford.
- Timothy and Erin's wedding.
- God provided a musician for Milford.
- Andrew Lintner serving as an intern.
- God faithfully providing support and prayer partners.
- Louise is fully recovered from back surgery and is doing well. She has also adjusted to using a CPAP machine and feels rested.

Prayer -

- Milford needs to find a larger place to worship.
- We are seeking an assistant to help Joshua at Hope Community.
- Open doors to plant more churches in Delmarva and in other regions.
- Financial support for opening new church plants.
- Need for several work teams to help with projects at Adams County and Cape May.
- Pastor Andy Barnes resigned from New Life BFC in Long Neck; pray as they search for a pastor.



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