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There are many opportunities for ministry at Crossroads. It's exciting to watch young people learning to serve the Lord. Michelle Connor and



her brother John have been working with Crossroads Kids, a ministry to children on Sunday mornings. Though they are just in their teens, they are learning to pray for students, use a teaching curriculum and manage a classroom. Recently, Michelle told her father that she wished that she had more time to teach. And, she believes that the Lord might be leading her toward a career in teaching. Please pray for Michelle, John and Crossroads Kids as a new generation learns how to live for Jesus.



Last month, students began participating in the ministry at Camp Conquest. Faith Arleth was the first to go to camp. Just after her school year was completed, Faith left for STACC—Servant Training at Camp Conquest. She intends to spend three weeks at camp. During the first week, trainees are oriented to their various tasks. During the second week, some will serve in support roles while others work as assistant counselors. Then they will switch during the third week. Please pray for Faith and all those who are serving at camp this summer. Ask the Lord to use their ministry to impact eternity.



At the end of June, Zach and Virginia left for camp; others plan to follow in July. We're very thankful to be able to send students to camp this year. We're praying that it would be an important milestone in their lives. Thank you for your generous support to help make that possible!



Crossroads is also planning for a baptism in July. We're praising God for those who have trusted Christ for salvation! We're eager to see them proclaim their faith publicly. Rejoice with us! The Lord is using you to produce fruit in the city! Thanks for your partnership!

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Saying Goodbye to a Co-Laborer

Steve Diaz was the pastor of the church who merged with us about three years ago now. While serving as a missionary in Spain for a number of years, he had built up a financial



support base that continued in his role as an urban church planter and then as he took on an associate pastor role post-merge. His giftings have been a spiritual blessing to our church as he has served faithfully here. Due to our church's declining support base, but also due to need elsewhere, Steve accepted the call to be the Senior Pastor of a church in need of one as their current pastor retires. While I'm excited that he is following God's Will and stepping into an area of desired ministry, Citylight will feel the pangs of loss of a family that is dear to us. Please pray for both his and our transition over this next month.

Family Rest



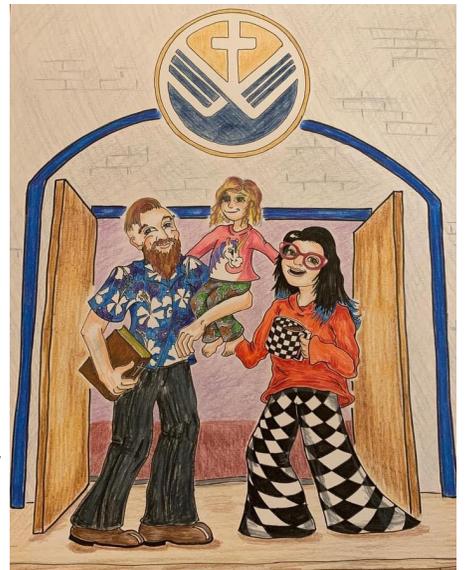
Our family enjoyed two weeks of rest this past month as we took some time to vacation from home, enjoying experiences that were within a couple of hours of us. We found comfort in the reality that, while we were at rest, God is still at work in His world for His glory. We're thankful for rejuvenation and also renewed perspective that God brings as we yield to His plan for the rhythms that remind us of our humanity and need to rest. Pray that, as we continue in urban ministry, we recognize our boundaries and limits and don't seek to do more than God has called us to do.



Pastor Pete Forshtay—peteforshtay@gmail.com

Please continue to pray for Pete, Danielle and Pearl Forshtay as they serve the Lord in Wisconsin.

The Forshtays are glad to serve with Anthony and Katie Elliott. The Lord is using the Elliotts in significant ways.



Anthony continues to work through a five-year eldership training program. He continues to grow in his understanding and application of God's word. Please pray as the Lord develops young men to lead His church into the next generation.

As part of his training, Anthony is given opportunities to preach on a regular basis. He was able to share a sermon from Genesis with the congregation last month.

Ministry takes place in a variety of different settings. Katie works at a city charter school. Recently she reflected, "Graduation hit a bit different today. This was my first class that I was with for 4 years. I meet most of them as 14 year old babies, and watch them grow into beautiful bold and amazing people. As a school counselor, I get to see the good, bad, ugly and very personal struggles these students experience. It's a role that I don't take lightly. It's a honor to walk hand and hand with these young people as they figure out life and survive unbelievable things."



Please pray for more young adults who are willing to live on mission in American cities.

Thanks for all that you do to advance the gospel in the city!