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♥ Welcome 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦

Blessings to you, our faithful supporters in care and prayer! Welcome to all those receiving our newsletter for the first time! All previous MissionNews are viewable at CouplesInBloom.com by clicking on the two red hearts ♥♥ at the top of the website homepage. They explain the *what, why* and *how* of our missionary work.

📖 Ministry Reflection: 2013 - 2016 🌱

So much has happened in the past few years! We initially came to Youth With A Mission in Coatesville, PA, a few years ago to run logistical aspects of the ministry and to develop their Coatesville Neighborhood Center into further relevant community servanthood. After many transitions including housing, churches, leadership, not having many local friends, our last of four children getting married, Loren's parents going into a nursing home, our old dwelling being torn down, and far more output than input in our lives, we actually *are* focused on ministry in the YWAM CNC as the local director intended (who, along with all other staff, have moved on).

As the only two staff at this location, we minister to Coatesville's large contingency of homeless, struggling and unemployed through various relationship and discipleship efforts. These down-and-out people have no one to disciple them. Thankfully there is a church that meets in the park every Sunday ↓ where many of these



people feel welcome at ↑, are loved at, and are introduced to God's love at. Hot breakfast is always provided, which is relevant and practical in a poverty setting. Jesus told us to make disciples, and this includes those in society which no one is in relationship with. Discipling these people is one of our personal ministry emphases.

We also administrate city-wide intercessory prayer and action through our Coatesville Prayer Covenant. We



*The **Coatesville Prayer Covenant** is a personal commitment to fulfill the following promise:*

I, _____ (your name)
 hereby covenant to faithfully **PRAY FOR**
 _____ (street name)
 in Coatesville and **MINISTER TO** people
 there by asking God how and doing it.



made a 12 foot prayer map of the city ← inside our Coatesville Neighborhood Center and we host a prayer meeting every first Friday of each month

for the city. We have a computer database to track which streets are covered in prayer while emphasizing action as well. Coatesville is a rust-belt (post-industrial) city with a dramatic history including great prosperity and huge decline. The longest continuously running steel mill in the USA still operates here, but at 10%. Its past includes racial tension, corruption, and socio-economic problems but God is moving among Christians in wonderful ways... which is the very core of what any and every city and town need to be restored and prosper.

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☘️🌞 Unified and Wider Ministry 🛠️🔨

More and more people are getting a heart for the city and its needs, learning that action, not just prayer, is what **“Go and make disciples”** means. **“The harvest is ripe”** means the world is evil and needs God’s love. This is why the Bible also says, **“Love your enemies”**: they are the precise folks Jesus told Christians to minister to. God is kind to the unthankful and evil (Luke 6:35) and told us **HOW** to reach them in just **HALF** a Bible verse: **“Even sinners love those who love them.”** (Luke 6:32b). Love is through relationships. Jesus was known as a **“friend of sinners”**, as all Christians should be. Through this we learn who wants to be discipled as a Christian.



Here we are at the weekly Pastor’s Prayer Breakfast at the diner. Pastors and ministry leaders from across Coatesville are building stronger relationships with each other, and have growing compassion and strategies for ministering to the specific needs of our city. Although different churches have different forms of worship, the function of Christianity is the same Biblically: go into all the world and make disciples in every people group... for whoever is ready for it. Many Christians choose to live for themselves alone as the Bible predicted... giving us extra to do; but we gladly love because God loved us.

📌📄 Sustaining The Ministry 📧💰

We work part time to make our ministry financially possible. This ‘tent-making’ is one of two Biblical models.



The other method is missionaries being supported by churches and individuals on a monthly or on a random basis, which comprises a small minority of our personal support. We work hard at what we do and hope more folks will support us (and share in God’s reward for it) in the near future. We do farm labor 12 hours per week to reduce our rental housing costs. This means we have 12 hours less for ministering every week in the mission field God called us to. The Bible does say missionaries will be in shortage and we know this first-hand, so we just do what we can do and give God thanks for all of it.

One thing we do to sustain ourselves and the ministry God entrusted to us is to have a time away each year for fasting and prayer, which the Bible describes. Besides being a time of refreshing for us after a year of more



giving than receiving, we intentionally give God a lot of focused time praying, fasting, in Bible study, and waiting on the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit to instruct us on what God wants to unfold to us next. Last year, this time away was when God introduced the Coatesville Prayer Covenant mentioned earlier... something we had no idea of. During this July is our time to seek God again about the autumn and beyond.☺

Thanks for all your care and prayer! We will also pray for your requests.

With love & thanks,

Loren & Kathy