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REAL-TIME FRONT-LINES INNER-CITY MISSIONARY WORK UPDATES

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CITY STATUS

The only incorporated city in the wealthiest county of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has 36% unemployment; welcome to the rustbelt city of Coatesville, PA: 13,000+ people within the city limits, and that many more in surrounding suburbs and fertile farmlands; 7 dozen+ churches in this zip code, many struggling to survive... while others strengthen and increase like athletes. *Why?*

The longest continuously running steel mill in the USA still runs here... at 10%. Decades of promised and failed socio-economic initiatives successfully inscribed distrust into the souls of the masses... yet the city is preparing for healing even amidst drug-related murders and fearful residents. *Why?*

Generations of racial tension and unforgiveness remain despite numerous attempts by all parties to promote healing and reconciliation... still hopeful conversations and careful plans happen. *Why?*

2 Chronicles 7:14 is often directed towards the sins of non-Christians... something Jesus never did. 4 of every 5 Christians do not make disciples... even though Jesus told all of us to make disciples. Christians who receive the Gospel for themselves yet withhold that very same Gospel from others hypocritically *stop* Christianity... *worse* than the sins of this world. *Here, God's people are humbling themselves, repenting of their own sins, making disciples, so God is healing this land of Coatesville!*

God miraculously brought us to this city we did not know even existed 4 years ago. We prefer rural living, but we obeyed God and our hearts absolutely love our full-time missionary ministry to these people who gladly receive it. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Pray for more harvest workers" *Luke 10:2*. We have more ministry to do here than we have time for; please pray. **Thanks!**

OUR STATUS

God provides amazingly for us! With only a few hundred dollars per month in financial support we recently started our 4th year of ministry here. When big needs come God meets them somehow. So far, our daily needs have not motivated as much financial support as our one time needs have. God is now challenging us to increase our monthly support. We cannot increase our 'tent-making' (that is our part-time farm labor) further, so the other Biblical model is increasing our missionary support from Christians who want to increase their own Heavenly reward by financing our missionary work.

The 501(c)(3) organization we belong to gives tax-deductible receipts for those who support us. If you are one of those whom God wants to help us, **let us know**. It is hard to believe that supporting us could bring you eternal benefits, but it is Bible and God does not lie; He will reward you heavily.



Our ministry building in Coatesville



Getting ministry food



Part time work



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MINISTRY STATUS

Our ministry helps non-Christians & Christians get closer to God. 70% of Coatesville residences are rentals; this, a very transient population, plus a high percentage of government funded entitlement recipients equals an aimless existence for many people. Many ministries have come and gone from this city, having given up after trying to help to no avail. **Why?** It takes more than food handouts, bricks and mortar, and prayer to change a city; the long, hard, slow process of rebuilding people is required. **This** work is one reason why "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." *Luke 10:2.*

Ministry to non-Christians sometimes involves tangibles such as food, drink, etc. but always involves relationship. Again, we see why "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." God continues to awaken and connect Christians who are committed to obey His great commission to make disciples instead of merely praying that the *Holy Spirit* would bring revival and save souls (*instead of them*)... which, from God's perspective, is sometimes disobedience... and misconstruing *2 Chronicles 7:14.*

Ministry to Christians always involves relationship as well. With over seven dozen churches, this city has a massive 'potential' workforce for God's harvest field. With a history of typical inner-city problems plus a Biblically described spirit of fear *2 Timothy 1:7*, Christians often remain cowardly towards their very own town which God entrusted to them to be light and life in. This is where we offer help: as a mission and not a church, we have the ability and the agility to speak Biblical life into as many of them as we can through modeling and including them in activities we provide to build them up in their faith *1 Corinthians 12:14.* Examples so far include ongoing prayer meetings, relationship and discipleship (R&D) meetings, hands-on ministry workshops, prayer walks, meeting regularly with other ministry leaders, tangible ministries (food, etc.), and one-on-one ministries.

Jesus intentionally earned a reputation as being a friend of sinners because authentic Christianity cannot be industrialized. Modern technology is helpful but can be misconstrued to be damaging if used to replace relationship, rendering it as Godless as religions are. God is personal, relational and intimate, as is authentic Christianity. The aforementioned spirit of fear results when religion replaces relationship and laws replace the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ paid the way for humanity to become one with God; He finished the task, left the earth, and now prays for humanity in Heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to the earth to be the one Christians have two-way communication with now. This is why the devil successfully persuades some churches that Holy Spirit ministry was a thing of the past: Lucifer was Heaven's worship leader and *knows* that Holy Spirit ministry is vital to Christianity.

So you can see what we do full-time here. **Our biggest challenge is** helping Christians learn that doing what *we* do is what *they* are supposed to be doing in their own life, too, however it fits within the personal gifts and talents God gave to each of *them*. 80% of US Christians fail to reach others, for different reasons but with the same result: **Christians stopping Christianity.** **Our greatest joy is helping people grow closer to God;** Christians building up Christians, and helping non-Christians *find* God through the Lord Jesus Christ and *live* for God by His Holy Spirit. *Thank you for your help!*

With love, Loren + Kathy Falzone ♥♥ Missionaries with Youth With A Mission in Coatesville, PA, USA