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Living Water Ministry



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Dear fellow Co-workers in Christ,

Thank you for being a part of the ministry through your support and prayers. Your encouragement means so much to us, and we thank God for our family in Christ. Through this newsletter, we would like to update you on what God has been doing in Over the Rhine, and ask for your persistent prayers through these different ministry ventures!

In Him, Servants from Over the Rhine

PRAISE REPORTS



PAST EVENTS



Backpack Day

River Tree Church in Milford, OH has been a dear ministry to us. They graciously provided brand new backpacks for all of our Over the Rhine children before the new school year began!

Coney Island

In September, about 50 of our church members had a wonderful time at Coney Island. We played games, rode roller coasters, ate lots of food, and enjoyed each other's company. We thank God for these opportunities to fellowship!



Men's Retreat

On the weekend of September 24th, Pastor Johann took Antonio and Dieondre, two of the young men from his Wednesday night Bible Study group to a retreat site just outside of Cincinnati for a time of fellowship and communion with the Lord. This was the first time these men have experienced a church retreat, and they returned with refreshed hearts and renewed minds.

School of Evangelism

This July, we had over 90 students from around the country attend our evangelism school, featuring our guest speaker was Lee McDougald. High school students, college students, and young professionals came from Georgia, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and California to carry the Good News to the people of Cincinnati.







Children's Retreat

About 50 Over the Rhine children came along for our retreat to a beautiful site in Columbus, OH. We had about a 1 to 1 ratio of student missionaries (people who had remained after the School of EV) to OTR children and spent the time ministering to the children on an intimate level. The children held a talent show, played many games, and most importantly, enjoyed a refreshing time with the Lord.

ONGOING EVENTS



Block Party

Every month, we invite all of our neighbors and church members to a Block Party with food, music, and fellowship. Many of our faithful church members have been participating by cooking, serving food, and cleaning up after the party! This ministry is a great opportunity to meet more people in Over the Rhine and to pray for their needs.

Girls Lock-In

Once a month, we invite girls from age 8-18 to have a sleepover with the women staff of Living Water Ministry. This October, we took 7 girls to the UC swimming pool, watched a children's Bible message together and shared reflections with each other. After a time of morning devotions and breakfast, the girls returned home with full bellies and full hearts!



Tuesday Reading Program

Every Tuesday, 2-4 girls come to read the Bible and to learn basic English skills. The girls have been growing a hunger to read the word of God, to pray meaningful prayers, and a desire to end our reading class with worship.



Campus Ministry

Every Friday, we spend one hour evangelizing to the students on the University of Cincinnati campus and invite the students to also join us for Bible study that follows our time of outreach. We thank God that several students have received Christ and joined the Bible study; in fact we now have formed a beginners Bible study and an advanced Bible study due to the growing number of members. This has allowed us to now register as a UC student association called JOY Fellowship!

Worship Service

At 3:30 every Sunday afternoon, we come together to worship God. Our service is filled with the OTR community, a dozen students from God's Bible School, and many other faithful members from UC. We are so blessed by God's faithfulness and favor upon us, and for granting us the privilege to praise Him with such a beautiful body of Christ.



Street Evangelism

Every Saturday, we walk the streets of Over the Rhine, two by two. God has shown his great mercy and love for the people through this ministry, in that every week, at least one person receives Jesus!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thanksgiving Dinner

On the Sunday of Thanksgiving week, we gather together to share in a special meal with the congregation. We are so grateful for this Holiday to celebrate our Lord and to give Him all the glory, honor, and gratitude He deserves.

2nd Annual Christmas Party & Children's Talent Show

Last year's 1st annual Christmas party was a giant success! We all had such a great time in Spirit-led fellowship and cannot wait for what God has in store for this upcoming Christmas party. This year, we will be showcasing a talent show put on by the children of Over the Rhine. We are excited for the children to have this opportunity to encourage each other with their talents (puppet shows, songs, body worship, and skits) and to please God with this night of worship.



PRAYER REQUESTS

New Ministry Building

- Thank and praise God for sending workers, Brother Harris and Daniel.
- Special protection and safety of the workers
- The city would grant us the approvals of the building plans
- The building would be set apart for the Kingdom of God

Christmas Party

- The children would prepare diligently and experience the love of God through their preparation and presentation during the event
- People would receive Jesus through the Gospel message
- God would provide the resources and volunteers needed for the event

Weekly Events

- God would open doors to share the Gospel with people on the UC campus and on the streets of Over the Rhine. Pray that we would be faithful messengers of the Gospel in all circumstances
- God would bless and grow all of the Bible studies; that all the attendees would grow in their hunger to know Christ and make Him known
- Praise God for pouring His Spirit onto the children attending the Tuesday Reading

Servants

- Please continue to pray for Pastor Paul's healing. Pray for his continual joy and complete dependence on our Lord and Savior each and every day
- Pastor Johann & Sister Grace will be in Hong Kong for the month of November. Pray that God grants them travel mercies, and that they will be refreshed in the Lord during their time away
- Spiritual covering over all of the staff and ministry workers of Living Water Ministry. Pray that we would continue to serve the people of Over the Rhine with patience, humility, and compassion

Over the Rhine

- God would move in this city and turn hearts and minds to His glory
- Revival would come and break bonds of addiction, teen pregnancy, hopelessness, violence, crime, and poverty

"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant bought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Hebrews 13:20-21