

## SUMMER 2013 Newsletter

Friends & Family of Over-the-Rhine (OTR) Living Water Church,

We thank God for you in our prayers knowing that He sends faithful servants of Christ to Living Water Ministries through prayer, support and love. In the Spring of 2012, the OTR documentary team from Kairos Church began their production intending to capture the reality of living in OTR and how the Lord is present in this neighborhood. After 7 visits to OTR, Anthony Pang, the film's director, has moved into the editing phase with an expected completion date before the end of this year. It is our prayer that God is glorified through this real-life testimony of the Lord's greatness in OTR.



In October 2012, a team of five from The Remnant Presbyterian Church in New York City came to paint a mural on the side of the Vine House. The mural displays, "I am the vine, you are the branches...apart from me you can do nothing" John 15:5. This verse reminds us of our daily need of Christ in OTR. The team worked tirelessly for a week until completion. The Lord even held off rainy weather and scaffolding issues so as not to affect the completion of the project. It was within the last half hour before the team had to return that the mural was completed!

In December, we held a special dedication service for the Sycamore building to the Lord. During the service, several children displayed a beautiful body worship performance to honor Him. After two years of construction, the building is finally ready for Sunday School, housing interns and hosting other ministry activities. Praise the Lord for the many hands that contributed multiple hours of hard work, financial gifts, and



prayer to the finalization of the Sycamore House! God is sovereign over all things; His design of the Sycamore House was especially useful for comfortable sleeping arrangements for the children at the sleepover in three separate rooms on the first floor. The children really enjoy this new home. We also installed 2 large washers and dryers to meet the needs of the OTR church family. Our vision is that as they wait for their laundry, we will be able to witness fruitful ministry. We are looking forward to how God will use this building.

Next, we introduce our church member, CJ: He is 22 years old and came to our church in 2012 through one of our faithful servants. We have witnessed through worship and young adult bible study the faithfulness of God's work in his life. God has opened and put in his heart a desire to change from his former life. In May, he publically declared his renewed life



in Christ and was baptized. The Spirit has led his heart to eagerly share the gospel with his family and friends. And we have been so blessed to see him bringing his friends to worship, which is a very rare thing at our church. Though God is doing such a mighty work in his life, he continues to struggle with many habitual sins. We are praying that CJ can continue to trust and be obedient in the Lord as he fights the good fight.



The Lord has blessed us with yet another building on Republic Street attached to the Sycamore House! It has been under construction since December 2012. This house was appropriately named “Providence” because it is truly God’s gift to LWC. The building was purchased in perfect timing and costs, immediately following the near completion of the Sycamore House. The Providence House is planned to be used for Sunday School, male intern housing, and other ministry needs. Within a span of a few months, both Pastor Johann and Mr. Yoon had fallen from the second floor of the Providence building. We thank God for their quick

healing and continued strength to work, but also sense a heavy spiritual attack during the renovations. Please join us in praying for the safety and protection of all our workers.

The OTR LWC welcomes additional workers to the ministry! In late April 2013, PaShawnda Briley from the Philadelphia area arrived to help the ministry. She has been serving the OTR community for the last six years with the Children’s Retreat and Christmas parties and hopes her stay in OTR will be a blessing. Judith Cruz from Journey Church of Atlanta also came to serve for a month after participating in last year’s School of Evangelism. In August 2013, the OTR LWC ministry is expecting two more year- long interns: Annie Lee from Kairos Church and Daniel Seo from The Remnant Presbyterian Church. We thank God for the contribution of last year’s intern, Esther Chailim, and pray God’s blessing for her future direction.



As we prepare for this year’s School of Evangelism with over 140 participants, we pray that many will accept Jesus into their hearts on the streets and the student missionaries will be encouraged as they share their testimonies and love of Christ. With more participants, of whom many will be first time participants, we have the ability to expand outside of the OTR boundaries into the West End for the first time. With that, we are still experiencing a lot of shootings in the area, so we ask for special covering of safety and protection during our July School and Children’s retreat event. Additionally, this year we faced some conflicts with the use of Prince of Peace Church Building during the School of Evangelism event. In the future, we need God’s provision for an OTR site so that we can continue to host our annual July School.

We praise God for his faithfulness and amazing provisions for us. Please join us in prayer:

- Safety and protection during building work, July School & Children’s Retreat
- Future building site for next year’s July’s School.
- Deliverance from habitual sins for our community
- Pastor Paul’s health

We thank all of you, our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, for your prayers, support and constant blessing to OTR Living Water Church family. We love you.

Blessings,  
OTR Living Water Church