

Prayer Needs

- Thank the Lord for providing our monthly need and His great care for us.
- Pray for Angie & Galal Ahmed as they transition to Detroit!
- Pray for our Bible Studies every Tuesday!
- Praise the Lord for provision of a temporary location for our meetings since July!
- Pray we find a permanent place to meet!
- Pray for our support.
- Pray that DPS will hold Tamra's job open.

How You Can Help

- Pray for our church plant
- Bring a weekend canvassing team!

Please remember our "House Church fund! We currently have \$12000 (about 12%) toward the purchase of a "fixer-upper". Corktown's abandoned and abused homes are perfect for a place to hold church but are sold or auctioned "as is" for full cash payment!

Anyone can contribute here!

<https://www.thegospelfund.com/projects/common-grounds-church-plant-building-fund>



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Extra Edition

Although we are still praying that the Lord will allow us to secure our own building, we believe renting will be the most realistic to continue Bible Studies, start the coffeehouse and offer worship services. We have knocked on a lot of doors and made a lot of calls as well as enlisted the help of several others to no avail. Just this past week I called an owner who not only took my call but also was relatively open to what we wanted to do. This alone got me excited. He told me that there is a list of people interested in this building that sits vacant behind the one he now uses. I'm not surprised Corktown is becoming a popular place as we anticipated 18 months ago. But when I told him we wanted to start a church, he wanted to help us. It is still a long shot but still the most encouraging response we have had in several months. ***Please ask the Lord to move us to the top of the list so we can begin to minister to Corktown.***



This week I also had the opportunity to speak to a pastor of a multi-ethnic church a couple miles east of the city. It has existed 55 years. He told me that Corktown was "*the zone of avoidance*" for church plants. The reason being is the hardness of the spiritual soil. That is exactly why we are here. God is able and we will do the labor necessary to see fruit as we did in Chicago! Please pray the hearts in this neighborhood will be broken and open to the Gospel!

Tamra Update – She has got both of her tennis shoes on and is walking better each day. We even went out to eat as guests of another couple and to church on Sunday, March 13! We thank the Lord for healing and the encouraging support she has received!

URGENT PLEA: Attention Pastors & Counselors – I am conducting a survey on multiethnic counseling and would like to invite you to participate. It is completely confidential and only takes a few minutes! Thanks in advance for your input! Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Branks>

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