



# FIRST CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

*WELCOME to First Christian Assembly, an independent church whose mission is articulated by Jesus in Mark 16:15 when he said "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". Following this great commission, First Christian Assembly preaches and teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. In so doing, we trust that God, working through His Holy Spirit will draw souls to salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## *Easter Outreach*

Our mission is both local and global. Here in the greater Philadelphia area, we seek to provide families with an Easter meal, with the hope that this meal leads to lasting connections within the community. Meanwhile, we also support the provision of clean drinking water to communities in South Sudan. All of this is in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, and proclaims God's Kingdom to all the earth.

In early 2010, a zip code in North Philadelphia was named the hungriest in America. Realizing that this neighborhood was right in their backyard, a team from Liberti Church East was compelled to act. That spring, they raised some money, put an ad in the local newspaper, and gathered volunteers the day before Easter to distribute 100 dinners. They knew that, while this wouldn't fix Philadelphia's hunger problem, this one meal was a tangible way of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus by offering a glimpse of his hope to friends and neighbors. The following year, Liberti Church Fairmount and Liberti Church Center City joined the effort. Together they distributed 1,000 meals! By 2012, the organizers realized that this celebration of the resurrection didn't need to be limited to Philadelphia, or even the United States. So, they teamed up with Water is Basic, an organization that builds wells in South Sudan, to provide clean drinking water to communities that wouldn't otherwise have it. Each year, Easter Outreach has been able to raise more money, rally more volunteers, and distribute more meals to our neighbors. The range of this project has grown too: what started in North Philadelphia now extends not only throughout this city, but to Chester, Norristown, Harrisburg, and Camden, NJ as well.

In 2017, over 60 community partners & 1,500 volunteers helped distribute 6,000 Easter dinners in the greater Philadelphia area and fund 1,700 water filters in Sudan. This year, we hope to engage even more partners and volunteers, so that we can reach even more people with **8,000 meals** in Philadelphia and **famine relief and clean water** in South Sudan. The resurrection of Jesus affirms that the provision of fundamental resources such as food, water, and community have significant meaning. Satisfying someone's hunger or thirst for just one day offers a glimpse of the coming Kingdom. Connecting friends and neighbors in need to the local church offers them substantial hope here and now. Easter Outreach celebrates the resurrection through simple dinners at Easter, with the hope that they create lasting connections throughout the year.

## Missionary Update India

Greetings, My beloved! I trust you are well. So much was going on with us physically that I could not keep in touch with you. Sorry!

1. My wife had collapsed, she was admitted in hospital.
2. My daughter had seizure fourth time last month, was in hospital
3. I had flu was on bed for a week etc
4. My first daughter had flu etc.

I had to catch up with ministry demands too... Some of the works are pending...failed to send updates too..

Meanwhile, I have a happy news - we were able to buy a small piece of land. This property was on sale for more than eight years. No one will buy because it is located right in front of a Hindu temple. People are scared to buy thinking it is a curse land...And the basic assumption is that those who buy and live there will be under curse. Sickness, financial problems, relationship issues, even death will follow...So people are scared to death to buy this land!

I too did not like first, but then prayed and made an offer... Very low offer compared to the current land value... But the owner agreed and we bought it. Praise God!!

The land is strategically located, very close to town, market, bus terminals and close to schools. 250 feet from where we are worshipping at the moment on rented property.

This is going to be a huge blessing... Long time dream will be coming true... Now we need to move fast to construct a building suitable for our purposes.

Need lot of prayers as we move on. Need more fund to finish the project, probably another \$60 thousand more. Need the favor of God and the favor of neighbors to run our ministry without problems...It is a challenge to obtain permission, to obtain electricity, need to dig our own well, need to put compound wall etc... Therefore we really need your constant prayers and support.

Together we can bring glory to God in this heathen land. Praying for you. Thanks again for your faithful partnership in expanding His Kingdom in India. Blessings. With lots of love:

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*The Philadelphia Access Center* is a ministry of First Christian Assembly. Our mission is *revealing Christ through compassionate service*. Services available at PAC include social services information and referrals, biblical counseling, support groups, volunteer training, and community outreach. All services are free of charge and available to anyone. To learn more, visit us in person (across the street from FCA) or online at [www.philaccess.org](http://www.philaccess.org) or [www.facebook.com/philaccess](http://www.facebook.com/philaccess).

**WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	Meets at FCA	Meets at PAC
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study – Phila -location</i> 10:00 AM <i>South Jersey Worship Service</i> 11:00 AM <i>Phila Location Worship Service &amp; Children’s Sunday School</i>	
Monday		7:00 PM <i>Stepping Stones</i>
Tuesday	6:30 PM <i>Prayer (Sanctuary)</i> 7:00 PM <i>Worship (Fellowship area)</i>	
Wednesday		1:00 PM <i>Women at the Well</i> 1:00 PM <i>Coram Deo</i>
Thursday		6:00 PM <i>Prayer Service</i> 7:00 PM <i>Bible Study</i>
Friday		7:00 PM <i>Free Indeed</i>

- *Coram Deo*: A men’s Bible study and Christian fellowship.
- *Right Path*: A Christ centered support and recovery group for people whose lives have been affected by drug and alcohol addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support and fellowship; in genuine confidential sharing, coupled with a Biblical twelve step model of recovery.
- *Stepping Stones*: A Christ centered support group for men and women impacted by a loved one’s addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support, fellowship, confidential sharing, and intercessory prayer.
- *Women at the Well*: This group is Biblically based and promotes hope, healing, and fellowship for women impacted and struggling with brokenness.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Ministries at First Christian (Phila.& NJ) and the Philadelphia Access Center
- Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith
- Our supported missionaries
- For our Pastor and his family
- Paula Grazulis
- Easter Outreach

**In the last day, that great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. John 7:37**