



News from our Church Plants

River of Life, Pittsfield, ME

God is blessing River of Life! Our church currently has much to offer: Bible study groups, hiking trips, a wonderful praise team that blesses us through music, a support group for addicts called, "New Life Recovery", a growing youth group, Elders, and Sunday School. Please keep James and Jane Simpson in prayer as they have recently become "dorm parents" for MCI. Although they have no kids of their own, they now have 100 teenagers to keep track of!

Manchester LIFE, Hooksett, NH

In our latest vision team meetings, we have focused on our commitment to the surrounding community. This is an important part of who we want to be as a church. Many of Manchester LIFE's members participate in supporting area charities. We are so thankful to have a church that gets involved and shows the love of God to others. There are so many people in each of our neighborhoods that need to see, hear, and understand that there is a greater purpose for their lives. As we are coming into our second year as a public church, we are faced with limited resources during a crucial time for needed growth. We need to raise \$3,000 to fund some outreach opportunities that we think will have a real impact for our church such as radio advertising on a pop station and an upcoming fall festival.

New Hope, Bangor, ME

During the week of June 23, a new puppet ministry for kids was launched at New Hope. With the help from the summer youth team from Maranatha CRC, our puppet team shared the gospel with kids from throughout Bangor. We are looking ahead to a weekly Wednesday afternoon puppet outreach to kids, which will begin in September.

A basic truth that we have seen repeatedly at New Hope is that regardless of the amount of publicity, the most important factor in bringing people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and with His church is the love of a friend. Publicity doesn't bring people—people bring people! Nearly every member and attendee of New Hope Church has been brought by one of the members of our original launch team or by those they have brought.

Thanks to God for supporting churches and individuals who continue to enable us to bring new hope to Bangor. This summer we are beginning our final year of grant support from Home Missions. Pray that God will continue to provide for New Hope's needs.

Pathway Community Church, Newport, ME

We offer praise to God for the huge ways He is working in our church. We are about to move into a larger space, have new people serving in many capacities, and are moving forward with plans to serve our community. In each situation, God provided a solution just in time. Please keep Pathway in prayer as they make their move. Pray that they will arrange and use the space effectively to advance God's kingdom. Pray that they continue to meet their financial obligations—larger space, larger finances. Pray for the new leaders, Scott Millett, Becky LePage, Noah Ganon, Ted Bessey, and Carol Millett, as they all learn to work together, taking advantage of different strengths and skills.

The River, Sutton, MA

Over the next few weeks, Bruce Dykstra, pastor of The River, will be engaging everyone who is connected and engaged at The River in a conversation about establishing a covenant with each other. This will be The River's means of talking about what has been traditionally labeled membership. We will look to move forward as a community of faith committed to a covenant relationship with each other that reflects our covenant relationship with God.

Indonesian CRC, Dover, NH

We will be celebrating our 5th year anniversary in October! Please pray with us as we reach this milestone. God is blessing our youth group and Sunday School groups as they continue to grow!