

Thomas & Lorelei Eddy's fall update on their MTS ministry

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# MTS Capitols Fall Update

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## Grateful for God's Sovereign Hand



We are excited about what God is doing with Ministry to State and thanks to the Holy Spirit opening doors, your support, and prayers, a lot has happened since we last sent out an update. After analysis of PCA churches around capital cities, we decided that the next capital city we would focus on was Columbia, SC. Columbia has 22 PCA churches within 30 miles of the capitol building in Columbia. The Army Chaplain Center and School is in Fort Jackson, which is also located in Columbia. Our denomination has several retired chaplains who live in the area. We are hopeful that some retired chaplains will accept the call to MTS ministry. Being able to visit with the PCA chaplains, both stationed at Fort Jackson, and retired in the Columbia area, has been very fruitful.

During the summer, we visited with Palmetto Presbytery, which contains all the churches in the Columbia area. We also visited many of the churches individually to explain the ministry concept and answer questions. This past week, we were invited to the MNA committee meeting for Palmetto Presbytery, and that committee will recommend our ministry to the whole presbytery at their next meeting on Nov. 10. We are very hopeful the presbytery will approve and give us a green light

to move forward to finding a Teaching Elder to become our next state house minister.

Our state house minister in Helena, Montana, Steve Bostrom, has had a great summer as well. He contacted the Franklin Graham team who has been traveling to each state capital to encourage prayer for our political leaders. Steve was chosen by the Graham team to head up the program in Helena. Steve saw a great success the day of the event. Thousands showed up on the capitol steps to pray. Steve has also widened his ministry to the legislators and government workers due to his involvement. We can only Praise our Lord Jesus Christ for the work he is doing through servants like Steve.

We received contact from the MNA committee of Northern Illinois Presbytery. They have no PCA churches in their capital, Springfield, ILL. They sense God's call to plant a church and because it is a capital city, they also want this church plant to have an MTS emphasis. We were able to travel Illinois, and meet with part of the committee. We answered questions, and at the end of the conversation they are more convinced that their church plant must include MTS ministry.

Chuck Garriott, our director, has recently been in contact with a someone who is interested in joining our team and start ministry in Austin the capital city of Texas. We will be traveling to meet with him and the South Texas Presbytery (where Austin is) to discuss bring him on as our Austin state house minister.

Lastly, we will be traveling at the end of October to Oklahoma City, where the Holy Spirit first called Chuck Garriott to this ministry. We will be visiting several people whom God used to develop the ministry in the Oklahoma State House and governor's offices. We might also get the opportunity to join with the ministry that Chuck started, and that has continued since he left for DC. This firsthand look at where MTS began will help us to better understand and explain the ministry to others.

With these summer months behind us and the beginning of the fall, we are excited about what the Lord has done, and we anticipate with great excitement what the Lord will do. I would not be surprised if we have more presbyteries and individual teaching elders contact us stating they want to start an MTS ministry in their capital city.

Every four years (and to a lesser extent two years) we are reminded of God's call for Christians to be praying for those in political positions. This year, that need seems greater than any year before. Our God is Sovereign, and he states through Daniel "the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men." (Daniel 4:17). Let us all keep this in mind as we and our fellow citizens vote. Whomever our next president, senators, congressmen / women, and governors are, let us be diligent to be praying for them. Let us also remember, regardless of their public profile, that our politicians are people too. They have families and are members of families who care for them. They are sinners just like you and I and need the Gospel just as much as we do. Pray that through the efforts of MTS and other ministries that the Lord will bring the Gospel into their lives and they are transformed as we have been.

We are thankful for the financial support that so many of you are providing. As the year rapidly ends, we ask that you continue to pray for us. If your heart has been moved and you are able, please assist in providing the financial resources needed to continue developing this ministry. You can contribute by going to:

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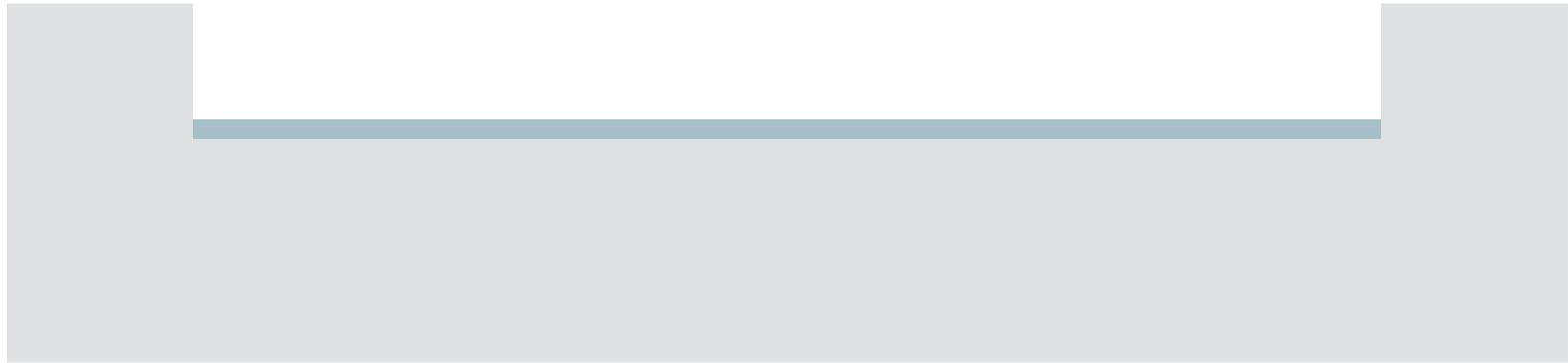
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