



The Eastern District Communiqué



CityServe (formerly known as UTOPIA) is a ministry of the Eastern District. **CityServe's Goal:** *To impact our urban and intercultural churches and the communities that they serve with the unchanging Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

We will do this, by God's grace, in three ways:

- 1) **CityServe recruits men who are interested in planting an urban or intercultural church in our district.** The potential planter will spend two years in an urban/intercultural church with one of our seasoned pastors, ministering and receiving mentoring and training while he prepares to plant a church.
- 2) **CityServe works to develop partnerships with churches in our district between urban and suburban/rural churches.** Our urban and intercultural churches have great needs and together we can partner with them to live out the call to transform neighborhoods for Christ. For partner churches, serving in the city can be energizing, focusing, and provides excellent cross-cultural training and an expanded world-view. The opportunities to serve our urban/intercultural churches include weekend renovation projects, prayer walks, and week-long mission trips to provide VBS in the city. Dream with us of how God can use you. You can be sure your creativity, charity and gifts will be cherished and used!

3) **CityServe seeks to recruit young adults for short-term (1-2 years) missionary service in one of the urban or intercultural churches in our district.** We've had missionaries come to serve from Norway and Guatemala, from several states and from the nearby neighborhoods in New Jersey. They come to work and minister, adding joy to the life of the church and giving needed help for reaching the community for Christ. The CityServe missionary becomes a great source of encouragement for everyone they meet, and their lives are expanded and changed by their new friends and urban experiences.

How can you be involved?

- **Discover** the possibilities - if you'd like more information about the ministries of CityServe, please contact David Gehret, CityServe Director, at dgehret@edaefca.org or call the Eastern District Office at 610-395-9034. We'd love to help you explore how you or your church can get involved in transforming city neighborhoods with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **Pray** - Please pray for the expansion of this ministry which many of our urban churches view as critical to their futures. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as we deal with incredibly varied cultures, personalities and urban situations.
- **Give** - If the Lord leads you to make a financial contribution, checks can be made out to "Eastern District" and note "Foundation - CityServe" in the memo line. Our address is P.O. Box 220, Macungie, PA 18062. Online donations can be made at www.edaefca.org; click on the "Eastern District Foundation" link on the left side of the home page.