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JANUARY 2020—NEWS FROM CPC IN THE HILL

JANUARY 2020 WAS MOST DEFINITELY THE MONTH OF CPC IN THE HILL LADIES—

January, right in the midst of Winter cold, we saw our CPC in The Hill Ladies in action. Besides their usual Wednesday evening Bible Study and Prayer time, they were very missional as well. The ladies reached out to a friend who was homeless and showed the Love of Jesus. First, in praying for her. Yet also in helping make the transition into a nearby apartment. On one Wednesday evening, instead of meeting at their regular site (our worship site @ 158 Davenport Ave), they moved the Ladies Weekly Bible Study & Prayer time into her



apartment. They all brought house-warming gifts. The lamp here was one of the gifts. Maxine, the Bible Study leader and our CPC in The Hill Office Administrator (on the left) and the host (on the right). She's been to church service since and plans on coming more often. Ministry in the Hill is direct and personal *and could not happen without our financial partners. Your support puts the gospel on display and sometimes in someone's new living room after being homeless.*



The Ladies also helped Lisa set up and minister the Sidewalk Breakfast on the January Saturday I had to be at Presbytery. These ladies know how to make things happen.

OUR NEIGHBORS: WHERE THE MINISTRY IN THE HILL GETS PERSONAL & CREATIVE—

—We are grateful to our financial and prayer supporters, because without you we cannot be creative in reaching out to our neighbors and seeking to be a pastor to them. Food. Shelter. Clothing. School supplies. Blankets. Socks! All rise to the level of “most needed” by our neighbors. As you probably know by now, Lisa and I serve a breakfast on the sidewalk in front of our Hill apartment each Saturday—no matter the weather, wind or calm, rain or shine, sleet or snow storm, we are out front on



Saturdays at 10am to serve our neighbors and share, visibly the love of Jesus and to share that Jesus can meet their needs—and that church is a place for a new, supportive family. One lady, our next-door neighbor actually, said she believes in Jesus. I told her, I believe she is *a believer*, but we need to see her *a churchier* . . . she got the pun. We also talked about bringing church to Carlisle Street—literally, right there on the sidewalk, a full church service accompanying the breakfast. Details forthcoming. *We need your prayers on this and some more people to become financial partners to help make this happen* (probably in the Spring).



SOME OF OUR CPC IN THE HILL FOLK JOIN THE SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT CPC EVANGELISM CONFERENCE—

Each Winter Southern CT CPC hosts a leadership conference; this year the topic was Evangelism. We met at our CPC Fairfield church plant, where Wallingford, New Haven, and The Hill all gathered to hear sessions on the nature of Evangelism and how to actually do evangelism. My session was on the local church as the alternative community—church together as evangelist. (If you want the notes, let me know.) This was a 2-day event and, I believe, motivated us to up-our-game with regards to evangelism. I was thankful for CPC in The Hill folk that attended. Scholarships were made available to our good folks (again thanks to our supporters for helping to make this happen.) Those who couldn't make it wanted to know if we could do this conference in The Hill next year! Well, of course—and some of you will help make this possible through your support of our ministry in the Hill.



We have a number of videos that you will enjoy @ <http://www.wastedevangelism.com/hill-ministry-newsletters.html>. Also, here is a link to our 2019 Summer Park BBQ ministry ([here](#)) and a link to an **interview I did with a church planting podcast** earlier this fall: **Interview**



Lisa and I love being in the Hill, both as a neighbor and as a pastor. Our supporters make it possible for us to be a resident of the Hill and have consistent events like our Sat-Sidewalk Breakfast, which allow us to get to know our

Update on our Financial Resources—We are grateful to our financial partners for their support, which is currently at 70% of our FY20 goal. We are still in need of pledges and/or one time gifts for the remaining leaving 30% or \$14,220 remaining to be raised for FY20 ministry budget responsibilities. (Again, our budget year, 9/1-8/31). On a weekly basis, we need to see \$3,950 from outside sources each month; currently, from pledges and one-time gifts, we are at \$2,765 p/mo, needing now to secure an additional \$1,180 p/mo of pledges or one time gifts to ensure we have the resources for the remainder of the FY.

We try to make a little go a long way and trust God to make ends meet—for both our church budget and our own family budget (Lisa and mine). ***Please consider helping us meet our ministry needs for FY20 and become a financial partner with us in reaching our Hill neighbors for Christ. See below how.***

We need more financial partners for our ministry—Please consider joining us as a financial partner. Such partnerships enable us to do ministry and build a congregation, a church, right here in the Hill. Your support also allows us the freedom to start an outdoor church service on the street where Lisa and I live. (More on this next month)

Thank you.

OUR HILL MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for wisdom as I begin training one gentleman for potential eldership (perhaps two years from now, slow but steady), that he be consistent and begin to grasp what he needs to know for someone in the role of church elder.
- Please continue to pray for our (i.e., Lisa and my) ministry among our immediate neighbors on Carlisle Street and in the Trowbridge neighborhood where we live.
- Please pray that God motivates our “sometimers” (as Maxine calls them) to become regulars and committed members of CPC in The Hill, on Sundays and in the ministries of our church.
- THIS IS GETTING REAL—Please pray for this (rather crazy, out-of-the-box) idea: an outdoor, on the sidewalk church service—the whole thing, but outside. I need help (music and set up and food) and we will need outside gifts to make this happen (for this too, is off the books of our FY20 budget). We think the Saturday of Easter Weekend would be the launch.
- Pray God moves more individuals and churches to become financial partners with us so we may have the resources necessary for our ministry needs here in the Hill.

Ways to donate—monthly payments or as one annual sum

- Checks: “CPC New Haven”/in memo “FY20 Hill/CA”/mail: CPC New Haven, 135 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT 06510
- Online at <http://www.cpcinthehill.org/> > Donate > Donation Applied > “Hill Church Planter—Rev. Chip Anderson”



Our very own Maxine helped Lisa while I was at Presbytery. Maxine brought fried fish and grits, most definitely a Hill breakfast! Our neighbors loved it.



Our Hill folk learning about the nature of Evangelism from our CPC anchor church Lead Pastor, Preston Graham. This shared time with all our CPC Southern Connecticut family was wonderfully encouraging.



Maxine (who brought fish and grits) joins with our neighbors in this shot. We are grateful that God has provided this platform—a Sat-Sidewalk Breakfast—to get to know our neighbors and to share God’s Love.

Our original ministry video. Enjoy and please share it with others and, perhaps, your church >> [Here](#)