



4 days, 4 urban projects, 400 miles

Last month I had the opportunity to visit the four projects in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Starting with a family visit in the D.C. area, veteran Urban Project Staff John Hochevar and I embarked on a 4 day journey visiting the projects in Lancaster, PA, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and D.C.. The trip was a blast. I love seeing what God is doing on our projects across the country. Each city is different, each project director is different, and yet what is consistent between projects is that God is faithful to reveal himself to the students in scripture, through community, and in the lives of the people encountered there. Highlights:

- Hanging out with Hoch. He has been on staff for 38 years. Nearly 30 years ago he started the Chicago Urban Program, with 3 students, himself plus two college students. He is a lifelong learner, humble, and a wealth of knowledge and experience. The miles and hours of this trip flew by as we energetically talked about the projects he oversees, InterVarsity in general, his life and experience, and gardening. I am blessed to work with incredible people like John.
- Seeing John, a student at Sidwalks UP in Lancaster whom I've known for over 13 years and the son of my former Area Director (InterVarsity management). It was so good to see him as a mature young man who now a leader in his fellowship at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania.



- Giving four different talks in four days. These were all interactive and conversational sessions which suited my style of teaching well. I spoke on Ethnic Identity, Broken Systems, Transformation, and Advocating for Justice.
- Spending quality (albeit short) time with my Urban Project Staff. For each city, I had the opportunity to spend time talking to the project director(s) about life, the project, and what God is doing in and through them. This is my favorite part of my job.



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Family News

Summer Highlights include:

Watching Beatrice grow and change nearly every day. She is a very smiley and cute baby.

Going camping with Lucy. She loves it. We've gone both bike and car camping.

Growing a garden. Along with our chickens, we've got a nice little urban farm going on.

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