

BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” (Phil. 1:3-4)

I cannot begin this first report with anything but humble thanksgiving to all of you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. The outpouring of blessings from the Lord on my family is amazing, and He has used each of you to bless us. Thank you!

I am humbled, because I know that many of you do not know me or my family, personally. Many of you are not supporting me because you have heard me preach or know my writings. You are supporting me because you love the Lord, you love the Christians in Boston, and you want to help spread the gospel in this city.



Christians in Boston

“When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose...” (Acts 11:23)

I think I understand how Barnabas must have felt when he first met with the church in Antioch. The saints in Boston are a great encouragement, with their eager participation, sincere prayers, and spirited singing. One example of this was our worship service from this past Sunday. Our adult class had just finished a study of Daniel, so one of our young brothers, Winston, organized a prayer service centered on this book. He prepared 6 different themes from Daniel for us to pray through, led by

several different men. It was such an uplifting service of praise and prayer toward God!

Evangelism

Meetup.com is a tool that the Christians in Boston have used successfully for several years now. Besides posting our Bible classes on Meetup, we also have two other studies at Panera Bread during the week (Monday and Thursday evenings). In talking with the brothers and sisters here, I discovered that several of them were introduced to the gospel by attending one of these Meetup studies. It is clear that this is an effective tool for evangelism in this area. I have begun attending the Thursday study with about 5 of our members, and we have had visitors each time. This last week a woman, Sage, joined us. In talking with Sage after the study, it was obvious that she reads the Scriptures regularly, yet it was also apparent that she does not worship anywhere. She seemed to really enjoy just reading the Scriptures and talking about it with all of us. I am hopeful that Sage will continue to join us, so that we will have opportunity to share the gospel more fully with her.

This past week I also met with a young man named Nic, who works with the Boston Church of Christ. This church (and its subsequent spread, known as the Boston Movement) has gained an infamous reputation in the Boston area and throughout the country over the past 40-50 years. In fact, this church is one of the reasons that our congregation goes by Christians in Boston. I am hopeful that Nic and I can begin to study together in the near future.

Please pray with me regarding these opportunities and others that I will speak with boldness and love. The fields of Boston are white for harvest!

Personal

Our family made it to Boston on April 7th. Much of the following week was devoted to unpacking and getting settled into our new home. We are slowly learning our way around the city, including parking in downtown, riding the trains, and dressing for the weather. Slowly but surely, we are becoming Boston Strong!

To God be the glory in all that He has done!

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