

# BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I thank God for all of you in my prayers. Your participation with me and my family continues to encourage us. Thank you for your generosity and your love!

### **Christians in Boston**

The month of July was one of sorrow and joy for our congregation. Early in the month, we said “Good Bye” to one of our members, Shelby Wolfe, who moved to Philadelphia to start a new job at the University of Pennsylvania. Shelby was part of the church family in Boston for ~4 years. Her gentle, humble spirit has been an asset to the group in countless ways. We are excited for this next chapter in Shelby’s life, but she will be missed! The Philly church is getting a valuable addition to their assembly.

About a week later, Logan & Emily Merrill decided to join in the work with our church family. The Merrills are a young couple who just moved to Massachusetts from Maine, following Logan’s graduation from college. We’re looking forward to working with them and mutually encouraging one another.



Shelby (smiling on the right) dominated the Nertz tournament that broke out at her going away party!



Ms. Violet, one of our older women, invited our family over to her apartment and cooked lunch for us one Saturday in July. The notable thing about this is: Ms. Violet is blind. But that does not slow her down! We learned a great deal about patience and perseverance by observing how she accomplishes her daily tasks and listening to stories of how she has learned to live independently. We enjoyed dining with her and hearing about her triumphs and struggles since becoming blind about 8

years ago. Ms. Violet is a great example of servitude for all of us. She has been slowly having the entire congregation over for a meal in her home. She's also an incredible cook! We are blessed to have her as part of our family.

### **Evangelism**

Last month, I mentioned a visitor that had joined us for our Meetup.com study named Richard. Over this month, Richard and I have met several times to get to know each other better. He is becoming a fixture at our Meetup.com study, and he also came to one of our worship services. Richard has finally agreed to a one-on-one study with me that will begin this week. We are going to be studying the Gospel of John together. I am thankful to God for blessing me with this opportunity to study with Richard.

Please pray for me to have wisdom as I study with him.

Regarding our Meetup.com studies, we continue to have visitors join us on a regular basis. A couple of weeks ago, we had 3 different visitors to our study (2 of whom had been invited by one of our members, Junior Joseph). The Monday study, led by Winston, is reading through the book of Jeremiah. Our Thursday study has just finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, and we are about to begin 1<sup>st</sup> John.

### **Personal**

Our oldest daughter, Emily, turned 10 years old on the 24<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate, we spent a day at Winter Island Park in Salem, MA. We climbed on huge boulders that line the shore, gazed at the ocean, saw our first lighthouse up close, and Emily practiced taking pictures with her new camera. ☺ We are so proud of Emily and the heart she is developing to serve the Lord and others.



One of our Christian brothers asks for prayer requests on Sundays, and I am always impressed that Emily regularly gives him a prayer of thankfulness! She is an immeasurable blessing!

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

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