

BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Lord's work in Boston. Your "fragrant offering" (kind notes, prayers, and generosity) are a blessing to me and my family.

Christians in Boston

A couple years ago, the congregation worked together to plan the adult Bible class curriculum. They had decided to work through the entire Bible in 3 years. When our family arrived, they were finishing up the Old Testament with the Captivity and Return. In July, we began studying the Gospel of Matthew together, and I have had the opportunity to teach the class. It is a joy to study this powerful book with a group that is diligently preparing for class and engaging in discussion about the text.

With the summer heating up in Boston (yes, it does get hot here...kinda), we decided to invite our church family over for an old-fashioned ice cream social. I am always uplifted when we spend time together, because inevitably we have some awesome spiritual conversations. My brothers and sisters refresh my soul; I am thankful for all of them.



Beating the Boston heat with ice cream

We have had several Christians move to the area in the past few weeks to continue their educations at one of our many universities. We are excited to get to know each of them and encourage them in their Christian walks. In the short time since we have met them, they have already been an encouragement to our church family, joining in Bible studies both in and outside of worship, and getting together for fellowship.

Preacher Study

The New England area is blessed with terrific men who are devoting their lives to preaching and teaching God's word. Dan Koen (Boston), Nathan Combs (Tyngsboro, MA), and David Ross (Wallingford, CT) are three of those men. I am also blessed by each of them. Despite the distance that separates us, the four of us get together for a monthly Bible study. Their love for God, knowledge of His word, and love for the lost is inspiring to me. I am thankful to be strengthened and sharpened by each of these men.

Evangelism

The Lord has blessed me with another Bible study opportunity this month. I was looking on Meetup.com and noticed a new Bible study that was created for lunch time at one of the downtown hospitals. I went to the study and met John, who had coordinated the study. We were the only ones who came, so we took the time to get to know each other better. John works as a doctor at the hospital. He had previously participated in a lunch Bible study when he lived and worked in CT. He expressed a desire to begin a similar study here in MA. As we were continuing to talk, John asked if I would be willing to lead the study – to which I said that I would. This past week we met again and began studying through the Gospel of Mark. All praises to God for His providence in opening this door! I am also prayerful that this will provide more opportunities to study with some of the other hospital employees who may hear about the study.

On a down note, my studies with Richard and Anthony have both suddenly halted. Obviously, I am saddened by this fact, but I know that God's word can continue to change them. I am prayerful that they will continue to seek His truth, and hopeful that I will have another opportunity to study with each of them in the future.

Personal

Another special milestone for our family this month – Hannah and I celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. She is my biggest cheerleader and supporter. The longer that we are together the more I realize the blessing that the Lord has given me in her.



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

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