



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I am thankful to God for all of you. Your interest in our work is heartening. I really appreciate all of the emails of encouragement and prayers that you send our way.

### **Work of Evangelist**

A couple of weeks ago, the Lord showed us His steadfast love toward one of our former members. He was a member of our congregation until the end of last year when he became wrapped up in another group's teaching, which does not emphasize looking to the Bible for truth. We regularly prayed for him and reached out to him during this time. Earlier this month, his brother (also one of our members) was talking to him and encouraging him. He decided that he was willing to come back and visit our congregation. He also decided to meet with me, so we have set up a weekly study. I am so thankful to God for answered prayers on this brother's behalf, and am still prayerful that he will continue to seek God's truth and make the necessary changes that he will need to make in his life.

The first week of September I began teaching our adult Bible class, studying through the book of Hebrews. We have been focusing on the overall theme of the letter, which I have stated as "Don't Quit...Look to Jesus!" With the faster pace we have been taking through these epistles, it has been both challenging and rewarding. We do not have time to dig as deeply as I would like, however, covering two chapters each class has facilitated seeing the "big picture" more readily. I really enjoy teaching Bible class in our congregation. Our members come to class prepared and share thoughtful comments and questions with everyone. It's clear to me that the Christians here are truly seeking to learn the truths that can only be found in God's Word.

### **Christians in Boston**

There have been a lot of exciting changes for our church family this month. Firstly, two new families have joined our group – the Crowell and Rodríguez families. Jason & Meagan Crowell moved to Boston for an educational opportunity at Harvard. They are a welcome addition to our group and have quickly jumped in by getting to know everyone and participating readily in all areas of worship. We are looking forward to working with the Crowells over the next couple of years (or longer, if we can convince them to stay 😊). The Rodríguezes are a family we have known and become friends with since moving to Boston. They worshipped with the church in Tyngsboro (located about an hour north of Boston), but they recently decided to join our group for multiple reasons. The primary reason is to help out with our growing number of Spanish-speaking Christians. Oscar & Alejandra are originally from Colombia, so Spanish is their native language. It is really exciting to add this young family and

their two sons to our congregation. They are already a huge asset for our Spanish-speaking members and visitors, as well as being a great encouragement to everyone.

Two more exciting additions came to our church family this past month. Dan & Sonia Koen had their daughter, Eden Shiloh, at the end of August. It is fun to see Dan and Sonia in their new role as parents. Eden is already a regular fixture at our worship services and meetup studies. Another family from our congregation (Jeremy & Emily Degrado) had their third child, Erich Robert, in early September. We are thankful for the answered prayers for the health of both of these babies and their mothers during the pregnancy and delivery. Everyone is thrilled with these precious little ones being added to our church family!

### **Personal**

This month, my family was blessed with the opportunity to attend the Northeast Family Campout near Niagara Falls, NY. The campout consisted of Christian families from the northeastern states and Canada. We had almost 100 people this year (a large majority of them were under the age of 12). It was a great time to meet other Christians, have fellowship together, study the Bible, and sing together. I enjoy it because I get to meet with other Christians working and worshiping in similar works like ours in Boston. I'm encouraged to hear about their work, and share ideas and struggles together. It is also great for our girls to play with so many friends their age. This year I was able to lead one of the evening devotions, which was a lot of fun. As you can see, the kids really enjoyed this time of study and got excited about it!

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

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