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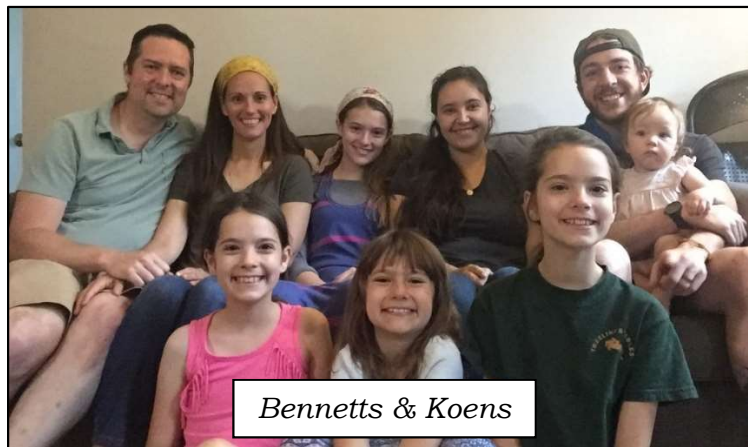


Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for your encouraging words and continued prayers for us. We love you and are thankful to God for all of you!

The Koen Family

This month we said “Good Bye” to Dan, Sonia, and Eden Koen. They left Boston this month to visit family and friends for a little while before they move to Sierra Leone to begin evangelistic work there. The Koens’ last Sunday with us was a great encouragement. After studying what the Antioch church did for Barnabas and Saul in Acts 13:1-3, our congregation decided to do a period of fasting and prayer together as we sent them off. Then after the time of prayer, we broke our fast by having lunch together, which was generously provided by one of the members. It was such a beautiful picture of the love that everyone has for the Koens and a desire to call on the Lord to bless their work in Sierra Leone.



I am thankful to God for the time that I have gotten to spend with my partner, Dan. In reflecting on our time together, I realized that Dan and I met and studied together a minimum of 5 times every week. I have been greatly encouraged and sharpened by him. Dan is a tireless worker and has been a great example for me in our time together. He has been patient with me while I learn what it means to be an evangelist in Boston. I am also thankful to the Lord for my time with Sonia. Sonia has been a constant presence at all of our Bible studies (both within our congregation and at our community studies). She regularly shared comments in our studies that were enlightening and showed a wisdom that is beyond her years. She is also a tireless worker who has regularly studied with and encouraged the women of our congregation and other women whom she met from our community studies. I will greatly miss this family.

Please pray for the Koens. The work that they are doing is going to be difficult. Sierra Leone is a very poor country that in the recent past has been ravaged by both disease

and civil war. Please pray for their safety, but also pray that the Lord's kingdom will be greatly encouraged and built up by their efforts. Please pray for them to have boldness and open doors to share the gospel.

Baptism

We have a new brother in Christ! Mark decided that he needed to be baptized for the forgiveness of his sins this month. Mark's story has been a long and slow progression. My family met Mark almost 3 years ago when we came to visit Boston to decide if we wanted to move here. During that visit we went to the Meetup study, and Mark was one of the regular visitors to that study. Over these years, Mark would join the Meetup study off and on, but he didn't desire to make more of a commitment. As his interest in the Meetup study began to slow, our brother, Winston, sought to have a personal Bible study with Mark. For the past year or so, they have been studying together. Mark became convinced that he needed to do more than just study, but that he needed to act on his belief. I'm so thankful to have gotten to witness Winston baptizing Mark in the Charles River (the same river where Winston was baptized just a few years ago). It is powerful what the Lord can do in all of our lives. Please pray for Mark to continue to grow in his faith and not feel that he has crossed the finish line.



Work of Evangelist

I am continuing to be blessed with opportunities to speak and study with people who are seeking the Lord. Every week we continue to have new visitors who join our virtual Meetup study. One visitor recently joined us who had really great questions and a fascinating background. After the study, I was speaking with her and asked if she would be interested in having a one-on-one study. She said that she would! When I asked where she lived, she told me that she was in London (it was about 1 a.m. for her while we were studying). We are still planning to study together, but I guess it won't be face to face.

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

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