

BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for following our journey here in Boston. You are an essential support to the Lord's work and His kingdom in this city.

Work of Evangelist

This year has been full of changes for all of us. However, I would like to share how God has used one change to open a bigger door of opportunity for spreading the gospel in Boston. Prior to the pandemic, we used weekly Bible studies in coffee shops as a tool to reach out to the community. We advertised for the studies using meetup.com. After the start of the pandemic, these community studies had to stop in their current form. We decided to create a virtual Bible study using Zoom and began to advertise for these studies using Facebook. The response has been overwhelming!

Our Thursday virtual study now averages around 14-18 people, which includes about six Christians from our congregation. This means that we are studying the Bible every week with 8-12 people from our community – people who have never joined one of our studies in the past. Although we usually average 1-2 new visitors a week to the study, many of those joining have become regulars. Their names include Rita (who has been studying with us since April or May), Matthew, Famaya, Zayda, Yvette, Sheila, and others. It truly feels like we are building a community centered around studying God's word. The enthusiasm from everyone shows their desire to know God better.



A snowy hike!

I want to highlight one particular study we had that was centered around Romans 6. I believe Romans 6:1-11 gives one of the clearest pictures of the necessity of baptism for a believer. During the study I paused to discuss this – knowing that many in the religious world have differing thoughts about baptism. I was nervous, because I was unsure of the beliefs of those in the study and how they would react to the discussion. But my nerves were quickly put at ease seeing the humility that everyone demonstrated. Many added comments or asked questions showing that they were truly seeking to understand. I was so thankful to God for this opportunity.

Through this study, I have been learning to rely on God more. When we first moved the study to an online setting, I was feeling frustrated at the lack of personal connection we were able to make with everyone joining. I was beginning to doubt whether a virtual study was going to be fruitful. However, God has been reminding me that I am not the one who causes fruit to be borne – HE IS! I have realized that this study gives me the opportunity to plant or water seeds in people whom I have never met face-to-face. He has given me a door to read and deeply discuss God’s word with them. I have also been reminded that the power is in His word and not in anything I say. This has given me great comfort and has empowered me to zealously continue these studies. Thanks be to God for the lessons He has taught me!

Christians in Boston

I want to point out the hard work that a few of our Christians are investing into the Lord’s work in Boston. Since the Rodriguez family moved, the translation of our Bible classes and worship services has fallen to Winston and Katherine. Katherine grew up in a Spanish-speaking household, but Winston has only been learning the language over the past few years. The more I witness the translating being done, the more I am amazed and appreciative of their work. It is one thing to have a conversation with someone in another language, but it is another thing altogether to hear what someone says in one language and try to repeat it in a different language. Our congregation is blessed with these two Christians and their commitment to helping unify our minds with our Spanish-speaking sisters. We have also been blessed by Melvin, a new brother who has recently moved to the area from New York. Melvin is also bilingual and has willingly jumped in to help with translation as well.

Personal

A couple weeks ago, my dad, Terry Bennett, had been in a lot of pain for several days. This pain led him to go get checked by the doctor where he found out that his appendix had partially burst. The doctors were able to remove it the next day, but he had to stay in the hospital for a couple of days to recover. Praise God, he is home and recovering and seems to be gaining his strength back.

With the holiday season comes a little extra time to spend together as a family, due to weekly studies being canceled. Because of the COVID restrictions, our family decided not to travel this year, which left us more down time than usual. I’ve enjoyed having that extra time to connect with Hannah and our girls.

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

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