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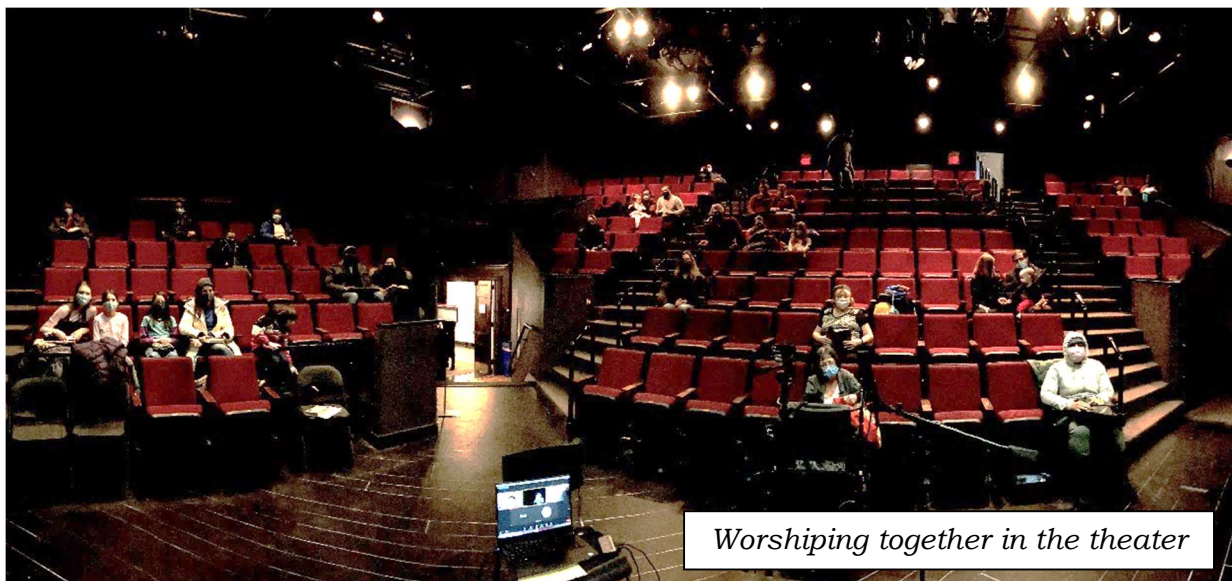


Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for your love for the Lord and your support of His work in Boston. We are grateful for your encouragement and prayers. You are a blessing to us!

Christians in Boston

Over the past 11 months, I have detailed some of our struggles regarding finding places for our group to worship together. Early on during the Covid outbreak, we met on Zoom. Then, we were able to meet together as a group outside in a park and in one of our members' backyard. The colder weather forced us to meet back on Zoom in small groups. Now I am excited to share that the Lord has answered our prayers in bringing us back to in-person worship this past month. For the first time in almost a year we were able to meet inside, all together in one location. We are meeting in the Lyric Stage theater, which is located across the hallway from our typical meeting place at Hotel 140. The theater is very large and allows our group ample room to social distance. We have also been blessed with the ability to use our original space (the Kuumba Library) for our Spanish Bible class. In the near future, we are hoping to start up our children's Bible classes again, which have been primarily put on hold since early on in the pandemic. This has been a long and trying process, and there are still some difficulties that we are working through, but we feel incredibly blessed. It feels like we are closer to having a "home" with a sense of normalcy again.



Worshipping together in the theater

Work of Evangelist

One humbling part of this work is teaching something that I feel like I am still learning. This has been the case with leading a marriage study for newlyweds, Ben and Tori. This is a new experience for Hannah and me. We wouldn't call ourselves marriage experts, by any means, but that only allows us to lean more on the wisdom of the Scriptures. Another couple in the congregation has asked us to begin a premarital Bible study with them as well. I am thankful for these opportunities, which not only challenge me to understand God's plan for marriage better, but to also apply that understanding more fully to mine and Hannah's life together.

Another undertaking that is stretching my knowledge is teaching the book of Isaiah this quarter for our Bible class. I have never done an in-depth study of this text, so it is requiring a lot of work for me to understand the text and prepare for each class. I am oftentimes struck by the beauty of the message. I feel like I regularly think, "This chapter is one of my favorites." As always, I am grateful for our congregation and the zeal that they show for our Bible classes. It is a blessing to teach these Bible students!

Personal

It's time for a Dad Brag! Emily, our twelve year-old daughter, has shown a natural ability for music and piano playing since she was very young. I can remember her playing the song "Do-Re-Mi" by ear when she was 4 years old – without coaching from anyone. Over this past year, Emily's piano playing has grown by leaps and bounds. We were able to find a great piano teacher who is really pushing Emily to grow. We've also found that Emily has a talent for writing music. Over the past several months, Emily has worked with her teacher to compose a new song, entitled "The Adventurer's Quest". It's a beautiful composition (if I say so myself) that sounds like it should be the soundtrack for an adventure movie. Her teacher submitted the piece to a competition, and the recital for it was last week. We are so proud of the hard work that Emily has put into this aspect of her studies.

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

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