



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for helping us in the work in Boston. Your love, prayers, and support are regularly made apparent to us, and it encourages us to continue.

Christians in Boston

This month has been a roller coaster of emotions for our congregation. We've had celebrations and trials, a union and a goodbye.

Early in the month, one of our Christian sisters was hospitalized. We were all very scared for her. However, the Lord answered our prayers by protecting her, and she is now home and on the way to recovery.

At the end of the month, we celebrated the uniting of Winston and Katherine in the covenant of marriage. But before talking about the wedding, I would like to share some thoughts from Winston's bachelor party. Some of the Christian brothers along with Winston's younger brother, uncle, and cousin got together to eat and hang out. We were all sharing funny stories about Winston (there are a lot of them), then Policarpe asked us to share times when Winston had encouraged us. It was a special moment as each of the Christian brothers shared about the amazing influence and encouragement that Winston has been. I was so thankful that Winston's family members – who are not Christians – were able to witness this display of love towards Winston. It was a beautiful testimony of the transformative power of God. Hearing his family's comments, it was also obvious how hard Winston works to talk to his family about the Lord. He is constantly shining God's light both to his physical and spiritual families, which is an inspiration for all of us.



Winston and Katherine's wedding was a display of the great love our Christian family has for each other through many members volunteering to help with the ceremony and reception. Our sister, Tori, spent countless hours planning and coordinating everything, arranging flowers, building a donut wall, and keeping the schedule. The

DeGrado family hosted the reception in their backyard (something that Winston had stated he wanted years ago, before he and Katherine were even dating ☺). Crystal and Policarpe each acted as chauffeurs and picked up the violinist Katherine had hired, as well as several members who do not own vehicles. Peterson allowed some of Winston's family to stay in his apartment. Much of the yummy food was prepared by Ms. Violet and several of our Spanish sisters, as requested by Winston and Katherine. It was a beautiful event full of love for these two Christians.

Winston and Katherine will be moving in June, so I plan to speak more about them individually in my next report.

On the same day of the wedding, we also had to say good-bye to Jason, Meagan, and Ford Crowell. Jason and Meagan moved to Boston two years ago for Jason to attend Harvard Business School. The Crowells were a blessing and an asset for our group while they were here. Jason immediately stepped in to help lead Bible class and preaching. Meagan stepped in to help with the needs of our congregation and regularly offered words of encouragement and hospitality. They did all of this while going through a rigorous school program, the pandemic, and having their first child. Jason graduated in May and got a job in Louisville, KY. We are thankful to the Lord for bringing these workers to be with us for the past two years! We are also excited to see how the Lord will use them for his kingdom in Louisville.

One more celebration that I would like to share – we were able to have a singing service! Since our group moved back inside the hotel, we have not been allowed to sing during our worship services. The City of Boston had banned all singing indoors, which included times of worship. That ban was lifted at the end of the month, so we celebrated with song! It was moving and invigorating to hear all of our voices joined together again in praise and worship. I'm thankful that this time of restriction is in our past, but I am hopeful that we will remember it, so as to never take singing for granted in our worship.

Personal

This month, we celebrated our “baby”, Sarah, turning 8-years old. To celebrate, we went to the Franklin Park Zoo. We enjoyed seeing the peacocks strutting around, prairie dogs popping out of their holes, and the baby gorilla holding on to her mother. Sarah is a source of immense joy, laughter and creativity for our family.

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

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