



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We are humbled by the love and support that we receive from all of you. Thank you for joining us on our journey in Boston.

### **Work of Evangelist**

After finishing the book of Romans for our virtual community study, we moved into a study of 1<sup>st</sup> John. I love studying through this letter, because it very clearly states how we can KNOW we have eternal life. I thought studying this text would be important, because we can fall on two ends of the spectrum – we either do not know that we have eternal life and live always in fear, or we think we have eternal life, but it is not based on true knowledge from God.

This community Bible study continues to amaze me and teach me lessons about the Lord. One of our visitors, Kim, shared that last year she had become disenchanted with the religious authors she had been reading. This led her to decide that she needed to study the Bible instead of other people's writings *about* the Bible. This decision occurred the week that she saw our advertisement for the Bible study (Coincidence? I think not. ☺). Kim regularly states that the Scriptures we study convict her and give her things that she needs to continue thinking about or work on. Kim's story reminded me of something that I have been struck by recently from the book of Acts. There are several mentions in Acts in which the Lord knows the people who are seeking him and brings someone to them to share the gospel with them (Ethiopian eunuch, Cornelius, Corinthians). I see the Lord's hand working in Kim's life and the lives of the many other regular visitors who are joining this study. Please continue to pray for this effort, and that the Lord will continue to bring those who seek him in contact with his word.

In June, our Bible class with the congregation began a new quarter, teaching through the Minor Prophets. The men of the congregation have divided up the workload this quarter. I had the opportunity to teach through the book of Amos and was impressed that, though Amos was written almost 3,000 years ago to the nation of Israel, it sounded like the struggles we have in America in 2021 - riches & pride, lack of justice for the poor, idolatry & false worship, and not listening to God's Word. As always, our Bible classes are a source of encouragement for me, because of the effort that everyone puts into learning, even in these typically lesser studied texts.

### **Christians in Boston**

After getting married last month, Winston and Katherine have moved away from Boston to Virginia. This "power couple" (as Peterson likes to call them) has been a huge asset to the church in Boston. I would like to share a little of the influence that they have had on the kingdom efforts here.



Winston is a hard worker for the Lord. In my 3 years knowing Winston, I have seen him teach Bible classes, preach sermons, lead singing, lead community Bible studies, learn Spanish so that he could teach our Spanish brethren, baptize someone who he had studied with, and on and on and on! The wisdom and zeal that this young man possesses is amazing, especially when you realize that he has only been a Christian for a few years.

Katherine moved to Boston to attend dental school at Tufts University. Despite her difficult and time-consuming course load, Katherine always made worship and Bible study a priority in her life. Over the past year, she also gladly stepped in to help translate for our Spanish sisters during Bible class, worship, and other weekly Bible studies. Upon graduation, Katherine became an officer in the Navy and will be working as a dentist. This is what led to their move to Virginia, where Katherine is stationed in Norfolk.

We are saddened to see Winston & Katherine leave, because they are leaving a huge hole in our group. However, we know that they will be a powerful addition for the Lord's work in Virginia and wherever they travel thereafter with her 4-year military commitment.

### **Personal**

Our family had a little scare earlier this month as our dog, Barnabas, had stopped eating for several days and was obviously not feeling well. We eventually found out that Barnabas had swallowed a rock. Thankfully, the doctor was able to remove it. Other than a week of wearing a cone, he is feeling a lot better and seems to be getting back to normal.

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

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