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Boston Report

Reviewing the Lord's work in Boston, MA

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Start the seed sowing and see what works.

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A most welcoming group, gift baskets and all.

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Settling in a new city not without a few tears.



Thank You

It is a very humbling experience to receive support. I saw firsthand the outpouring of the Lord's people, and it made me feel unworthy of such kindness. From my heart, thank you for your support and your prayers for the work here in Boston. Because of you, souls will hear the truth and obey it. We are true partners in the work of our Lord.

The other day I held my Massachusetts driver's license in my hand. As I looked it over, it was an excellent opportunity to admire what God has done. Never would I have imagined living and preaching in Boston. Yet here we are, and there is work to be done; what a privilege to share the gospel of God and know that it will change lives. To God be the glory.



The Lord's Work

As I change from furniture sales to an evangelist, the constant is the hunt for prospects. I have only swapped from people needing furniture to people needing the Lord. Kyle and I are collaborating to find the most effective places to spend our time.

We had a man reach out to us through the Christians in Boston website wanting to study God's word. His name is Roger, and he is from Benin in West Africa. He and I are meeting on Saturdays. He is asking the right questions as we read through Genesis, and I have taken him to the New Testament to show God's plan of salvation. My prayer is that he will obey the Lord and take the gospel to his wife, children, and countrymen in nine months when he goes back home.

Kyle and I are creating a website that will focus on Bible study opportunities for people in Greater Boston. Next month I hope to share the final product. We have used a preacher's site as a model. He has had success scheduling studies in urban areas of New York and New Jersey.

A four-lane road is not the best place for a home with three kids and a dog. We have made the most of that situation. Shown above is the yard sign we have out front. We have gotten one response from the sign in the week that it has been out. I have also been working on social media via Meetup, Nextdoor, and Facebook. The Nextdoor platform has generated some responses. May God provide the opportunities and the words for me to speak.

Christians in Boston

The Lord's people are the Lord's people no matter the place in the world. They were ready to help Emily in Boston, and I unload our 26' Penske truck. We all looked like ants marching to and from the truck. Long story short, we were finished in no time at all. And to top it off, a family delivered dinner for our first night. It was just perfect. It is incredible how the Lord's people can make you feel at home even though you are in an unfamiliar place.

Gift baskets work wonders too. One family put one on our porch one Saturday morning, and it made us feel very special. The same goes for dropping off winter clothes for the kids, apple picking with cider doughnuts, and a Halloween party. The Lord's people in Boston have made us feel most welcomed.

Getting to know the stories of the brethren has increased my faith.

God works in powerful ways, and nothing is impossible for Him. I am amazed at the different backgrounds of the brethren here, and yet we are all headed to the same spiritual home. I cannot wait to see how we look a year from now and what the Lord will do with us.



Our Life

Things are starting to feel settled here. There are some places I can go without using Google Maps, and we have blinds put up on most windows. It has not been without tears. Lonnie, our seven-year-old daughter, cried a few days ago, missing our brethren in Pinson, AL, and the neighbors of our old house. It was good to see those tears.

Emily is teaching the children at home in our first year of homeschool. We love the flexibility and the ownership of teaching the children.

I am thankful to God for my wife and can think of no other to share this experience. I am ready to see how God grows the Cook family here.