

# BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I thank God for all of you in my prayers. Your encouragement and support lift me up in this work. Thank you for your love for my family and the Lord.



## **Christians in Boston**

Join with our church family in glorifying God - we have a new sister in Christ! Sarah made the decision to be baptized earlier this month. She has attended our Meetup.com studies and worship services off-and-on for several months and has also been studying weekly with Sonia (Dan's wife). Sarah told Sonia that she wanted to be baptized a few Sundays ago, so some of us went out to the harbor after worship. It was an awesome experience to witness someone

giving her life to Christ while the general public was just walking around enjoying a standard day at the beach. Please pray for Sarah as she begins her new walk in Christ. By the way, our baptistry is Boston Harbor...pretty cool – *literally!*

We continue to have other regular local visitors join us for our Bible classes and worship services. We pray that they may see the need in their own lives, just as Sarah has.

This month our congregation joined together for an annual tradition – apple picking. Despite the cold and rain, many of our congregation met at an orchard to pick fresh, delicious apples. After we had loaded up our bags and stomachs, we went to Jeremy & Emily DeGrado's home for a fall festival, complete with a pumpkin carving contest.



### **Ladies' Retreat**

A few years ago, some of the women in Boston decided they wanted to create a ladies' retreat weekend. The need arose because our group is primarily made up of younger women, so they set up an opportunity to have some older Christian women come to teach and encourage them. The retreat has grown to also include women from some of the surrounding congregations in the Northeast. This year's topic was "A Godly Perspective on Difficult Sisterly Relationships". Cami Bunting of New York City and Teresa Harris of Albany, NY were brought in to lead the classes. The ladies of Boston returned refreshed and encouraged by this weekend of focused Bible study, prayer, open discussion, singing, and fellowship. I am thankful for all of the hard work that was put into this weekend and the time it allowed these women to get together.

### **Evangelism**

Our Meetup.com studies are continuing. I am thankful for the lunch study at Mass General Hospital. John has a heart for serving God, and I appreciate his love for others. He is always thinking of ways to help further God's kingdom, including in his former home of India. We have decided to meet more often, which is an exciting development. Also, John has asked me to move the study information over to our Christians in Boston Meetup.com page, which will hopefully give us the ability to reach more people. I am prayerful that our study together will be fruitful, even if it continues to be just the two of us.

Our Meetup.com study on Thursday evenings is also going well. We have not had visitors lately, but we have a regular group of about 6-7 people who come together to read God's word. We are now studying through the book of Revelation, which is a challenge for all of us.

### **Personal**

Our family had the pleasure this month of having my Mom and Dad come to visit with us. It was great to spend time with them. The girls enjoyed getting to love on Grandma and Grandpa, and I am sure that Grandma and Grandpa enjoyed loving on them. We also enjoyed wearing them out by taking them around to different sites in this beautiful city. Another enjoyable part of this past month has been experiencing fall in New England. We find ourselves constantly in awe of God's creation and the colors that He brings all around us.

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

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