

# BOSTON



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.

## **Christians in Boston**

Last December, Nathan Dial began a new job in Boston. Over the last 6 months, he has been traveling back and forth from Boston to his family, who was still living in the Austin, TX area. In June, the entire Dial family was finally able to move up and join Nathan in Boston. Adding the Dial family to our congregation has been both exciting and greatly encouraging. They have six children, ranging in age from 7 to 16. In the short weeks that they have been here, the Dials have already jumped in by having people in their home and getting to know the congregation. They have really lifted us up by their loving and generous hearts.



We are continuing to work to grow in ministering to the Spanish speaking Christians who have been regularly worshiping with our group for several months. They have been very gracious and patient with us, as we are trying to learn the best way to build them up. One thing that we are working through is how to make Bible class more edifying for them. Our current plan does not allow much interaction due to the time needed for translation. Our latest plan is to create a separate Bible class for them, so that they will be able to interact and ask questions of the teacher regarding the text. We are hopeful that this effort will be a benefit for them.

I would like to share a beautiful moment from last week. Dan was leading singing and had a familiar song ("I Have Decided to Follow Jesus") translated into Spanish. He showed the words on the projector, so that our entire congregation could sing the song together in Spanish. It was moving to hear the familiar song sung in Spanish by a room of primarily non-native speakers, for the purpose of both praising our Lord and building up our brethren.

### **Work of Evangelist**

Earlier this month, Dan preached a sermon from II Corinthians showing the great lengths to which the apostle Paul was willing to go to reach a soul, specifically for Christians who were struggling in their faith. His message really struck me and placed a renewed vigor within me to reach out to some individuals from our number who have fallen away in the time that we have been here. I am thankful to God that he has blessed me with the opportunity to reconnect with each of them. Please join me in praying that their hearts will be drawn back to the Lord.

The Lord has also granted me an opportunity to help influence the daughter of one of our older sisters, Sybil. Sybil's grown daughter, Michelle, is not a Christian and has a strained relationship with her mother. However, Michelle has decided that she is willing to work to mend the relationship with her mother and invited me to meet with them in this endeavor. I feel completely inadequate for this task, but I know that God's wisdom can help in this situation. I am prayerful that I can show Michelle the wisdom that comes from God's word and how it will improve our lives and relationships. I am hopeful this will bring continued opportunities to share the gospel with Michelle.

### **Personal**

This past month we have been blessed with several friends from Texas visiting New England, for either personal or work reasons. It's comforting to see those long-loved faces and share some time together. And they've all been pretty excited to escape the TX heat.

This month also brought a new experience for our family. At the end of the month, we dropped Emily off at her first camp. As we speak, she is attending the Northeast Florida College camp in New Jersey. She was very excited to be going but also became pretty nervous as the days drew closer, thinking about being away from her family for an entire week. I'm not sure, but I think Emily's mom was more nervous about this than Emily was. Nevertheless, we're excited for her to meet new friends and study the Bible with great teachers, who can help instill His Word in her heart.

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

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