

# BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Lord's work in Boston.

## **Work of Evangelist**

I have mentioned Courtney in previous reports. She has been a regular visitor to one of our community studies and has also been studying on a weekly basis with Sonia. Courtney's father passed away suddenly a few weeks ago, so she went out to California to help her mom. Sonia and Hannah have stayed in contact with her during this time, and they both received messages voicing how thankful she is to be learning about God, because He has been helping her through this difficult time. Please pray for Courtney and family during their time of grief. Also pray that she will continue to draw closer to the Lord through her suffering.



*Trying to catch up to Jackie heading to study*

## **Christians in Boston**

I want to highlight one of the older women of our group because of how encouraging she is to me. Jackie has been a Christian approximately 5 years. She thirsts for knowledge and desires to grow in her weaknesses. When she is in our Bible studies, she always asks great questions. Jackie has many health issues that make it difficult for her to come to Bible class or worship, but it is obvious that she is always trying. For example, this past month Jackie was able to make it out to one of our community studies. In order to get there, she had to order a ride through one of the city's services. This ride service is problematic because it will pick up many other passengers along the route. This particular trip took Jackie 1.5 hours to get to our study location,

which was only a few miles away. Understandably, she was very frustrated by the trip. The next day I received a text from Jackie telling me she felt sorrowful for how she had expressed frustration during her ride instead of using the opportunity to shine His light, and that she was repenting of her attitude. God is so good to forgive us, and His word is powerful to change our hearts!

The women of our congregation host a ladies' retreat for women around the Northeast. This year they invited Beth Works of Elmira, NY and LaDonna Reading of Gettysburg, PA to lead their studies. The topic was "Developing Spiritual Kinship" through a study

of 1 Thessalonians and examination of Paul's relationship with the young Thessalonian church. The ideas of investing in others, giving and receiving encouragement, and looking to the future goal of heaven helped ignite their hearts and minds toward growth in this vital area. The women of our congregation returned with a renewed vigor to dig deeper in their relationships with each other and all brethren.

Praise God! We had another addition to our church family in October, although he came earlier than expected. Lyford ("Ford") Crowell was born to Jason & Meagan (one of our new families). We are very thankful that God answered prayers for his safe delivery, and that he was able to go home after about a week in the NICU. It is an amazing blessing and so exciting to have 3 babies added to our family over the past couple of months.

"It's the most wonderful time of the year..." in this case refers to our annual tradition of going apple picking with our church family in the fall. In New England, it really is the most wonderful time of the year. All creation shouts of God's majestic glory. The fall colors on the drive to the farm were brilliant. We spent a crisp, cool, sunny day walking through orchards, picking and eating way too many apples. So grateful for this time spent with our Christian family.

### **Personal**

It was a fairly quiet month for our family. One of our daughters, Abigail, is on crutches at the moment because she slipped down the stairs and banged her foot pretty hard. Nothing is broken, so we are hopeful that she will be back to normal in a few weeks.

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

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