

# BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I truly appreciate you taking the time to keep up with our efforts for the Lord in Boston. A lot has happened this month, but I only have the space to share with you two significant events for the church and our family.

## **Christians in Boston**

The Lord has answered our prayers in our search for an additional evangelist. With the large population of Boston, our congregation has always recognized the need for additional workers to strengthen the Christians and reach out to the lost in this city. Curtis Cook and his family have decided to move from Birmingham to Boston to join the Lord's work here.

Our congregation has been getting to know Curtis, his wife Emily, and their three children for many months. They have been able to join our midweek Bible class via Zoom since January. Many of our group reached out to Curtis and Emily to introduce themselves and talk about the work in Boston. In June, the Cook family was able to come visit and meet everyone in person and see the city.

Curtis has a unique background which I believe will help him connect with both Christians and non-Christians alike. He did not grow up in a Christian home but instead became a Christian while he was in college. Since college, Curtis worked a secular job in sales. However, a few years ago, Curtis desired to begin teaching and preaching. While continuing to work at his secular job, Curtis has had the opportunity to help preach at a nearby congregation in Pinson, AL for a couple years. I am excited to see how the Lord can use Curtis' talents and life experience to build up the Christians in our group as well as connect with and teach those who are seeking in our community.

Curtis is beginning to seek financial support. I have attached his support request letter. If you are interested in partnering with Curtis in the Lord's work in Boston, please either reach out directly to him or to me. Also, please keep the Cook family in your prayers.



*Cooks at the Boston Public Garden*

## **Northeast FC Camp**

Our entire family was blessed to attend the Northeast FC Camp (typically located in NJ but this year was held in PA). Since three of our daughters were old enough to attend, I had asked Gardner Hall if Hannah and I could help out, and he asked us to come as counselors. The camp was a new experience for all of us, except Emily. I was one of the counselors for the youngest boys, and Hannah was a counselor and Bible class teacher for the youngest girls. The week was physically tiring but spiritually uplifting. Every day was full of opportunities to study the Bible. Every camper attends 7 separate sessions of Bible study, singing, or prayer, not to mention 2 more advanced Bible classes that were offered during free time. The theme of the camp and studies were centered on “Why Believe?” Obviously, there were also fun camp games and activities that all enjoyed such as battle ball, a shaving cream fight, and a talent show.



One distinctive quality I love about this camp is that many children who are not growing up in Christian homes are invited to join from NYC and other cities where Gardner has connections. This allows these children to be exposed to a lot of Bible teaching and be surrounded by Christian influences all week. There are several examples of people who are now Christians (and some are now counselors at the Northeast FC Camp) who grew up in situations just like this and were greatly impacted by their time at camp and the friendships made there.

## **Personal**

In the middle of this busy month, our oldest daughter, Emily, turned 13. We are so proud of the young lady she is becoming. Her easy-going nature is truly appreciated. (This was made evident when we were attempting to celebrate her birthday – Our dog ate her birthday cake, and our trip to Shakespeare in the Park was rained out. Yet, Emily handled it all with incredible grace.) Her maturity and desire to know the Lord is shown on a daily basis. We are so thankful to God for Emily!

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

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