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## Something Worth Sharing

Emily and I experienced a wonderful trip to Clermont, Florida, at the beginning of the new year. The brethren that meet in Clermont asked me to hold a meeting for them so they could meet us and get to know a little about the work in Boston. The elders asked me to bring some encouragement, and I did my best. I am afraid, however, that they encouraged me more. The meeting was closed with a Scripture reading from Philippians 1:3-4. It was very fitting.



## Christians in Boston

I am teaching this quarter in our adult English class. We are going through Genesis and up to Exodus chapter 20. My main objective is to show God's desire to be in a relationship with people so that we can, in turn, show our desire to be in a relationship with Him. God puts His desire into action for all of us to see. He is patiently waiting for all of us to do the same.

Secondly, I hope to help the brethren teach God's desire to be with people to others. Not only does God promise to bless all the families of the earth by turning us from our wickedness, but He shows us how He will do it in types and shadows. Understanding these unseen things in Genesis will help teach others about the purpose of the Scriptures; how God will forgive man of his sin.

## The Lord's Work

It took a bit of time, but I am now back in the groove. Taking a trip to Florida from Boston with four kids and a dog is tricky. Driving makes it worse. And a flat tire on I-95 makes it memorable.

I mentioned Robert in my November report. He is the 14-year-old son of one of our sisters here in Boston. He and I are currently studying. I want to take our time and ensure he knows who Jesus is and what He came to this earth to do. Robert has a good heart, and he reads the Scriptures every day. I am excited to see what God will do with Robert and his family.

Over the last 16 months, I have collected about 30 phone numbers. I recently contacted most of them to ask if they would like to start a weekly Bible study at a local Panera. I have had about three or four say "yes." I hope to grow this study organically and keep it consistently going until it proves to be unprofitable.

I recently met with a woman named Allison. She texted me last summer, interested in Bible study. She worships at a Pentecostal church. We agreed to meet each week to study Jesus. Pray for me to lead our studies in love and sow the seed of Truth. And pray for her heart to love the Truth and turn from error.

# Our Life



Our little buddy Jon had a high fever for a few days while in Tampa, Florida. After all their teeth come in, it gets harder to determine the source of a fever. He had no other symptoms, so we were tired of guessing. We just wanted the fever to go away. None of our children have ever had a fever as high as he did, so we were scared.

I woke up in the middle of the night to Emily screaming, "Curtis, something is happening!" I ran back to the bedroom where she and Jon were sleeping, and he was having a seizure (I did not know that yet); his eyes were rolled back in his head, he was gagging, and all his limbs were shaking. I did not know what to do, so I grabbed him and rolled him over to clear his airway. Then I turned on the tub and ran the water over his head.

By this point, Emily was on the phone with 911. She was scared because I was scared; she could hear it in my voice. I was praying that God would help our buddy. I went back and forth from carrying him and running his head underwater. And finally, he started to respond. It was as if he did not like the water on his head. So, I did it repeatedly so that he would keep responding. When I laid him down on the bed before the paramedics arrived, he looked over at Emily and said, "mama, mama." And from that moment, he was normal.

The doctors at the emergency room said the febrile seizure could have been from an ear infection, but he showed a rash a few days later. We think it may have been a virus. Even if I knew it was very common for small children to have febrile seizures, I still would have been scared. We are thankful he is doing just fine. Things like that make you want to hug your children extra tight.

