

BOSTON



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

First, let me begin by thanking all of you for your love for me, my family, the Lord, and His kingdom. You are a big part of the Lord's work here in Boston. Your partnership, your notes, and especially your prayers are appreciated and greatly needed. Second, I apologize for not sending this report sooner. These past few months have been extremely busy, and I never felt like I could sit down and write out everything that has been happening. Below is just a glimpse of the past few months.

Christians in Boston

I regularly mention our Spanish-speaking Christians in my reports, but I'm not sure I have made it clear that all of them were women – until now! Robert Jr., the son of Kelly, appealed to God for a clean conscience and submitted his life to the Lord. Over the past year, we have seen the zeal in Robert grow – from beginning to pay attention in the Spanish-speaking Bible class to having personal studies with Curtis. I am



Robert baptized!

excited for Robert to start a new trend and set an example within his family. Unfortunately, none of the Christians within Robert's extended family are men. But now Robert is setting an example for his younger sister and two younger cousins who also worship with us. We are regularly prayerful to have Robert's father and uncles begin to join us as well. Please pray for Robert in his walk with God.

Lately, some of our members have been meeting near a train station to pass out Bibles and try to find people interested in further Bible study. The most encouraging part of this effort is seeing the members who have joined. Several of our newer Christians (both younger and older in age) have joined in reaching out to the lost. Others have brought their children to help. We've even had some who would have stated they were too nervous come and join in the work. I'm thankful for the hearts of these brethren

and their care for the lost in this city. My prayer is for our congregation to be full of people who love and reach out to the lost. I also pray you are encouraged to join in the effort wherever you are, to be a light to those in darkness.

Work of Evangelist

In May, I was blessed to preach a weekend gospel meeting for the Christians in Albany, NY. This small congregation was a massive source of encouragement for our family. We cherished our time with them. During the meeting, we became acquainted with a young man named Chris, who grew up with very little religious influence in his life. Now that he has graduated and is living on his own, Chris has started to wrestle with some of life's big questions – which is leading him to seek the Lord. A few weeks before the meeting, Chris had begun to study with Simon Harris (one of the evangelists in Albany). During the gospel meeting, Chris attended every lesson. I heard last week that Chris is continuing to study the Bible with the Christians in Albany. He is trying to be methodical in his search for truth. Please join me in praying for Chris and his journey.

Over this past quarter, I have been busy with teaching the book of Jeremiah for our English-speaking Bible class. I am thankful for these regular opportunities to teach because it allows me to dive deeper into God's Word. Jeremiah was a book that I had never studied before. I loved seeing a fuller picture of the Lord through Jeremiah – both His anger towards sin and His continual offers of mercy. God's grace is truly amazing and undeserved! Also, I needed to see the prophet's struggle with having difficult conversations with the people of Judah. The Lord knew I needed this, because I was also having some hard conversations at the same time. The Lord's Word truly is living and active...

Hannah and I have been able to have another marriage study with a young couple – John & Maria. This is our third marriage study since moving to Boston. However, this study has been different from the previous studies because John is not a Christian. We have been encouraged to see this young couple compare their upbringing with Scripture and realize that God's truth is truly the best way to live – even if it's not what they have been accustomed to growing up. Through these interactions, the Lord has also granted a door of opportunity for me to study the gospel with John.

Personal

This past quarter, we were able to have several families visit and stay with us, including my parents. We were also able to celebrate Sarah's 10th birthday – which means all our children are now in double-digits! Finally, I would like to share a difficult event that happened in our family. In early June, my 93-year-old grandmother, Jeane Bennett, was viciously attacked by 3 pit bulls in her own backyard. She was care-flighted to the hospital in Memphis where she is



Grandma & Grandpa visiting

still undergoing care and recovery. Thankfully, she is an extremely strong woman and is doing well, all things considered. I am grateful that I was able to fly down and visit with her for a couple of days. She still has a lot of recovery ahead of her, so please keep her in your prayers.

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

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Abby playing violin



Boston Reunion at Elmira 2-Day Study



Livy playing guitar



Koen Family visiting from Sierra Leone!