

2016 Was A Great Year!

Dear Praying Friends,

January 17, 2017

We are very grateful to the Lord that He uses us here in New York City! I want to mention some of the great things God is doing in Gospel Light Baptist Church of Jamaica, Queens, New York!

General Faithfulness in 2016: We have seen people becoming more faithful in many ways. People have been consistently coming to services! I often encourage people to be in God's house for the messages or they will miss what God has for them!

Grateful for More Couples and Men: At the present we have six couples coming regularly to church! Another has one spouse abroad in the military. Pray with us for those who have lost spouses that they would come to the Lord in Salvation! Pray for Ann, Molly's husband, Surat, Nanoy, Roberto, and Shoomattie's husband; each who need to come to Christ!

Giving Has Increased: Dr. Jim Vineyard would say, "Tithes and offerings are God's way for God's People to do God's Business"! Many are growing in this area helping us to do more in ministries and also to continue to maintain payment for raising costs. Our landlord charges us a small percentage of the real estate taxes on the commercial building we rent, which in turn is a substantial payment yearly. Regular giving has also allowed us to save over twenty-three thousand for a new building! Still praying!

Gospel Preaching in the Park: This is our annual event which now is in the month of June! It reaches all those passing by including those who live nearby with the gospel of Jesus Christ! We saw many trust Christ this last Summer! It is a highlight for the people of GLBC and those who come to serve with us for the event! Thank God for men of God and their families that help us on a regular basis!

Growth in our Teens: Justin and **Stephanie** have worked hard and love the teens of our church! The tempo and seriousness of living for God has increased which causes the cream to rise and some to fall away. It requires continual attention to help all stay involved to follow the Lord! One young man has surrendered to preach this year and several are seriously interested in Bible college.

Growth in Our Discipleship: We saw five ladies finish with our discipleship program this year! Five new people including one couple has started coming to the class and have been very faithful!

God's Continued Protection and Safety: New York City is a place where an estimated 12 million people live in very close quarters on five different boroughs or islands. Only Bronx is attached to the mainland. Driving is very stressful most of the time and is a necessity to ministry. There is a very diverse population with sinful hearts, with crime, and many are not favorable to Christianity according to the Bible! But God's Word crosses all boundaries speaking to the heart of people's needs of salvation and a life enjoyed by walking in the light with our Savior Jesus Christ! Thank you for your continued support through prayer and financial giving! We are grateful for the many birthday cards, Christmas cards, and special Christmas offerings!

In Christ,

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