

# The Dice Family

## Church Planting Missionaries in New York City



Dear Praying Friends,

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Greetings from New York City! We have had mild weather all winter, and when that huge snowstorm came it was a bit of a shock! Shane and Jericho, our oldest son and his wife, came to see us in January and arrived on Friday night just hours before the storm hit. It snowed all night and all the next day on Saturday. The mayor shut all traffic down with huge fines for those on the roads. We started digging out on Sunday morning early and did not get done until noon. There was no way to even get to church in the morning here, but we did have a service Sunday evening with a good crowd of about forty!

We have had two church wide events this late winter. The first was our Valentine Banquet. We have seen God work on bringing new couples into our church! Five couples were at this banquet! A sixth couple coming, **Edwin and Mahreen**, joined our church about a month ago. They are from Pakistan. **Viv and Ann** have been coming for quite some time, and we ask you to pray with us for **Ann** to be saved. She is Muslim and is reluctant to turn to Christ. Also **Geeta and Robert** are coming and we are praying for his salvation. The other event was our Winter Camp we have with little children all the way through twelfth grade. **Justin and Stephanie** structured this year's Winter Camp more like camp with points awarded for memory verses, Bibles brought, friends, and competition between two teams. This is a week when NYC takes a week off school in February and we can influence the children with good clean activities and good preaching! On Sunday morning after a video was shown of the kids during the week with awards given. Our desire is to encourage more adults to be aware and involved in the ministries of our church! We have been knocking doors in the apartment buildings in our area. There are literally dozens of buildings in Jamaica, not to mention the many new ones being built! We went to one building that we had not been to before. As we knocked the doors with five groups knocking, we all realized it was a building predominately filled with Muslim believing people. There was a very kind reception to tracts and invitations! Our area has an ever growing number of Muslims moving into Jamaica! Most are from Pakistan and Bangladesh. Jesus died for their souls as He did for all! I seek to encourage the people of our church to witness to them, keeping before them that Jesus is the One who died for their sins and loves them! **Sumaria** is a woman who has been coming for over a year. She has gotten excited about reaching people inviting as many as she can from her building. **Shoomatie** is in her 70's, and came with **Sumaria**. She received Christ as her Saviour!!

**We continue to pursue the building at 186-06 Hillside Avenue!** We had a little over one hundred in attendance a few weeks ago, and are out-growing our building. If God gives us that building or leads us to seek another, we are confident He will help us find the right one! Our church has been giving on average \$850 a month to the building fund! This is over our normal for general expenses. I have gone to two church planting conferences and was able to present at one. We were promised \$1,000.00 and \$820 was given to me on the spot, with the balance being mailed. We went to a mission conference in New Jersey where the pastor gave us a year's support, \$600 in a lump sum, which we put into our building fund. So far we have a little over six thousand given in total! We are excited about what God is doing! We have a new website about our ministry at [dicefamily.org](http://dicefamily.org). It shows a video of our ministry, also stressing NYC as a needy mission field, and speaks about the building we are pursuing! Pray for God to soften the owners heart, to be favorable to us! Pray for this vision for a building with us!!

Our family is doing well! **Julie and I** are in our early fifties now. One preacher friend of mine told me, "Growing old is not for sissies!" A little humor helps! **Brittany**, our oldest daughter, gave birth to a beautiful girl in early February, and **Stephanie** our third daughter is due any day now. **Justin and Stephanie's boy** will be a New York baby that we will see often! This will be enjoyable. **Nathanael** is doing well working a job, praying about college. **Esther Joy** is ten now keeping us youthful. She is becoming a big help at home and in the ministry as well. She loves school, has initiative in study, and is learning piano! **Sheila**, my sister, is doing well after two years of cancer treatment. She works hard at Walmart, forty hours a week, and works hard at church serving the Lord! We are thankful for all you folks do for us! Thank you for the many love offerings at Christmas, cards, and birthday cards as well! We truly are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses on earth as well as heaven! We covet your prayers!

In Christ,

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