

Dear Praying Friends,

We start a new year full of opportunity to serve God and our Savior Jesus Christ! We are grateful for God guiding and providing for us here in New York City!

We had a great fall! September is a change of pace with people settling back in from travels and children going back to school. Our daughter **Esther** began her 8th grade year. I thank the Lord for Julie home-schooling our children for many years. For the many in our church who go to public school it is my earnest desire to teach and preach so they are equipped to face all they encounter. This year a woman and two children moved here from India to join the father of the home. They love being in our church, and the children began school. One in junior high and one in kindergarten. A very big adjustment. On October 6th we had a baptism with eight following the Lord in His command! Three of those baptized, **Jonathan**, **Harry**, and **Elvis**, are young men in their senior year of high school. These three and one other young man, **Brian**, come to my Sunday afternoon discipleship class. It is a great time to teach them the Bible and see the light come on in their understanding. Discipleship is so valuable and has always led to strong believers who are faithful in our church. **Millicent** is in her 80's and she was one who was baptized. She completed our discipleship training earlier this last year and has a very real love and hunger for the Lord!

On November 6th we celebrated the anniversary of our church! **Justin** and **Stephanie** had the idea to cover the walls with pictures of the past years. It was such a blessing to see all the people that have come and for us the privilege of ministering to them. **Pastor Charlie Clark III** and his family came to preach and sing. We had a packed house with about ten visitors, but most were people that normally attend. We never imagined what God would do when he led us to NYC in 1993!

Looking for another building is a priority for us! We looked at a Jewish Synagogue that is vacant to find the foundation and plastered walls had huge cracks which were a red flag. I have spoken to one realtor about properties in the area. He is looking for us and has suggested a few. Another building, resembling the size and shape of the previous building opportunity, is only a few blocks away. We are going to look into that possibility. The owner was in prison that last time we enquired. The people of Gospel Light Baptist Church are continuing to give, and we are praying for God to direct. Please pray with us for God's provision to enable us to grow!

Christmas is an amazing time of year that changes the spirit and attitude here in the City! Knowing not all are believing in our blessed Savior, it is still wonderful to think of the impact His coming has on this city. We have been knocking doors, passing out tracts, and preaching about our blessed hope in our Emmanuel! On December 22nd we had our church singing program. Our oldest son **Shane**, and his wife **Jericho** came for 10 days to visit us. We enjoyed those grandkids so much! **Julie's** mom came for the same time; we had a fun time and a full house! Thank you for your faithful prayers and faithful support enabling us to reach this mission field for Jesus!



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