

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

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This is a year we all desire to be in a state we called normal in our lives. God has been faithful to guide us and sustain us in all things! I apologize for the lateness of this letter. I will catch you all up on what God is doing in and through us in this still very needy mission field of New York City.

This summer has proved to be fruitful! In our last letter I asked you to pray for our Preaching in the Park! The community loves this event as we sing, give testimonies, and have two preachers preach. It is our single largest evangelistic event we have all year. Chris and Leah Thompson and Alan and Jamie Bradley, and her folks came to help us. Alan and Jamie will be moving here to NYC next year to work with us for at least a year before they plant a church. We just did not know what to expect, but it went very well. We had a very good attendance of over one hundred each night, and rained out one night. Many heard the gospel, and one profession was made. The next week Minnie began coming to church from the outreach, and she trusted Christ about two weeks later. She brings her son Reyes, who enjoys other children and being in Sunday School. Our attendance in church through the summer until now fluctuates. Faithfulness has been torn apart in people's hearts. We have a strong core of people who remain faithful to each service, which is an encouragement. We were scheduled to have Junior Camp the third week of August, but camp staff contracted Covid and it was cancelled. VBS was the end of August, with new children attending who had not come before. We saw four children and one teenager trust the Lord as Saviour!

Our church has gone through some difficulties this summer and fall. Again the Lord is faithful who is seeing us through this time. Children and teens had mixed thoughts and feelings in going back to school. We let each choose on whether to wear a mask or not in services, but children going back to school are required to wear masks, which sends mixed messages. Patience, temperance, and faith in the Lord helps us to work together in this time of so many restrictions. Restaurants, and Broadway shows are requiring vaccination cards, and yet people frequent stores with no masks. Several of us went to a Yankee's game which required neither. You get to where you do what you have to do! We are here to be a witness and testimony of God's gospel and grace! Each week we see gas prices rise, and food prices rise! And yet God has been faithful to provide for us! We have seen Angel and Cierra join our church this year through baptism, and Josh, a college aged young man, joined our church this last Sunday evening.

Our family went to Arkansas in June for a memorial for Julie's mom. Mary Lou went to be with the Lord last year in November. It was held in the Baptist church where she was a member. The pastor preached a wonderful gospel message. All of her family heard the gospel! Julie and I were both sick this summer for four days apiece, but at different times. Maybe it was Delta? We were not tested, and did recover well. Justin, our son-in-law still has breathing issues from March of 2020 sickness of Covid. We are keeping our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith! We covet your prayers! Thank you for your faithfulness to pray and support us financially. We are very grateful. I often am amazed at how God our Father has sustained us to live in New York City to be His servants. We are blessed! God bless you all!

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