

# The Hamilton Times

Church-Planting Missionaries to the Bronx, New York City

Dear Praying Friends,

February 2020

## TRAVELING CONDITIONS OF THE EMMAUS ROAD...

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Over the past few months, I have discovered that the Emmaus Road is not without potholes and hilly terrain. Our first year (through August of this last summer), travelling along the Emmaus Road was like driving Interstate 70 through eastern Colorado. The road there is smooth, straight and gradually ascending until it reaches the mile-high city of Denver. As a traveler approaches the mountains, he is awestruck by their majesty but unaware of the nature of the valleys between them.

September, October, and November were when we discovered our first couple of valleys. Rather than seeing the continued growth which we had come to expect, the number of those attending decreased. The Thursday night Bible study, which had swelled to the point where we had to move it out of our home, dwindled to almost nothing. Very few first-time visitors came through our doors, and several members of our church were struggling through various issues. I still don't know

exactly why things went that way in those months, but they were challenging.

That does not mean that nothing good happened during that time. The faith of a few grew in leaps and bounds as they saw the Lord provide in their times of need. We started a 7 a.m. men's prayer meeting on Saturdays. Four Filipino people began attending Sunday services regularly and getting involved in serving. God was with us all the way, but He was working in a different way than He had previously.

In the beginning of December, the Emmaus Road began ascending once again. We kicked off that month with special meetings, and though the weather was not great, I was glad to see a couple of visitors. Some of those, who had been wandering for a couple of months, began to return and be faithful once again.

The ascent has continued into 2020! Several new visitors have attended our Sunday morning services. In one service, we had six first-time visitors from four separate families in attendance. On the last Sunday of January, six believers, who had been

attending regularly for several months, joined with us as new members! We are excited about what else the Lord is going to do in 2020.

Please pray for my neighbor Emilio. He and I have become good friends and though he doesn't know the Lord as his Savior yet, he is open to the Gospel. He came to our evangelistic meetings in December, and recently, I have had several good conversations with him. I would love to sit down and have a Bible study with him some time.

Sharing Christ in "da Bronx,"  
Ben, Andrea, Elaine, Nolan,  
Liberty, Nehemiah, Henry, and  
Peter Hamilton

### PRAY WITH US:

- Some new visitors to be saved
- Surrender of some which are regarding iniquity
- A new, permanent meeting space

### PRAISE THE LORD:

- Peter's healthy growth
- Increased Sunday attendance
- Great revival meetings
- Six new members

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Some pictures from the past couple of months:



We are ready for Yankees baseball to start! 😊



New Church Members!



Above, center: Baby shower for the Teel family

Above, right: Special meetings in December with Dr. Alton Beal

Left: Ladies Christmas Tea Party!

