

# The Hamilton Times

Church-Planting Missionaries to the Bronx, New York City

Dear Praying Friends,

February 2018

When I last wrote, we were fast approaching the holidays. Now they are in the rearview mirror, and we are already a month down the road in the new year. Thank you for your prayers for the holiday events which we mentioned in the last prayer letter. They were met with mixed results. The Thanksgiving football outreach was hindered by a cold snap (and probably the early morning start time) and went unattended. The Ladies' Christmas Tea was a small event, but it was a good time for the ladies involved and helped Andrea to build closer relationships with the ladies who came. The Free Christmas Portrait event brought twelve families into our home to have their pictures professionally done. Everyone who came was very thankful, and it was a good way to meet some new people and give them some gospel literature.

Directly after Christmas, the weather became extremely cold and outreach on the street more difficult. Dodging the cold, I spent some time converting a room in the basement into a guestroom. This will enable us to have ministry guests in the future and provides a space for my sister to live for the next few months. During the third week of January, she moved

in with us. Her desire is to be help in the ministry as we approach our Grand Opening. On Saturday evenings, she will be teaching the children's class which runs parallel our adult Bible study.

Also in January, we started a second weeknight Bible study. We now meet on Thursday evenings, as well as on Saturdays. We were finding that several people who expressed interest were unable to make it to our Saturday evening study and that a weeknight would work better for them. We are hoping that we will be able to have both groups meet together with us for Sunday services once they begin.

Sunday services will begin soon! We have planned our Grand Opening for Resurrection Sunday! We are excited to finally have a date on the calendar and are praying that God will have us ready by that time. We would love to have some new people attending our Bible studies by then and to see some of those who are attending presently place their faith in Christ as their Savior. We are also in need of a facility to meet in. Please pray that God will provide a place very soon, so that we can have the place ready and an address to put on our invitations!

In preparation for our Grand Opening Sunday, we are having an invitation "blitz" every Saturday in March. Several churches from the area will be helping us to distribute invitations to our first Sunday service. Please pray with us for good weather and fruit from these times!

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

## PRAY WITH US:

- Increased attendance to Thursday and Saturday evening Bible studies
- Salvation of children in Friday Bible Club
- Building or space to rent for Sunday services
- Invitation/outreach "blitz" on every Saturday in March
- Grand Opening Service – Resurrection Sunday, April 1

## PRAISE THE LORD:

- Children's Bible Club is well attended
- Increased Bible study attendance
- Ben's sister Meredith is helping us with ministry for several months

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Some pictures from the past couple of months:



Hamilton kids at the picture event outreach | Making Christmas cookies for our neighbors



Ladies Christmas Tea Party | We gave Bibles to all the kids at Bible Club for Christmas



Bible Club Party | Ben really gets into the songs at Bible Club! ☺