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Church-Planting Missionaries to the Bronx, New York City

Dear Praying Friends,

May 2017

Thank you for upholding our family in prayer! God has been faithful in giving us ministry opportunities, and we have even begun to reap a harvest! Not everything has worked out exactly as we would have written it up, but we trust that God's way is better than our way.

In our last prayer letter, we revealed that we were in contract on a house and that we expected to close on it very soon. That is STILL the case! Due to the seller's mishandling of the short sale, we have not yet been able to complete the transaction. This has been quite discouraging, but we continue to pursue the purchase until the door is closed or God opens up something else.

Though we have been hindered in securing convenient housing, God has not been idle in giving us people to whom we can minister. Through our first major outreach operation on February 25, we contacted a woman who has expressed an interest in starting a relationship with God. She has been involved in a one-on-one Bible study with us for the past two months, and though she is not yet believer, we can see the Holy Spirit opening her eyes and convicting her heart.

On the 2nd and 3rd of April, we had a team of helpers visit the Bronx for two days to help us distribute invitations. In the following days, two people contacted us and expressed their interest in beginning a Bible study. On April 23, one of them accepted Christ as his personal Savior. He is very excited about his new relationship with God, and I believe he will be one of the founding members of Emmaus Road Baptist Church. Please pray that God gives us wisdom in conducting these Bible studies and in the discipleship of this new believer.

Last Saturday, Elaine and Nolan had their first workout with their Kingsbridge T-Ball teams. Elaine is on the Mariners, and Nolan is on the Cubs. Not only do our kids get the chance to play The-Best-Sport-on-Earth, but we are starting to build new friendships with teammates, parents, siblings and coaches. This is just one of the many ways that we hope to build rapport in the community and begin redemptive relationships. One of the league organizers even suggested a building that he thought we could use for church services. We don't know much about it right now but are pleased that he even brought it up!

On May 1, we were blessed to have Pastor and Mrs. Blankenship visit us and check out our mission field. They are from Bible Fellowship Baptist Church in Sacramento, California, and have been faithful supporters of our ministry. We had a great time with them and love it whenever some of our friends stop by to say "Hi!"

Taking Christ to "da Bronx,"
Ben, Andrea, Elaine, Nolan,
Liberty, Nehemiah, and Henry
Hamilton

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ability to close on the house, or provision of an apartment to rent.
- Three current Bible studies (two need to be saved; one is a new believer)
- Invitation Blitz on June 10
- New friends and open doors from Little League

HIGHLIGHTS:

- First fruit – one man saved!
- Started Little League in our target neighborhood, and building new friendships
- Visit from a supporting pastor and his wife
- Twins turned 4!

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Some pictures from the last couple of months:



We enjoyed showing Pastor and Karen Blankenship around NYC for their first time!



We took a family fun day and went to the Statue of Liberty!



Liberty and Nehemiah turned 4! // Nolan and Elaine ready for T-Ball // Happy Resurrection Sunday!

