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Something Worth Sharing

This past month, we put some furniture out on the curb, and a couple came by as we were heading to worship. It was a young couple, and they had their eye on a baby-changing table. It would not fit in their Corolla, so I offered to drop it off after worship. Later that day, I headed over with a few more items after I learned they were expecting and this was their first baby. When I arrived with the items, they were there with gifts for me as well. They picked lavender from their garden for me, and the wife gave us kitchen towels and chocolate from her home country of Belarus.

As we talked about our families, Ricky and Hannah thanked God for the blessing of a child. I am thankful for that moment because they showed a fear of God and treated me how they wanted to be treated. I pray that God will keep them in our lives.



Christians in Boston

Update on our meeting place: Last month, we were able to test the Boston Public School system by rent a space for one Sunday. This was an older building used as a temporary school until the new build opens this fall. It seems like we will be able to meet there for a longer period of time starting in September. It offers plenty of space for our Bible classes and worship, a parking lot, and a very friendly building manager.

Kyle and I have started talking about how we can do more for our college-aged brethren. They are a very vulnerable group. This stems from Kyle having one of his own start looking for colleges to attend. So, we started talking through what that looks like. Step one is to get them into our homes on a regular basis.

We continue Friday night study. We are going through the letter to the Ephesians. Kyle is doing a great job leading our study. We are in the “walking” part of the letter. I am hopeful the study will yield fruit in my life. We have been such a great and glorious gift!

The Lord’s Work

Dave and I are going through Revelation. I heard him reference current events as things pertaining to Revelation one too many times. This is my first time teaching the book and I am teaching it from the viewpoint of the destruction of Jerusalem. I have always felt that Revelation was far off from the rest of Scripture until I started to see it as the fall of Jerusalem. Seeing it in that way has made Revelation an exclamation point to the whole Scripture, the theme being Revelation 11:15.

I have been studying with David and Jasmin for almost 10 months. I pray they can get into the habit of coming to worship and being around brethren. I know Jasmin has the heart to be a follower of Christ. It is just a matter of being a doer of the Word. Emily and I will continue to work on our relationship with them so we can speak honestly with them about their spiritual lives.

I must have a hard conversation with one of our members. I feel so unworthy to have this conversation, but it is the Lord’s will. I pray for the words to say and a soft heart to receive them. It is the truth that saves.

I had an interesting phone conversation with a man who was looking to study the Bible. By the end of our conversation, I realized he wanted to teach me some things. However, he did reveal that he has a hard time showing love and being a doer of the Word. Hopefully, we can start looking at Jesus in the Scripture together soon.

Our Life

The family needed a trip a few weeks ago. I gave Emily the reins to plan the trip and she took us to an organic dairy farm in Vermont. It was an off-grid cabin in the middle of pasture land. It was powered with solar panels and propane.

The owner took us on a tour of the farm's operation. He milked 40 cows twice a day. It seemed like he worked 20 hours a day. We were thankful he gave us an hour of his time to show us around. He even gave us a half-gallon of farm fresh milk.

When we got back to the cabin we built a fire and roasted 16 hot dogs! And for dessert we had smores. The kids had an absolute blast. I never thought we would have so much fun with lighting stuff on fire. The night was cool and there were surprisingly no bugs to deal with. My favorite part of the trip was seeing the night sky. There were so many stars and behind them seemed to be brighter lights. It was amazing.

The next morning, we had bacon, eggs, and pancakes. We took our time on the way home and stopped to see some sights. We needed that trip. I am thankful we were able to take it.



