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Something Worth Sharing

Roger, our new brother from Cotonou, Benin, called me a few weeks ago. He called to inform me that his contract with his government was done and that he would soon start a position at UNICEF in three months. His plan for one of those months is to come to the US and study with Kyle Bennett and myself. His stated reason for coming is to learn how to teach the gospel to his community in Cotonou. This makes Roger special because there are not many who would dedicate this amount of time and money for the sake of the kingdom of God. May God bless his endeavor.

If anyone has any study guides, outlines, or books that will help me facilitate this month-long study, I will be happy to take a look at them. The plan is for us to study each day and have Roger shadow me at my weekly studies.



Christians in Boston

We are revitalizing a tradition started a few years ago. Basically, every second Sunday of the month the congregation was invited over to the Bennett's home for a "bring your own lunch" or potluck. It was a lot for one family to take on so we have some buy-in from the folks with houses to accommodate larger groups. So, banded together, we can host potlucks throughout the year to help our being devoted to one another.

Hopefully, this will help our singles who do not have families stay connected with our group. The same with our college students. This will also be an invite to visitors or people who are new to Boston looking for a church.

We have a space that we are registered for starting 9/22/2024. The plan is to be there through January. We are optimistic that we will be able to worship there long term. This new location is in a neighborhood. This is a good first step if we want to be more than a commuter church. May God be with us.

The Lord's Work

Emily and I have realized that we put a lot of pressure on ourselves to convert people. We had people over recently, and our strategy was to treat them how we wanted to be treated. This alleviated that pressure. We did not have to worry about the right thing to say at the right time. And we did not have to take on the guilt if they were not ready to commit to the gospel. God will open the door for those who are asking, seeking, and knocking. He does the heavy lifting which allows us to be salt and light.

One awesome benefit from having David and Jasmin over was at our following study David was in view of their camera. For the first time in all our studies he was visible on my screen. All it took was some burgers on the grill and some macaroni and cheese. Hopefully, they can continue in the Word and mature in their faith.

I met with a Seventh Day Adventists a couple of weeks ago. He saw the sign in the front yard and wanted to meet with me. I have had conversations/debates with those who want to keep all of the Law of Moses so I was somewhat prepared to speak to him as to why things have changed in the New Testament. One of my main points to him was similar to the theme of Hebrews; Jesus is better. He must observe the Sabbath to find rest once a week compared to the Christian who has rest every day in Jesus. Jesus did say that He would bring the law to completion. I think that applies for the Sabbath as well.



Our Life

We were invited to the 5th annual smoke and study hosted by Lee and Marcie Tosti. It is a day of Bible study and smoked meats and brethren. It is always a wonderful time. Our first smoke and study we went to was when Clara was a few months old. I remember her being held by a brother across the yard and feeling overwhelmed with God's grace. I am not worthy of her or the other three that God has placed in my care. Last year, it was me and Clara over near the bushes looking at the cat because she could not sit still and be quiet. This year was the most fun because I picked her up on my lap to tell her to be quiet and that she cannot talk during the lesson. As I am whispering to her she is telling me that Jon is breaking a rule of throwing an eraser. She a delightful little stinker.



It is always a challenge to be a servant like Jesus. Especially when it comes to loving your wife. My flesh really wants to jump onto the scene with a cattle prod and a rope. It is easier that way. I just drag her along to the destination I want her to be at. However, that is not what Christ did for me. He came here to this earth and suffered. He left His glory to be tempted in such filth that it is beyond comprehension as to why He would come at all. And yet He came to took on my sin so that I could be with my Father. God help me be as your Son.

