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Dear Brethren,

Please forgive my delinquency in getting this report out. I will be more alert to the time from now on. Judy and I remain indebted to you all for your continued support. We both stay in good health and give thanks to the Lord. The second week of June, after the death of our daughter Alyse on May 29, we took a week off and went to Newport, RI. We spent that Sunday morning worshiping with the saints in Providence, RI. It was a nice getaway, and we needed the time together. Last week, August 29, we celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary. We counted our many blessings and thanked the Lord for His faithful care of us through the years. We miss our daughter Alyse but are learning to live with it. So many have contacted us by phone and sent emails, texts, and cards to express their condolences, prayers, and comfort. We are thankful for God's family around the world.

The church continues to be at peace, and we are making good progress. Our bi-weekly Saturday evangelistic efforts are paying off. We pass out invitations and talk with people on the street from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. In my last report, I mentioned a woman we contacted through our efforts and attended our Spring meeting in early June. We are happy to report that Yolanda Ruiz, a former member of the Boston/Crossroads church of Christ, had fallen away and had even worshipped at the extremely liberal Manhattan Church of Christ but was unsatisfied. After studying with Tim and then talking to both Tim and me, she expressed her desire to place a membership with us. She has been a great source of encouragement and faithful to the Lord. She understands the difference and is determined to serve the Lord with us, according to His divine pattern of work and worship.

Again, this is another success story from our Saturday morning evangelistic efforts. A lady in her 30s named Kerve Delcy attended due to our invitation. After a few weeks of study with Tim, we witnessed and rejoiced with her as she was born again through her faith in Christ, being baptized to receive the forgiveness of sins (see pics below). Last Sunday, we had another visitor from the community due to our evangelistic efforts the day before. He had agreed to come back but was not ready to study. Also, Lincoln Cha, the sixteen-year-old son of Chris and Beth Cha, who are members here, was baptized this Summer while visiting his grandparents in Texas. We rejoice with him and his family, encouraged by his decision to obey the gospel. Tim and I are hopeful of beginning a class with him. They live way out on Long Island, and it is close to an hour by car and over an hour to an hour and a half by train to get to services. They are here nearly every Sunday, but it is a real struggle for Chris to get off work and be here on Tuesday, especially now that school has started.

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This quarter, I am teaching from the minor prophets on Sundays and Tuesdays. I am teaching both times because Tim taught almost the entire last quarter for me as we were going back and forth to Indiana to help with Alyse's care, her boys, and, ultimately, her death. Speaking of the boys, many ask how they are doing. They are doing quite well. Alyse did such a great job of preparing them for her death. They had a few difficult nights, as expected, in the first few days after her death, but overall, they have adjusted well, and their dad is doing an outstanding job. We are proud of Bryan (their dad).

We are delighted to announce the recent birth of Daniel Adedeji, the son of Sam and Priscilla. (see picture below) He was born on August 24. Everyone is doing well. We also have another family expecting their second child, Abraham, and Fadekima Adedeji (the brother to Sam). Their first child, a daughter Avira, was born soon after we moved here last year. All of the Adedejis (including the parents of Sam, Abraham, and their younger brother Matthew) are a real asset to the church here.

Overall, it has been a busy Summer for many of our folks. Many have been on the road visiting family and friends and vacationing. Public schools start here in NYC after Labor Day. They do not get out until late June. (These dates are reminiscent of my childhood school days.) We are glad everyone has returned safely. We look forward to this time of the year. The Fall in the Northeast is beautiful. The only problem is that Winter follows the Fall (ha!). However, we have had two mild winters, so we won't complain if this year we get a blizzard - at least not too much!

We continue to have Christians from all over the United States visit us. It is always encouraging to make connections with them. One of our recent visitors is a young lady from Dothan, AL. Her name is Marylynn Solomon. She graduated from Auburn and is now teaching in a private school in Manhattan. She attends our meetings regularly and is a lovely young lady. We are so glad to have her. We have some others that have moved in and have visited. We are trying to work with them and encourage them.

Thank you again, beloved brethren, for your continued support. We love working with the Upper West Manhattan church. They are welcoming, enthusiastic, and desirous of the truth. They strive and work at getting along. When I am asked about the work here, I often reply with a question, "Do you know what happens when a church wants to get along with each other?" After a bewildered look, I reply, "They get along." In a world, and too often in some local churches today, where there are bad attitudes, divisiveness, and a party spirit, this Christian group truly comes together to praise God with one voice.

In God's love and Ours,  
/s/ Bill and Judy Robinson

