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Hello, from the Reneaus in Boston! Your prayers mean a lot to us and we have **a lot** to report on for this field update, including some important opportunities we need your help with.

Praise the Lord! He has been moving in mighty ways. Like with young Eliana who wrestled with her salvation for months and eventually insisted on talking with Pastor Mike, Meredith, and her mother where she **surrendered her life to Jesus!** **Glory to God!**



The Lord worked to bring **5 new disciples**: Seena, Anna, Roger, Eric, and Emily. Pray for them.

We also had our **first arctic baptism**. Without a way to do baptisms in our building, one of our regulars volunteered his backyard hot tub. God held off the sleet this February, and provided us a beautiful (albeit chilly sub 20 degrees) outdoor setting with snow and icepack on the ground the Sunday that Lucas obeyed the Lord and took the plunge. It was great encouragement for our church.

We have been faithfully going out into our neighborhood where the new church space is located. Winter has been cold and wet, but we committed to continue our neighborhood and campus **evangelism**. Boston is home to hard, resistant people, but we believe the Lord has prepared many to receive the gospel. **Last month 5 visitors showed up** from going door to door and onto the streets.

Youth Nights continue to be a blessing. About 80-85% of the kids that show up to our house are unchurched and do not know Jesus. Often parents stay, the kids play, and both hear a message from God's word. Please continue to pray for families and for the Lord to soften hearts in homes where we know it has the most impact. Our **Sunday night meals** have also been a blessing to our church for fellowship and a way to reach students through **Friends of Internationals**. I added a picture of our ice-skating event below.



Blessed by your visits. It means a lot to us when we have visitors from your churches. We also had some missionaries stop by to share their field with us. Thank you to **Myles Cheadle** of the Midtown Baptist Temple in KC, MO who shared his vision for Nairobi right before he and his family launched. And thank you also to **Vinnie and Meghan Nigro** of First Baptist in New Philadelphia, OH for sharing their heart for Kosovo. It was great way for our new congregation to grow our hearts for missions, and we all benefited from the connection to the larger fellowship of churches.

The Lord is adding to his church. We've had **visitors almost every week**. Since being evicted for our faith-based view of the bible from the Baptist church we were renting from, the Lord has used a humble office building basement in a huge way. In less than a year, the Lord has replaced the people we lost in every way.

Busy season. Mike had the privilege in November of sharing the ministry in Boston with **First Bible Baptist in Rochester, NY**. What a blessing. He was also given the opportunity to speak at Living Faith Lee's Summit for **Mission Focus** this New Year's Eve. It was a blessing. Before heading back to Boston, he got on a plane to **India** where he preached several times at a pastor's and leader's bible college in several of the villages where a little over 250 pastors and leaders attended. Then off to Saigon, Vietnam where he was blessed to see **Living Faith Saigon**, where Pastor Andrew Ong and his family and team are serving. Mike kicked off their first ever Mission Conference, and was also invited to speak and give an **impromptu lecture at the Law school in Saigon** where he connected with the Dean and International Law Department. What a sweet time!

Of course, **discipleship Conference** was great in Cartersville, GA and refreshing as always. What a way to fellowship and be put in remembrance of how to follow Christ well.



Serious Needs. We are full of faith. But the new Mayor of the town Mike worked for decided to bring in his own people, and after 8 years as the part-time prosecutor of Marshall, MO, that door is closing. Mike's other job he used to supplement the work of the ministry with, also ends this year. Those were good and simple ways to supplement the Lord's work. In all we'll be down about 10% of our income that we relied on to pay our ordinary living expenses. **Please pray for the Lord to provide as he sees fit.**

Along those lines a little over 15% of our small congregation is experiencing **employment loss** or change. Please pray that the Lord works in these times of need and change.

Pray for Boston! Your prayers are powerful. Please pray with us:

- For faithful men and women in whom to invest.
- For the Lord to be lifted up and for open doors and boldness for the gospel's sake.
- For our community groups to infiltrate Boston with the bible.
- For faithful laborers to join us in this field both short and long term.

Ways you can get involved and support:

Missions Trip to Boston. Consider evangelizing in our city and encouraging the saints; or being part of a visiting praise team. We are especially looking for partners to come in 2026.

Give. Thank you for giving to support the work! You enable us to have a place to meet and do the work of preaching the gospel, making disciples, and planting churches that the Lord has called us to do here in Boston. Here's how you can support financially:

- **Support the Work** by going to www.lf.boston/give or send donations to Living Faith Boston, 91 Watertown St., Watertown, MA 02472.
- **Providing for the Building.** Thank you for giving to provide a place to meet! We still need help. If the Lord leads you, go to www.lf.boston/give and click on "building". Or send checks to Living Faith Boston, 91 Watertown St., Watertown, MA 02472 and designate, "building."
- **Support the Reneaus** if you would like information on how, please reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your friendship. Your prayers, support, messages, and visits mean the world to us and our prayers are with you, too.

With Love, from Boston – Mike & Meredith Reneau



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