



The JOHNSONS

Church Planters in New York City

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Greetings in Jesus' Name:

We are still COVID "heavy" in terms of politics, but our Church is alive and well in spite of all the challenges. Restaurants are re-opening even though the numbers are higher now than when the restrictions were first put in place. Our Church never closed, and we are grateful to know that many of you are praying earnestly for us. We still have several folks that we have not seen in months due to fear or discouragement, and we ask that you continue to diligently seek His face on our behalf.

Perhaps our greatest dilemma besides COVID has been Boiler issues. Our Boiler is 30 years plus, and parts for it are discontinued. It started acting up as soon as cold weather hit in November, and it seemed as if a major financial boondoggle was upon us. We began to pray fervently, and God touched the heart of a local contractor to do major work and told us: "Pay me when you can." We took up special offerings, and several supporters rallied to the cause to help us. Thank you for all of your sacrificial gifts. As of this writing, we now have great heat. The Boiler is still 30 years old, but by God's grace we managed to dodge a bullet.

One of the saddest realities of COVID is not being able to have any Revivals...cancelling one with our Pastor, Dr. Sam Duncan as well as our Christmas Revival with Dr. Guy Roberts. Many Churches have closed, and several have not re-opened. As David encouraged himself in the Lord, God has proven Himself Faithful over and over again. In spite of streaks where many could not attend Services, we are up-to-date with our financial obligations including all of our missionaries at full support. Thank you for your uplifting calls, letters, gifts and faithful support. You have encouraged us beyond measure. Thank you for your devotion unto Him.

Please pray that our soul-winning would continue to bear fruit. Many are hesitant to talk to "strangers" during this pandemic of fear, but God still creates Divine appointments. While at Home Depot buying salt, God crossed our path with a homeless man named Oziel. He has a Christian past, but doesn't know Jesus. He admits that sinful choices have cost him dearly, but he isn't willing to repent and surrender his life to Christ. When he didn't show up on Sunday as promised, he was surprised to learn that we still cared for him on Monday. He is in a desperate set of circumstances. Please pray he would surrender to the love of Christ.

We have seen a rise in attendance the last month or so, combined with a greater hunger to hear from God. People seem aware of their need for His Presence more than at any time since 9/11. Perhaps the Revival we have been asking for is closer than we think. Thank you for all of your steadfastness in prayer and support. We are so humbled and grateful to have you praying for us. We believe it's time to sprint to the finish line as His imminent Return is closer than we could ever imagine.

We love you, and so do 18,000,000 New Yorkers!!

Because He Lives,

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