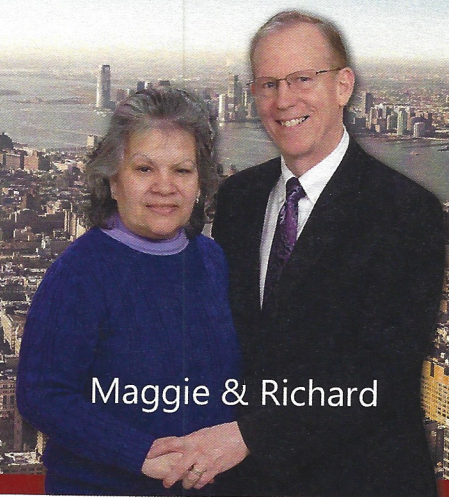


The JOHNSONS

Church Planters in New York City



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Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Even though we are in the throes of winter and still in the midst of a global pandemic, God has given us incredible opportunities to minister and spread the glorious Gospel of Christ! Dr. Terry King and Ark Baptist Bible College visited and were an enormous blessing. Over the course of a week, we put out about 15,000 door hangers with the Plan of Salvation. This represents almost every home in our area. In addition, many meaningful conversations took place. Please pray that God would give us souls for our labor.

As Omicron makes its rounds, we have been asked about the difficulty of soul winning during this pandemic of fear. While respecting another's privacy and social-distancing is key, the topic of death seems to be on everyone's mind. It is a GREAT time to be a soul winner. We still do subway evangelism and tracts, and several have stopped to say thank you for our message of victory and hope. We haven't heard that since 9/11. We are seeing visitors through our outreach and we ask for prayer that we wouldn't focus on the obstacles, but look upon the fields that are already white unto harvest.

We have seen most of our church family return for worship, although the convenience of online services seems to have distracted a few. We may have to face the reality that some may never be as faithful as they used to be. Many churches have closed, and we are grateful to still have the opportunity to exalt the precious name of Jesus. Your faithfulness in prayer and support have helped make this possible.

Please pray for Jon Canavan. He first visited NYC as part of our summer Jewish-Evangelism program, and now returns as a missionary. He rented a storefront in the Bronx and has begun having services. We are committed to going soul-winning once a week to encourage him and his family. I admire his faith in starting during winter and in the midst of COVID-19.

As spring draws near, many are planning their summer calendars. We would like to invite you to come visit New York City. We have a badly leaking roof project that needs attention, and perhaps it could dovetail with men coming to do construction, and teens doing evangelism. Also, both of our vans are 20 years old and need constant repairs. If you know of a church van that is idle...perhaps you could be persuaded to sell or even donate?!? If so, please pray about contacting us.

In closing, thank you for all of your cards and letters and special gifts at Christmas. Your faithfulness in remembering us is a constant source of encouragement. Thank you for the texts, emails and constant prayer. Only eternity can reveal the difference your love and concern has made in NYC. May God continue to bless you as you faithfully serve Him.

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