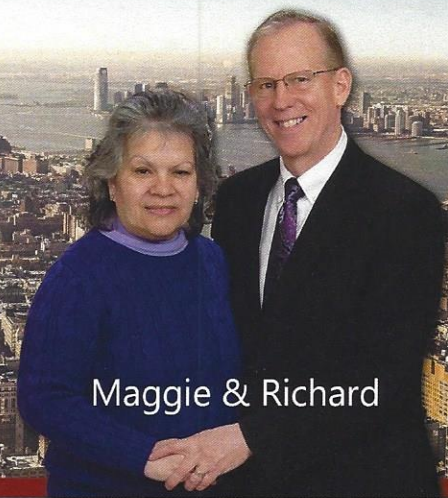


The JOHNSONS

Church Planters in New York City



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Greetings in Jesus Name:

Summer quickly came and went, yet blessings abound. We rejoice to have renewed our relationship with West Coast Baptist College. Covid fears shut us out for the past two summers. We had 11 preacher boys stay with us to do Jewish evangelism. Thus, we seized the moment to capture the spirit of Acts 15:6, "Let us go again and visit our brethren...and see how they do." We repeatedly went to Queens, the Bronx, Staten Island and Brooklyn to evangelize, as well as to encourage the newer works. Please pray that God would call some of these young men to return to NYC as church-planters.

One preacher boy, Jon Canavan, has returned to start a church in the Bronx, beginning services last Easter. We go regularly on Thursdays to soul-win and attend his midweek. He is growing and needs more room. Please pray that a landlord around the corner would rent him an ideal space for a lower price.

Another exciting blessing is in Flushing, Queens. A missionary to China has come to NYC. We are hoping to help him establish the first fundamental church in NYC to the Chinese-speaking people. We also have a burden to start a Spanish-speaking church in our own building. We have been laboring for seven years to remove the dirt from our basement, and we finally succeeded. Now we hope to begin remodeling, and have found a Spanish contractor to help us who has a desire to reach his own people with the Gospel. This may take us a few years to complete...*But God Is Able.*

Many thanks are extended to Anchor Baptist in Columbia, SC and Pastor Rick Kirchinger. As soon as the preacher boys left, they invited us to their Homecoming Revival. Richard doesn't have much experience preaching special meetings, but they were incredibly gracious. The revival ran from Sunday through Tuesday, which allowed Richard to travel to Anderson, SC and visit our home church. What a great message he got to hear from our Pastor on Wednesday night!

With Covid subsiding, people will stop and talk again. We really enjoy doing street evangelism. We ask you to pray for a couple of new contacts. plus a few "regulars" that are struggling a bit:

- **Arturo** - Came for the first time last week and has already called back to express interest in continuing. When we first met, he said he had no friends...No one ever cared for me like Jesus!
- **Bill** - He is still excited about Jesus, but a job promotion has disconnected him from church. He says it might be two years plus before the new schedule will allow him to actively serve God again;
- **Manny** - has moved to Jersey and is trying hard to stay attached. A growing family, financial burdens and long distance is a lot of challenges to juggle each week;
- **Everton/June/Wes** - All have shown much interest in the Gospel, but have not attended church yet. Please pray that we could bridge this gap between meeting folks in subways/street corners and seeing them begin to grow in the Lord;
- **Angelo** - has been visiting for 6 months, but appears to be a "fear of commitment" guy. He seems to cancel appointments to talk about joining the church, but doesn't reschedule.

We love you and so do 18,000,000 New Yorkers. We appreciate your faithfulness in prayer and support that make our ministry possible. May God continue to bless you as you faithfully serve Him.

Because He Lives,

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