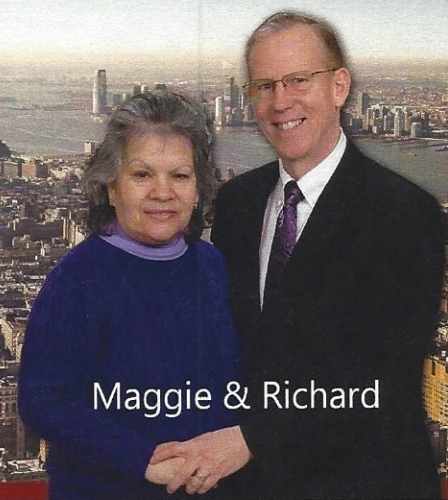


The JOHNSONS

Church Planters in New York City



Maggie & Richard

Christmas 2022

Greetings in Jesus' Name:

As with many Christians, Christmas is our favorite time of the year. Although December gets to be a bit busy, we rejoice at the opportunity to serve and watch God transform lives by His marvelous grace. We just finished a tremendous Christmas Revival with Pastor Guy Roberts of Concord Baptist in Pickens, SC. We were challenged to have a greater part in the Gospel ministry, and to be better servants of Christ.

We did a "Toys for Tots" event for the second consecutive year with the NYPD last week. Our goal was to reach out to struggling families at Christmas with the love of Christ. The event was a success as we met several new families; plus a couple of old friendships were renewed. Please pray fervently for Candice, Aliya and Carmen...that they would surrender to Him and make weekly worship a part of their lifestyle. This week Richard has the privilege to go to this same Precinct and give a Bible challenge at Roll Call. Please pray that our ministry with New York's Finest would continue to expand.

As mentioned in our last letter, it has been a joy to fully engage in street ministry again as we go forward after COVID. Please pray for fruit. Last week a midweek visitor came from an area where there is much opposition. The fields are white unto harvest in these "last days," but the need to remember Galatians 6:9 is paramount: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." We have set our sights on several high-rise buildings during winter. One building has 31 floors...we witnessed to several and reached out to every family with the Gospel! Please pray for these efforts.

Our ministry has a great need to replace our old 15-passenger vans. We have two; and both have over 160,000 miles, and one has corroded AC. Would you please pray about helping us to meet this need? If you know of anyone who is interested in donating or selling one, please let us know.

As veteran missionaries, we rejoice when new works begin in our City. Two outstanding men that have started new churches are Jon Canavan in the Bronx, and Kanon Bloom in Flushing, Queens. We are helping both financially with special needs, as well as going out weekly soul-winning. It is a blessing to reach our City with the Gospel. We also had the joy of hosting the 8th Anniversary of Family Baptist Church, who rent space only for Sunday, but needed a location for their special event on a Friday.

The last week of December brings Ark Baptist Bible College to us for a large evangelistic endeavor. Please pray that many would hear the Gospel and be saved. We hope to canvass the neighborhood with door hangers, personal soul winning on street corners, and Gospel-singing with street preaching.

We would like to thank you for all of your faithfulness in prayer and financial support that make our ministry here possible. Your many cards and letters and extra gifts at Christmas are sooo encouraging. We love you and so do 18,000,000 New Yorkers!

Because He Lives,

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