

# The JOHNSONS

Church Planters in New York City



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Greetings in Jesus' Name:

Our relationship with West Coast Baptist College resumed this summer as we have a small group of preacher boys back with us to do Jewish evangelism. This year, IBJM provided specialized training that benefited our church also. Please pray that our team will be successful in touching many Jewish hearts with the Gospel, and that our church folk would be more bold in witnessing for Christ. While the preacher boys are here, we will take them to several other fundamental works and encourage the brethren. We are going to the Bronx three times, Queens once and Staten Island twice.

Our evangelistic efforts continue to bear fruit, and please pray for several folks that now attend:

**Katie**-She met us by the subway and remembered visiting our church as a little girl. She has made a profession of faith and is now growing and excited to serve Christ;

**Jennifer**-was frustrated that her priest was never interested in answering her Bible questions. She met us on the street and was shocked that we have time for her. She finds joy in a church that will love her;

**Leo and Auggie**-identical twin teens that were saved via the internet. They had a list of churches but visited ours first and found a home. Please pray for their Mom (Claudia) who is lost and has cancer;

**Rich**-was saved by reading his Bible at home and rejected church after visiting several "woke" churches in the area. He received a tract in the subway and now attends regularly and has enquired about membership;

**Elani**-a Greek woman who comes occasionally and is noticing the difference between Christ and culture. She was invited by a member and shows great interest in learning the Bible. Please pray that her interest would grow to devotion and commitment to Christ; and

**Arturo**-his wife is Jehovah's Witness, and he is not saved. He comes sporadically and seems convicted by the Word. Last week, he mentioned that the social gospel he hears elsewhere does not satisfy his heart.

We have enjoyed good services lately and ask you to fervently pray. Father's Day is upon us, and we hope to do a special outreach for men. Our Mother's Day service seemed strong as did our Easter Service. Our midweek Prayer Meeting on Wednesday's has picked up lately, and we are grateful to have nearly 20 every week. Instead of summer slump, it has been a summer jump. Perhaps we are finally gaining some momentum after the painful ravages of COVID. We also have re-started Teen Night and have 5 that faithfully attend alternate Fridays.

We are continuing to drive up to the Bronx most Thursdays to go soul winning and attend the evening service for Jon Canavan and his church-plant Living Hope Baptist Church. He is the first preacher boy to return to NYC after doing the Jewish Evangelism Program. Several others have "surrendered" to come, and we ask for prayer and fasting that we might see more fruit.

We would like to thank you for your continual prayers and support that make our ministry here possible. We are indebted and humbled by your faithfulness and graciousness. We would like to invite you to bring groups up to NYC for evangelism and to come see the work God is doing. We love you, and so do 18,000,000 New Yorkers!

Because He Lives,

*Richard & Maggie*

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