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Third Quarter Prayer Letter

Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Friends,

We want to begin by thanking each of you for your faithful prayers and financial support. During this past quarter, the Lord has allowed us to add a few new supporting churches through some of the meetings we have attended. We are very grateful for each church that has partnered with us as we continue preparing to return to New York City.

Our fall schedule has been filled with opportunities to visit churches, attend meetings, and share our burden for Manhattan and church planting throughout the Northeast. We are thankful for the doors the Lord continues to open and for the many pastors and churches who have encouraged us along the way.

We recently moved back to the Cedar Lane Missionary Homes in Laurel Springs, New Jersey. This has provided us with an excellent home base for traveling while also putting us much closer to New York City as we prepare for the next stage of our ministry.

One tremendous blessing of this move has been the opportunity to enroll Hezekiah in his 11th-grade year at a wonderful Christian school in New Jersey. After being homeschooled throughout his life, this is his first experience attending a Christian high school full-time, and we have been encouraged to see him doing so well. There has certainly been an adjustment as he learns new study habits and prepares for tests, but he has made a good group of friends and has enjoyed participating in youth activities through the church connected with the school, which is also one of our supporting churches. We are thankful for the godly influences and friendships the Lord has provided during this transition. We are also thankful that the school is working with us

As we look ahead, our hearts remain firmly set on returning to New York City and establishing a church in Manhattan. We believe we are approximately one year away from our goal of moving into the Manhattan area, and we are beginning to take more intentional steps toward that transition. Being back in New Jersey places us in an excellent position to spend more time in the city, become increasingly familiar with the neighborhoods, and begin looking for housing over the coming year.

Our burden remains especially strong for the northern part of Manhattan, particularly the Inwood area. We are excited about the opportunity to establish an independent Baptist church in a community where there is a tremendous need for the Gospel. New York City is a vast mission field, with people from nearly every nation and background living within its neighborhoods. We believe the Lord has given us a unique burden for this city, and we are eager to see how He will continue opening doors as we move closer to establishing this new work.

Over the coming months, we hope to spend more time in Manhattan, continue building relationships, and prayerfully consider the practical needs involved in beginning a church. We are also continuing to raise the financial support necessary to live and minister in one of the most expensive cities in the country. We would especially appreciate your prayers for wisdom concerning housing, additional supporting churches, and the Lord's direction in the many decisions that lie ahead. While there are still several steps to take before we can make the move, we are encouraged to see the Lord bringing us closer to the place where we believe He would have us serve.

On October 1, Alethia had her scheduled six-month checkup. We continue to be thankful for God's faithfulness to our family throughout her journey and for the many people who have faithfully prayed for her. We would greatly appreciate your continued prayers for her health and for our entire family.

Along with our preparations for Manhattan, the Lord has also given us opportunities to encourage other church planters across the country. On October 8–9, we helped organize the Southeast Church Planters Conference, hosted by Pastor Scott L'Heureux and Freedom Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina. The conference brought together pastors, church planters, and their families for biblical preaching, practical instruction, and fellowship. We are thankful for the opportunity to help strengthen relationships between established churches and men laboring to plant new churches.

Pastor William Tyson, with Pastor Joe Schmidley as our guest speaker. We have been working alongside several other pastors through the Northeast Church Planter Network to connect and encourage church planters throughout the region. Our desire is to see more churches actively involved in supporting and assisting men who are establishing new works.

While our primary calling remains planting a church in Manhattan, we are thankful for these opportunities to encourage others who share a burden for church planting. We believe there is a tremendous need for more Bible-preaching churches throughout our nation, and we count it a privilege to have even a small part in helping other men fulfill the work God has called them to do.

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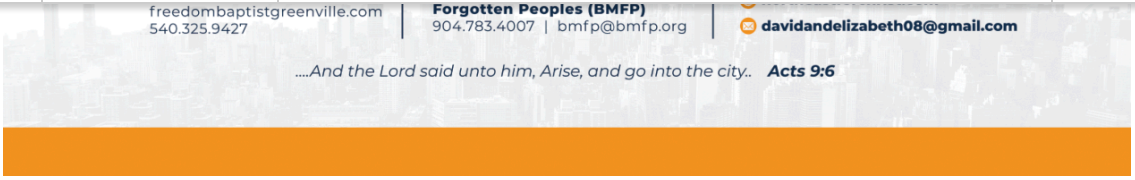
We also want to make sure all of our supporting churches have our updated prayer cards. If your church needs prayer cards, simply reply to this email and let us know how many you would like, and we will be glad to send them.

Thank you again for praying, giving, and standing behind our family. We are grateful for every church and individual who has partnered with us. Please continue praying for our travels, our family, additional financial support, and especially the preparations we are making toward returning to New York City.

We are excited about what the Lord has ahead and are trusting Him to continue directing our steps as we seek to establish a church in Manhattan and reach more people with the Gospel.

In Christ,

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