



July-September

Dear praying friends,

I would like to take a moment and thank you for your continued prayer and support for my wife and I and the ministry here at Open Door Baptist Church, the Lord is truly doing a great work here at the church in and through His people. My wife and I have enjoyed as we've watched the people grow and seen more wanting to serve him in whatever area they're needed!

In the last three months we have seen families that used to come start coming back, we've had about 20 new visitors come to visit and most of them have continued to come, we have continued our Saturday morning Soul-Winning time and have been privileged to see 15 people trust Christ during that time and some of those have come to visit the church as well.

In our last letter I mentioned that we started a discipleship class, we started with 10 people in the class and added four more the next week, I am happy to say that all of them finished the class! We are so grateful for the people's willingness to learn more about the Bible and grow in the Lord.

New "News":

Last month the Lord laid it on my heart to start having Thursday morning prayer time, we still do our normal Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer time however I believe that we as a church needed this extra time together to pray for our country, city, and our leaders! I praise the Lord for the great response we have had. Each week there have been eight of our people show up for this extra time of prayer, and we've even had some people from other near by churches come and join us! My wife and I can not even begin to explain how truly blessed we are to see our church people grow in the Lord and get excited about serving him!

Prayer requests:

The Sunday night before Memorial Day we had a BAD rainstorm, we had just finished putting in a new back water valve in the basement which was supposed to stop the water from coming into the basement from the outside (the church has had this problem in the past) however after service that night I went downstairs to check on things and low and behold we had about 2 inches of water down there! I praise the Lord for men in the church that were willing to come and help clean up the water with me. We believe we have gotten that whole problem taken care of.

However, we are currently unable to use the basement because of the damage that the water did that night and some previous water damage from the past as well, we ask that you pray with us that we would be able to get it taken care of so we can utilize it once again for the glory of God!

Because of this, we are praying that we would be able to find some room dividers for the fellowship hall so that we can utilize that for Sunday school/nursery while the basement is not usable, we have some families that have young children that would like to come, and the dividers would be a HUGE blessing to our ministry here!

My wife and I are so grateful to have this opportunity to serve and work here in New Bedford, the Lord was right when he said "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;" we have seen folks come and go since being out here and pray that the "Lord of the harvest" would send more laborers to work his fields!

Again, we can not thank you enough for the prayers and support that you continue to give us and as Paul said to the church in Ephesus I "cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;"

All of me, All for Him:

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Romans 1:16

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Revelation 3:8