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Greetings in the Lord

This report is for January through April, with current prayer requests. This time has been marked by very serious challenges with some wonderful victories by God's grace. Challenges very much include **the youth in this community** of Washington Heights & Inwood, NYC, with some becoming very confused on gender and sexuality, doubts about faith in Christ, problems with increased neighborhood crime, and rejection/abandonment from parents, temptations of suicide. But I thank God for how He is intervening in our midst: there were four attempted suicides of young people I know of, but they all failed.

One of them is a great young man named "Victor," whom I have mentioned came to Christ last year. He has a history of depression & suicidal attempts; but praise God since this last attempt, I was able to encourage him to put away the things of his old life, like the culture of death in which he immersed himself, and instead embrace his new life in Christ and God's culture of abundant life. He decided to put things of his old life in a box to burn them, and he is still waiting for me to take him to TLC so he can! Recently, instead of letting his depression get too far again, he checked himself into a hospital for mental health services. Another praise in Victor's life is that his stepdad finally trusted Christ, which was an amazing victory considering the many traumas and subsequent struggles he has been through in life. Please pray for his battle with addiction.

Continuing the topic of young people, I praise God for the spiritual progress of 3 young ladies (sisters), who also got baptized together this spring with their mom and stepdad! Furthermore, since January, I was finally able to start an after-school Bible study with young men in the charter school Inwood Academy! Thank you for your prayers! That's a praise! I have had only 5 young men at most coming at any study, but 4 of them are quite serious about learning and growing in God's Word. The 5th is being brought by 1 of the 4! We've started in Genesis and made it up to Abraham. As you know, that is a lot of Biblical worldview right there, praise the Lord!

April was a big month for evangelism. We had an amazing turn-out for the Easter Service, followed by a Passover/Seder meal led by a Jewish Christian who's an elder at MBC. We re-launched church-wide evangelism with a guest evangelist who is now American but is originally from India. He was very much a blessing due to his spirit of humility & fervor faith in the Lord. Church members were excited to share testimonies of witnessing, with some reaching souls who received Christ for salvation! Then Word of life had their annual missions trip to NYC for their whole freshmen class. This is always fantastic. It was an extra blessing because my fellow Unashamed for Christ Evangelist, Steve Benna, along with a dear brother from his church named Wes, and myself, each got to lead an evangelism team for 2 days! I don't have all the stats yet, but the team that was with me were bold and faithful, and we saw several professions of faith, mostly from young people. Steve also preached a clear salvation message with wordless tract color bracelets to our Friday night youth at MBC, which had new young people!

I thank you for your faithful partnership with us. I have also been very busy trying to help get things in order and finally complete long-awaited renovation projects in our house as **Shanise is expected to deliver our 9th child by June 14**. Please pray as it could be any day. Thank God we have made a lot of progress on that list, lol.

More importantly, our home is doing fairly well spiritually by God's grace, with challenges of course. **Braden** has taught a Bible study with his Trail Life troop at least a few times as essentially the chaplain. **Shaylyn**, our 6-yr-old, told us this spring that she had recently trusted Christ while in her bed one night. This is of course the greatest joy! After she knew the Gospel, it had taken her some time to understand salvation is not by works. After that point, though, she would become uncomfortable whenever I would speak to her about the gospel & sin, and she would quickly change the subject. Of course, we cannot nor should not make anyone believe in Christ, especially children. Also, they ultimately belong to the Lord: as parents we are stewards. So, we continued in prayer for her, and would gently take our opportunities as they came to witness to her. Thank the Lord for his grace & mercy toward us & for the work of His Spirit!

Please pray for a young man from church who lost his faith named "J," but has remained open. Please pray for a high school girl "G" who has been rebelling and running away from her mom. Please pray for our church's college-aged students who are on the fringe and not active and faithful in church. Much love & thanks.

In Christ,

The Pearceys