

Stringers Newsletter January 2020

At the beginning of 2019, D and I were praying to see at least one new house church get started in 2019. We knew that Jesus needed to build it, so we asked Him that we could come alongside in some way and that He could help us find the people he was preparing to receive the Gospel. In May, our house church elders and a North African lay leader in our fellowship began praying and planning how we could organize a new fellowship meeting. Our biggest challenge was location, location, location. While we could all offer our homes, we wanted to encourage the North African members to step-up and take "ownership" of the new fellowship. Unfortunately, most of the local believers live quite far apart and do not have vehicle, thus relying on public transit. Also, the only family to offer hosting, lives outside of easy access public transit. What do we do?

Through much prayer, we decided to start the church in October, splitting the Sunday services between one Expat family and one local family. It is not a perfect solution, but we felt there is a greater importance of meeting together, reading/learning from the Bible, worshiping and encouraging one another. The house church is going well, and it is exciting to see the church encouraging and working together as they grow. Currently, it is led by a local and some of the expat families will rotate in attendance in order to help and encourage the church. We are learning so much from the local Christians, especially this past Christmas (More on that in the next newsletter).

Thank you for your constant prayers! Like we have mentioned before, they protect us and those with whom we work.

To the glory of God and the joy of all peoples,

K and D

Prayer Needs:

Pray please for Thomas, a sub-Saharan believer that has stage four liver cancer. He is now in hospice care. Pray for His wife and two kids that are 7 and 3 years old. Pray for two dear worker families that are caring for him. They have no savings. He worked at the Anglican church. If you want to help in anyway, please reply this email and we will share more details.

Pray for little Ezra. For the last 6 -7 weeks Ezra has had a severe bronchiolitis (RSV virus), causing him severe breathing challenges.

Pray for encouragement and protection for the believers attending the new church plant. That they may remain near to the Vine, abide in Christ and be bold to also share with others knowing or God will go before them.

Pray for good team work and momentum as we seek to serve the Lord together this new year.

Rejoice with us:

Ezra is doing much better, responding to treatment and a breathing therapy that will finish this week.

Praise God the new fellowship was launched and several families and units have started attending.

Praise Him for the Brazilian couple who are our team members adapting well and finishing their first 6 months of language.