



Greetings from the Mission Field of New York City

What a strange time we are living in...in New York City, in our nation, in our world. We're not even sure how to put the last six months into words. If you followed us on Facebook at the height of the pandemic, you already know that our lives and ministry here in NYC were affected greatly. While ministering in "the city that never sleeps", it can be easy to forget to rest, but quarantine forced all of us into a stand still. How do you "de-New York" New Yorkers? Those of us living in this colossal urban beehive are quite used to not having personal space, yet all of a sudden we found ourselves avoiding one another quite literally like the plague. Everyone kept 6 feet apart with faces hidden behind masks or we simply didn't leave our homes. For months it was an eery quiet, only sirens to be heard. Yet God in His sovereignty provided unique opportunities for us to get inside the homes of New Yorkers via an avenue we hadn't used before...we entered virtually. For the first time in 12 years of ministry here in this city, we had a captive audience and they were listening. They were seeking. They were asking

questions. We started Zoom groups, engaged in counseling, and began service all online. We saw marriages restored, souls saved, and lives eternally changed. God provided unique opportunities to deliver food to neighbors all over the city and supply hospital staff with snacks and much needed medical supplies. We also witnessed much heartache and have many in our churches that lost multiple loved ones. It's been a time of great testing and loss, but God has been faithful and His name has been exalted.

Though we're on the other side of the Covid mountain, the city has been transformed. Racial tension is at an all time high. Crime has escalated to percentages we have never seen before. Protests, both peaceful and violent, are occurring daily. And of course there is no denying that this pandemic has magnified the already transient nature of life in the city. New Yorkers are moving out of the city in droves. Just within the last few months, we have lost several families in our churches. It's now more important than ever for those navigating life in this ever-changing atmosphere to meet the one and only constant - Jesus Christ.

With that being said, we wanted to say thank you to those who faithfully give each month and invest in the mission field of New York City. We want you to know that we are rooted here, this is our home. We are committed more than ever in getting churches planted in all five boroughs of this city. In the midst of a year where nothing seems certain or sure, we do not want to sow sparingly. We want to model radical generosity that will advance the Gospel, knowing it is God who gives the increase. We don't know what it's going to look like, but we are only looking forward and we are willing to do whatever it takes.

Due to the heavy demand of an online presence, we've decided to put together a new website. Our original site, www.themanhattanproject.org, can no longer be updated and the email tied to that address no longer works (thetaylors@themanhattanproject.org). The new site is a work in progress and we will update you once it is up and running. For now, please contact us at rontaylor@me.com or pastorront@aol.com.



As always, thanks goes to the many of you who faithfully pray and give to this ministry. We are so incredibly grateful to partner with you in reaching this diverse city for Christ.

In His service,
Ron, Susan, Noah, and Allyson Taylor

