

Greetings from the mission field of New York City!

It's a new season here; a fresh reminder that God is on the move and at work among us. We're looking forward to a great Easter Sunday, one very different from last year. This time last year we were weeks into a lock down that we could have never imagined. 2020 brought some unique challenges and with it came unique opportunities, but we are overjoyed that it's now in our rear view mirror. We are looking ahead and excited to tell you all that God has been doing.

Cultivating disciples and planting churches takes 3 things: time, talent, and treasure, all of which have been an integral part of our mission...

Years ago when we were called to New York City, God placed in our hearts to plant 5 churches in each of the 5 boroughs of New York...that's 25 churches. Thanks be to God, we've been able to plant 2 churches: one in Brooklyn and one in Queens. Church planting doesn't happen overnight and growth takes TIME, but this goal remains the heartbeat of our mission. That's why we are working to launch our next work by the summer of 2022. As we hit the reset from quarantine at Beach Church (our current plant in Rockaway Beach, Queens) and continue to get it strengthened and healthy, we will also be facilitating small groups and beginning the first phase of cultivating relationships for our next plant in Rego Park, Queens. Rego Park also happens to be the very neighborhood we live, so it's a natural progression given we've been locked down for the last year and met many of those around us.

Over the years, we've had much TALENT come through our ministry. Most of which has come in the form of temporary service: interns, mission teams, short-term missionaries, etc. Their work has been vital to our mission and we are always grateful for anyone willing to serve beside us here in NYC. However, it has always been our prayer that God would build a long-term team also. A team of talent that shares the same heart beat and commitment to church planting as we do. We are thrilled that God seems to be answering our prayer. Lord willing, Elvis and Emily Leon will be joining us this summer. Elvis was saved years ago at the work in our Brooklyn plant. He has since surrendered to ministry, married Emily, is graduating Bible College in May, and will be returning home to work alongside us. Then, there is Betty Fey who, Lord willing, will be joining us in September. We met Betty years ago while serving at a missions conference in Springfield, MO and she has since surrendered to missions and answered the call to serve in NYC. We are thrilled at how God is already using them as they raise support and work to build His kingdom here in New York.

Lastly, church planting, especially in New York City, is a huge financial undertaking. If it weren't for men and women like you investing your TREASURE into this ministry we would not be able to do what we do. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for believing in us and trusting God to work through us to reach the world through New York City. With new teammates arriving and another launch taking place, we must raise more money. We are not seeking personal funds, rather every penny raised will go towards seeing this next plant get off the ground.

With all that being said, we are excited to announce our new website: www.ConnectNYC.net. There you'll be able to read about our mission, meet our Connect NYC team, and have the ability to donate towards our next plant. It is designed to be informative and give you a glimpse of what it looks like to plant a church in NYC. It is a work in progress and likely may look different each time you visit. We're constantly adapting and working towards one goal...to plant 5 churches in each of the 5 boroughs in New York City.

We look forward to reporting great things in the coming months and are committed to communicating with you on a level that will help you better faithfully and strategically pray for us. We appreciate so much your investment in this mission.

If you would like to reach us with questions, please contact us at ron@connectnyc.net.

In His Service,

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