



Happy New Year! It's officially 2022 and we couldn't be more thankful for what God did this past year. It was a busy year and looking back it's evident that God's hand has been working. Here are just a few of the highlights:

• In 2021, our entire Connect NYC team officially moved to New York City. It's been a game changer for our family. We moved here in 2008 with a dream to plant churches and build a team of like-minded believers that would help us fulfill this God-given vision of planting 5 churches in each of the 5 boroughs. It's taken years of praying and we've seen members come and go, but to know we're now all here with permanent residences is a huge blessing. Having a team of people with the same passion as us ignites a fire and is such an encouragement. Not everyone is fully supported, but Lord willing, by June of this year funds will be raised and we will all be solely focused on producing the next work.

- In 2021, we officially launched Connect NYC Ministries. It is in its infancy stage, but our long term vision is to be a mission agency for the city that continues to build leaders and plants churches. We want to be capable of supplying the resources and training needed when someone receives the call to New York City. Urban church planting is different than planting a church anywhere else in the United States and we want to help others succeed in doing so. Launching 5 churches in all 5 boroughs is a big task and we need a host of people to help us accomplish this goal. Connect NYC Ministries will be an avenue to train leaders and equip them with the necessary tools to move forward in their calling.
- In 2021, we saw many souls saved, baptized, and discipled. Discipleship will always be the heartbeat of what we do and is the most time consuming, yet rewarding responsibility we have.
- In 2021, we acquired an additional property in the Rockaway that provided new and unique evangelical outreaches.
- In 2021, we officially passed our 2nd church plant, Rockaway Beach Baptist Church (or Beach Church as the neighborhood has come to love) to our teammates Elvis and Emily Leon. We resigned our position as formal "pastor" and handed over the reins. It was bittersweet, but exciting. Elvis is already doing a fantastic job of growing the church and training new leaders within. As most of you know, Elvis is not just a teammate, but a convert of our first church plant, so to see it all come full-circle is so rewarding. Lord willing, God will provide many more "Elvises" over the years.
- In 2021, we moved our son to college and he also became engaged to his girlfriend of 3 years. They will be getting married this May and will begin their lives together in the married housing on campus at Baptist Bible College while Noah continues to pursue his degree in Biblical Counseling. Hope will be attending Missouri State and pursuing a degree in Communications. It is their desire to be used of God in the ministry upon their graduation.

And that leads us to 2022 and where God is guiding us next. For some time God has been directing us to launch our next work in Rego Park. This is a neighborhood in central Queens that is roughly just under 2 square miles or 450 acres, but home to over 30,000 people. After 1945, many Holocaust survivors settled in Rego Park and in the 90's Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union moved in. Most of the residents are Bukharan Jewish, and the effect of life in the Soviet Union has greatly influenced the neighborhood. In addition to the Jewish culture, there is a heavy Asian population represented in the neighborhood. With these two cultures, much of the language heard among the streets is Russian and Mandarin, but with very little to no influence of the Gospel. We know of only one church in the neighborhood that meets regularly and teaches a saving knowledge of the Gospel.

As much as we would love to see this church off the ground as soon as possible, moving forward we first have to raise funds, both for the launch at Rego Park and Connect NYC Ministries. With that being said, our family is setting out on the deputation trail for the first few months of 2022. Please pray with us to continue to fill up our calendar and that God will provide the much needed funds to see these works move forward.

If you would like to financially contribute to the work, you can do so at our [www.ConnectNYC.net](http://www.ConnectNYC.net). Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We appreciate you very much.

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