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Summer 2019

As we had a great start to the year, we were led to have a Fleet Week Sunday which God blessed tremendously. We had a large attendance, many first-time guests and every branch of military was represented in attendance. Even my father and step-mom came up to Staten Island to be with us for Fleet Week Sunday. I used my dad to pray for our service and he dressed in his official veterans biker chaplain clothes that he normally wears when he oversees the meetings with his guys. I was able to publicly thank him for his service with the Navy.

When Elizabeth had her piano recital in May, a young man walked into the church looking for the pastor. He was not there for the recital but came in because he saw the church was open. He told us that he had made a deal with God: If God would allow him to pass a test then he would walk into the first church he passed that was open. He passed the test and because the recital was that night, we were there. He started coming to every service and we started one-on-one discipleship with him. He finally received Christ two months later during our Neighborhood Bible Time! He got baptized shortly after that and is still growing. It never ceases to amaze me to watch how God orchestrates things in His timing. That weekend was the only weekend that worked for all of Elizabeth's piano students to do the recital and it was that very night he was walking around looking for a church. He has told us that he thinks God wants him to preach and has signed up for online Bible courses through a good Baptist college.

The day after school let out we headed down to Virginia to do a vacation Bible school for Heritage Baptist Church. It was an amazing week of around 200+ children. My children really enjoyed all the fellowship with the kids and being a part of a big Bible school was a lot of fun for them. They took us on for support and were a huge blessing and encouragement to us! We then left for out west to update several churches. We would like to have stopped by every one of our supporters out that way but did not have enough service times to fit everyone in but plan to go back out that way again in two years. While out there we spent some much needed family time as we vacationed with very dear friends of ours Mike and Melanie Idler. This

family has been a huge encouragement and has opened their home many times to us when we need to get away from the city.

We hit the ground running when we returned to Staten Island as we had been preparing for Crooked Creek Baptist Church, their youth group, and Pastor Brenson Jennings to make their trip to NYC to help us with Neighborhood Bible Time. A former Sunday School student and friend of ours, Lydia L'Heureux, came up for two weeks to intern and help as well, She was a tremendous help to us and especially to Elizabeth! Our Bible Time Sunday was packed and the week was phenomenal. We were blessed with around 30 kids and 30 teens in total enrollment for the week. We saw many young ones saved as they heard the gospel. My son, Hezekiah, made a decision to trust Christ for salvation as well. He had made a decision many years ago when he was young and got it settled finally, as he did not remember it at all from before. We also want to thank the director of Bible Time, Larry Koontz, for making the trip to be with us for a short time. He taught in the rally and played some teen games, and it was wonderful to see him in his element again. As a result of prayer and trusting God, we saw two adults get saved as well and we are eternally grateful for Pastor Brenson's investment in our ministry as he was the one who led them to the Lord during that week. I am still one-on-one disciplining them every week as we meet.

Thank you once again to everyone who faithfully prays and supports us. It allows us to keep doing what we do and it is so much of an encouragement! Please keep praying for us and for some ministry decisions we have to make, and for God to bless this fall season. Thank you and God bless.

Your church planter in Staten Island,
David and Elizabeth Wilt and Family