

Merry Christmas

2020 is not what any of us could have imagined. Quarantines, life/work from home, political unrest, virtual classes, virtual ministry.. It is a year not soon forgotten. Where is God in the midst of it all? Does He see how these events have barred our lives? Does He hear our cries? Christmas reminds us He does hear our groaning (Ex 2:24). He sees our barred lives as well as our sin-shackled souls, and, much like He sent Moses to deliver Israel, sent us His only Son to be born as a baby. Jesus reminds us He does care, He is near, He does save. That's why we worship His coming.

And He has worked unexpectedly (and wisely) among us this year. In March all our NYC ministries went completely virtual. What seemed like death to our movements actually became young leadership seeds planted at CCNY in Marysol, Irene, Jeffrey, Elijah and Rebecca. It provided Summer of Theology deep dives. It ushered freshmen this fall from four campuses into our movement (despite virtual circumstances predicting none would find us).



One such freshmen, Bastien, was somehow in Jefferey's (Sr), class. Jefferey'd invited their class to fill out a survey, Bastien being one of the first responders. He agreed to meet Jeff and David on zoom. The conversation veered quickly toward the gospel; he reflected, 'I never knew God was heartbroken by my sin.' Minutes later he prayed to receive Christ! He (along with several other freshmen) have joined discipleship groups which our student leaders are coleading. Only God could have orchestrated such progress!

The virtual season has also afforded Ashley the opportunity to develop her financial operations role as Cru NYC's primary manager, one of the most life-giving jobs she's had!

And in April, mid-pandemic, we excitedly welcomed Abigail Sophia to our family! She has grown healthy and speedy and turned our lives and hearts upside down. Emma (now 2!) wrapped her arms around her. We're praising Him, even if it means a bit less sleep this season.

God has called us to work that is yielding eternal fruit in a very challenging city. He has sustained us in large part due to your many prayers and gifts. **You are playing a crucial role in spreading Christ's kingdom across this needy city**, and we are so grateful for you! As the year closes, we are trusting God to provide for our **current need of \$14,500**. Would you be willing to give a **special Christmas gift of \$100, \$200, \$500 or \$1,000** this year to help us continue reaching lost students and also thrive as a family? *(to give online, please follow the link below)*

We love you (Phil 1:3),
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And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.
-Exodus 2:24-25