



THE LAKE FAMILY

APPOINTEES TO THE BRONX, NY

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for being in control. Thank you for choosing to use us. Help us remember that you don't need us, but we need you. We can do nothing in our own strength that will matter. Help us to be worthy of the calling.

Thank you for allowing us to be back in the Bronx for a few days. It is hard to describe the Bronx to those that have never seen it. Those that have seen it say that never want to go back again. Thank you for the tremendous progress on the new church. We are looking forward to the amazing things that can be accomplished in the Bronx with the new church and all of the space. Please provide the needed funds to complete the renovations, Lord.

We pray for the people that are attending the church in the Bronx dear Lord. Guard them and keep them from falling. Keep them from all the snares Satan has placed in the Bronx. He wants nothing more than to ruin their testimonies. Help Rose with her physical needs. Anetha needs help with her children, dear Lord. Help Pablo as he travels an hour and a half just to come to church. Thank you for the family from Togo West Africa that are still coming. Lord, it was so good to meet Eric and his daughter for the first time. How wonderful that after two years of going astray he has returned to you. Thank you for not giving up on those that the world has. Only you can change hearts and fix broken people.

Lord, you know our desire to be in the Bronx, to serve you and reach the lost. People there die every day and face a Christless eternity in hell and have never heard the gospel. We pray Lord that the many churches that are there would see the error of their way. Help them to see where they have gone wrong. If not, please close those churches.

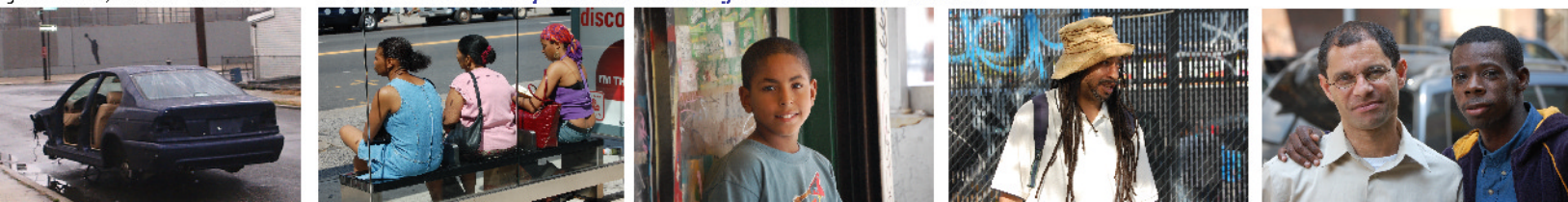
Please help us with our pre-field meetings with churches dear Heavenly Father. Please keep us safe on the road over many miles. Keep us healthy. Help our family to stay spiritually strong and to rely on you for everything. Help our daughter Emily, dear Lord. It is so hard for her to be in a different church every week.

Please help churches to see the need in the Bronx. Help them to see past our human limitations. We are not perfect and we know we make mistakes Lord. We can't help the people of the Bronx, but we can be the tools you use to change people in the Bronx. Dear Lord, please help us to share the need for missionaries in the Bronx so that people see why there is a need. The Bronx has been Satan's playground for so long. We think that his time is over and that You dear Lord should be glorified there not Satan. Help us be able to show the people in the churches what it is really like. Help us not to hinder the cause for the kingdom of Christ.

Lord, you know the Bronx is a very expensive place to live and to have a church. But we know you want a church that preaches the truth and you will provide the funds that are needed. We know that everything we have comes from you and that you own everything. Please supply the money to us to get to the field. We thank you Lord for the churches and people that faithfully pray for us and faithfully support us. They are a real encouragement to us and such a needed part of this ministry. We pray Lord that you will lay it on the hearts of other churches, other people and other families to support us. Lord, it seems that there have been churches we have been to and people that have felt led to support us but for whatever reason have not done so yet. We ask that you would touch their hearts again dear Lord and let them see the need. Please lead them to support us Lord. We were at some churches many months ago now, please help those churches not to forget us dear Lord.

We pray for the Silverbergs dear Heavenly Father. Please watch over them, protect them, keep them safe Lord. You have kept them safe through so much already. Bless Marty and Val for serving in a place where most people would never want to go.

We ask Lord that you would protect the people of the Bronx from Satan. You know he wants to destroy them. Please let us get there so we can tell them about the one who can heal them, fix them, change them and save them. We want to tell them about the Savior, your son, Jesus Christ. ~ *We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ – Amen*



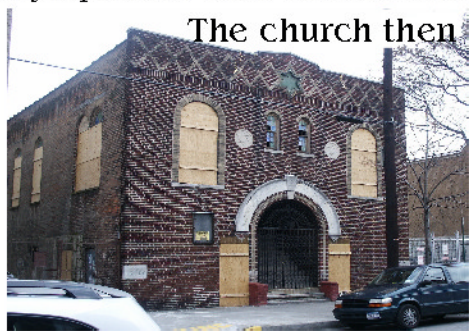
Trip to the Bronx...

Back in the Bronx. We were in the Bronx August 22nd-25th. It was great to be back. We stayed with Marty and Val. It was good to see them and catch up on things. Emily had lots of fun playing with Shakinah, Josh and Josiah. We were able to attend the Friday night Bible study and prayer time at the store front church. Sunday was a good day at the church. There was a good group of people out for the service. The little 11' X 24' space was crammed. After the service we had a pizza fellowship. We welcomed the chance to visit and get to know the church people more.

We also had the chance to see the progress on the new church. The drywall is up, painting is being done, tile flooring and hardwood floors are being installed. They are putting in red oak trim. It is all being done by hand to cut cost. Much help is needed to sand, stain and varnish the trim.

In the back of the church they have built an apartment. The idea was for a missionary to live there. Two reasons are behind this idea. One is to have someone there for the protection of the church property and it would also dramatically reduce the monthly support need. Until now it was undecided as to who would be using the apartment. Would Marty & Val or us live there? Jen and I made a pros and cons list of why it would be good to live at the church or not. We can envision people knocking on the door at all hours of the night. After talking about it with Marty and Val and the mission, it has been decided that we will live in the church apartment. This will definitely present a unique aspect to our ministry there. The best part is that this reduces our monthly support need. This causes our current support level of 26.65% to jump to 36%, which will enable us to get to the Bronx that much quicker.

The church then



The church now



More Exciting News

We are expecting another baby! Emily will be a big sister at the end of next February or the beginning of March. Please pray for Jen's health and the health of the new little one.



Support Level

Thank you for two more individuals & families for choosing to partner with us through prayer and finances. That along with our new lower monthly need brings our support level to 36%. Praise the Lord!

Upcoming Meetings

- Sept. 28th Emmanuel Baptist Church
Penn Yan, NY (AM)
- Oct. 5th Bible Baptist Church
New Hartford, NY (All Day)
- Oct. 7th First Baptist Church
Corry, PA (Tuesday)
- Oct. 12th First Baptist Church
Mayville, NY (All Day)
- Oct. 19th Tuscarora Baptist Church
Addison, NY (All Day)
- Oct. 26th First Baptist Church
Newark Valley, NY (All Day)
- Nov. 2nd Open Door Baptist Church
New Woodstock, NY (All Day)
- Nov. 9th Pilgrim Baptist Church
New Brookport, MA (AM)
- Nov. 9th New Boston Baptist Church
New Boston, NH (PM)
- Nov. 16th First Baptist Church
Butler, PA (All Day)
- Nov. 23rd Hunt's Corners Baptist Church
Marathon, NY (AM)
- Nov. 30th First Baptist Church
Cincinnati, NY (All Day)
- Dec. 7th First Baptist Church
North Tonawanda, NY (All Day)

Prayer Request

- ~ The renovations in the Bronx will go smoothly & safely
- ~ Need \$65,000 to finish church renovations
- ~ Marty & Val Silverberg and family
- ~ Our house in Michigan to sell
- ~ Deputation meetings for 2009
- ~ Our support would increase quickly

Praises

- ~ That we are now at 36% of our support
- ~ 25 meetings scheduled for 2009
- ~ We were able to visit the Bronx
- ~ 7,500 safe miles since our last prayer letter

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