

The Newburger Family

New York City



Ready to reach Greenpoint!

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To God be the glory for all He has done here in New York City through your prayers and financial support!

We reopened the building just before Christmas and were able to begin holding services again after the 2 year building closure. The lower hall has a worship space, 2 restrooms, a nursery, and a

multipurpose/office space in the back. The 2nd floor remains closed and will be renovated in the future. The city fully rescinded our vacate order, which means that the closure and violations are all over and gone!

On the 27th we held a joint service with the Open Door Bible Baptist Church at Union Baptist Church to celebrate all that God has done. Fifty-seven people attended and it was exciting to see the building full.

Now the real work begins! This is still New York City, one of the hardest mission fields in America to establish a self-supporting church. Many have contacted me to see if we are still in need of support now that the building is open. Please allow me to address that now. From a long term ministry perspective, we are years ahead of most New York City missions endeavors. As you know, God allowed us to essentially buy a \$5,000,000 church building in the heart of the neighborhood for \$350,000. This miracle now gives us a clear path towards a self supporting ministry. We intend to install an apartment in the building for our family to live in since homeownership is completely out of the question for us. Until this milestone is past, we can not afford to lose our support. While we no longer pay rent for a meeting space, that rent was not a part of our monthly support income. The new building does not give us any kind of financial relief, only a clearer, and hopefully accelerated path to a self-supporting ministry. My prayer is that churches would view us from a spiritual and financial perspective as foreign missionaries that will one day voluntarily drop their support. I believe that this can be accomplished in the years ahead. I hope this is conveyed to you with the deepest sense of gratitude and humility. I pray my candidness and clarity are appreciated.

