

# Sharing the Gospel in the city of Albany

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The LORD hath made known his salvation;  
His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.  
—Psalm 98.2

## GOSPEL OUTREACH TO PEOPLE IN ALBANY, NY

Our “Friends and Family Day” in December was a great success. The whole congregation made the effort to invite their coworkers and neighbors. By my count we had five first time visitors come to study and worship with us. We have never had so many new visitors come at one time! From these contacts, two have since returned, one of which with her husband. I grew discouraged over the year because there were so few new contacts and visitors. I am thankful for God’s help to reach souls and am excited to continue sowing the seed.

**Francesca** continues to visit with us and now brings her husband **Daniel** along. They are encouraged by our classes and studies. They have regularly visited since early December, missing only one Sunday. I am hopeful they will continue to grow in God’s word.

Another returning visitor is **Dewin**. He demonstrates a heart of patient investigation in God’s word and in new churches.

**John** is a recent visitor to our Thursday night Men’s Meetup study. He was also able to visit with the church on a Tuesday night. He shows a contrite and repentant heart and was encouraged by our conversations and studies.

At a recent Wednesday afternoon Meetup study I met **Stephen**. He expressed a great interest in studying together. We also had two ladies, on separate occasions, sit through a study with us at the café we meet at. I pray that God will open their hearts to his word.

I received a call from a brother in Brooklyn about **Larue** who recently moved to Albany. Larue has now visited with us several times and seems interested to be a part of the church.

I received another call from a sister in California who put me in touch with her father, **Joseph**, in Schenectady, NY. He has a severe heart condition and his daughter hoped that I could speak with him about the gospel. He shows himself more interested in teaching than learning. I pray that God will soften his heart to the truth of the gospel.

All of these new contacts are encouraging to me! Most of our outreach in 2017 fell on closed ears and uninterested hearts. I thank God every day for these new opportunities to help souls understand his word!

## STUDIES AT MOHAWK VALLEY CHURCH

While Simon is teaching in India, Tim Wells took over the Sunday morning study of Deuteronomy. He is doing a great job.

I am teaching the book of Revelation for our midweek, Tuesday night study.

Our Thursday night Men’s study, advertised in Meetup.com, is halfway through the book of Job. This is the study that **John** was able to come to.

Simon, Joann (a sister at our congregation) and I have studied together on Wednesday afternoons at a local café for a year now. We recently started advertising this study on Meetup.com. Nearly every week we have a conversation with someone new at the café.

## BUNTING FAMILY

This weekend will be in the mid forties! That’s downright hot! For three weeks we had highs in the single digits. Some days had highs below zero! Needless to say, we’re happy to have balmy weather.

We suffered a rough winter with illness hitting us several times. The children were home for over a week with a virus. Heather dealt with colds and flu before and after the kids. Lord willing, we’re coming out of the rough spell.

Your prayers for our new contacts are appreciated.

Thank you for your love and support.

