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Robert Crespo put his old man to death on April, 21, and was born anew. This was one day away from being exactly one year since his son was born again. There is much to rejoice about in that family. Robert showed a heart that wanted to change for God. He knew he needed the Lord to cure him of his terminal illness that is sin.

During our studies, Robert traveled to the Dominican Republic to patch a hole in his roof. He had a quote from a company, but the workers told him to cancel the work and they would do it off the books for cheaper. As he was telling me the story, he teared up and said he could not cheat the company and sin against the Lord. I knew at that moment that Jesus Christ had changed Robert. God is so good.

## The Review



## The Lord's Work

We rejoice at Robert's conversion. As I mentioned in the previous month, Robert has influence in his family. Today, I was able to schedule a Bible study with his uncle. Lord willing, I will report on Santiago in next month's report.

My study with David and Jasmin continues. In our last study, I was able to press them on attending worship with the saints. I told them they need to be servants of God's people. I want them to follow Jesus, and not be committed to me or the group. I pray the Lord will guide my teaching. I have found it common for people to not have a full understanding of the purpose of the church.

Brandon and Emma have decided not to study with me or the group. It hurts. However, I know the seeds were planted. Pray for Brandon and Emma.

Recently, a young lady has attended our worship service. She found us through Google. She is interested in learning more about the nature and work of the church. She told me she has been baptized for the forgiveness of sins. Emily and I plan to have her over to get to know her. This past Sunday, she brought a friend. So, we will continue to thank God for opportunities and throw seeds.

# Christians in Boston

I want to mention one of our members so that her example might encourage you. Our sister has recently asked for prayers. She admitted she is struggling spiritually. She is quite far from our place of worship, and she has had physical issues that has prevented her from being with saints. However, this is not the reason for her struggle. Her struggle comes from the persecution she receives from her own husband. He picks at her and makes fun of her devotion to the Lord. It is heartbreaking, but she is realizing she must stay true to the Lord. She has made it in her mind that she must be stubborn for the Lord. And that is an encouragement.

In speaking with her, I told her that I have enjoyed watching her faith grow at such a disadvantage. I told her she is ready for the next step. Her next step is to start bearing fruit for the brethren and the people God puts in her life. I am praying that she will use her faith to reach out to others, serve others, prayer for others, and love others in deed. I am excited to see how God will use her next in His kingdom.



## **Our Life**

Emily and I celebrated 12 years of marriage this month. The only thing I have learned is that I don't know nothing.

Howard and I went to Elmira, NY, for a two-day men's study. It was a great blessing to be surrounded by men who put the kingdom first in their lives. After Tommy Peeler's lesson on the adultery test in Numbers 5, Ben Hall asked Howard what he got from



the lesson. Howard replied, "Don't divorce."

As a family, we went to Jacksonville, FL, for a meeting. This was for the Lakeshore church of Christ, This is also the congregation where my parents worship. I presented a series of five lessons from the sermon on the mount. My hope is that I was an encouragement to the extent that I was encouraged. The group welcomed us with open arms by having us over to their homes, feeding us, having deep conversations about spiritual things, and being attentive to the lessons. They also paid for our travel, which was a great blessing.



