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# STATESIDE: (NY/NJ) METRO MISSION

## COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

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 SERVING WITH  THE NAVIGATORS

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WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE OUR HOME TO YOU



## WE CLOSED!!!!

***THANK YOU!!*** seems inadequate to express to you our gratitude for the way many of you have supported us with your prayers and/or financial gifts so faithfully and especially during this past long “rollercoaster” year. ***But we rejoice to be able to say to you now that we closed on our home Wednesday June 22, 2005!*** It was only April of last year that we were faced with the frightening possibility of needing to vacate our home by June 30<sup>th</sup> of last year. This, if we could not come up with an enormous loan to buy the house for much more money than we could afford! Now, praise God, He has delivered us and made us the owners! We were greatly helped and supported in the purchasing of our home, by The Navigators, our missions organization, and others. The Navigators believe strongly in our ministry and in the spiritual and strategic significance of our ministering here as part of the New York metro area Navigator team. God has also blessed us with a far better mortgage arrangement than we had hoped for. But we know we could not have endured this without the faithful prayers, encouragement and financial support of many of you! Thank you! Now our ministry can continue here! Your partnership with us in the Gospel is truly impacting lives and generations both now and for eternity. We will continue, by God’s grace, to disciple and minister to the newly saved families in our community which will have an impact on many more. It is difficult to overstate what this could mean for the Kingdom of God in our area. All of the families have large relational networks of unsaved relatives and friends. We are already becoming part of their networks and have already had opportunities to share Christ’s love with them. ***>Please pray for our ongoing ability to remain in this community with the many financial and spiritual challenges still before us.***

Please also pray for our marriage and family life that we will be protected from stress and the evil one and continue to find sources of spiritual nourishment and refreshment.

**Our discipleship Bible studies** are doing very well. We have completed the first booklet of the Design for Discipleship series, “Your Life in Christ” and hope to begin the second booklet “The Spirit-Filled Christian” very soon. On a weekly basis we grow closer to and bond with these families who are a part of our follow-up studies; sharing our lives together more and more. In 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:8, Paul modeled this when he said, “Having so fond an affection for you we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives because you had become so dear to us.” We are so excited to see these families growing in God’s word and to see our relationships continue to deepen. >Please continue to pray for the strong impact of these studies, toward the growth of our friend’s lives and their families in Christ. Also pray for wisdom for us as we seek to help folks “navigate” through life spiritually in an increasingly complex and busy world. Many situations can call for much wisdom.

**Our third year of Bible study club** at the Northvale Public School ended successfully with a party on June 13<sup>th</sup>! We sadly said good-bye to three graduating eighth graders this year. They have been with us since the beginning three years ago. We have seen over six children come to Christ these past three years. Not all the children are represented below but you can see we are blessed with very diverse backgrounds in our club. >Pray that we will be able to continue again next year reaching, more students and families. Pray also that we would be able to expand with our former eighth graders into the High School in the near future.

**Ernie is involved with the Billy Graham Crusade** concerning the training of “Discovery Group” leaders. These leaders will follow-up and seek to disciple those individuals who responded to Christ at the crusade who don’t have a church home or a church that is able to disciple them in the faith. He visited churches in NJ where the seminars were held the past two months to train people for this purpose. Ernie will also be involved with the work of coordinating these groups after the crusade. Please pray that these leaders and groups do well for the sake of the new believers coming to them. Please pray also for wisdom for Ernie in balancing activities and efficiency in the tasks involved. Thank you!