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Dear Brethren,

We praise God for His overflowing gracious and powerful blessings through our Lord Jesus. We hope and pray all are well in the Lord. We thank you for all continued love, prayers, encouragement and support as we labor in the gospel here and in other places.

This month has been in some ways very trying but in others, it is much encouraging. The main difficulty came with some troublesome actions by the YMCA where we had been meeting the past 8 years. However, we give praise to the Lord for helping us in this and in all. Despite these trials over a meeting place, the brethren are continuing to be strengthened in the faith to His glory.

### **Our change in meeting places**

In this vast and expensive city where I have lived now for 32 years of my earthly life, one of the most difficult things for a church to find is a regular meeting place that is affordable especially if the church is small in number. Thankfully for the past 8 years, we had been fortunate to meet in the YMCA on Flatbush Ave. in Brooklyn, NY. And, we had no reason to seek other accommodations until right before the past December holidays.

However on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the director of the "Y" emailed a contract where he wanted to remove our 10:00 AM Bible class on Sundays. After getting back from TN and conferring with the brethren, we all agreed we did not want to give up that time for Bible classes. I began to try to earnestly communicate with him by email, calling and going to the "Y" was ignored by him at every turn.

After much prayer, we began looking for a new place to meet but all were so expensive. Around January 7<sup>th</sup>, I walked around the corner for where we live and spoke to my friend, the head of maintenance at our local public junior high school where we had met from 2009-2012 until the Board of Education driven court fight resulted in banishing all religious groups from the schools. Chris encouraged me to come back and file a permit with the Board and things have changed with churches and other religious groups being allowed to be in the schools once again.

On January 19, we began meeting in the school on Sunday mornings with classes at 10:00 AM and Worship at 11:00 AM. The address is Ditmas Jr. High School, 700 Cortelyou Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218 (enter by E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street door). At present, we are not sure of the exact costs but the brethren are thrilled with the setup and helpfulness of the staff there. As they are able, they are willing to sacrifice to meet in this place if the Board of Ed will allow us to continue and we can afford to so. We give thanks and praise to God who works all things for good to those who love Him! Rom. 8:28.

### **Tuesday night class for now**

For now, we have to do our midweek class via phone until we can figure a meeting place where at least a few of us may gather together. Scattered to the four winds in Brooklyn precludes many along with illnesses and other difficulties from meeting but the brethren do not want to stop our midweek class no matter what.

### **2 familiar visitors the last Sunday at the "Y"**

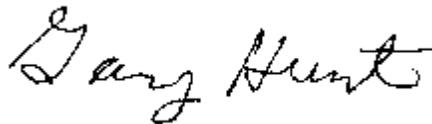
On January 12, a sinus infection, not unfamiliar to me, kept me from getting out but brother Dennie stepped in to teach. That Sunday, the two sisters who have visited often, members of the nearby liberal church, visited again. They stayed after services communicating with the brethren and making sure they got our new address at the school. We hope and pray we will see them and other visitors soon and their minds and all of us will be open to learn and obey the truth. We are meeting in the school auditorium which has several hundred seats so we certainly will have room for them there.

I have written at length about something that most people in this country take for granted or do not have to think much about to solve, the meeting place of a church. Despite all, the Lord has provided what is needed and will give Him thanks for all!

Love in Him,

## My Support as of January 30, 2020

Thirty-Second Street Paducah, KY	\$650
Broadmoor Nashville, TN	\$450
Central Brooklyn Brooklyn, NY	\$400
Creekview Gallatin, TN	\$400
East Cheatham Joelton, TN	\$1050
Individuals	\$150
Lakeview Hendersonville, TN	\$900
Oak Ridge Oak Ridge, TN	\$2300
Rock Church Charlotte, TN	\$500
Total	\$6800 per month



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