



THE CANAVAN FAMILY

REACHING NYC

JANUARY 2026 PRAYER LETTER

2026 is already flying by—it’s hard to believe we are now in February. Even with the frigid weather, God has been faithfully at work here in the Bronx. We did have to postpone our fourth anniversary service due to the snowstorm, but it has now been four years since Living Hope Baptist Church began here in the Bronx. That milestone has caused us to reflect and to praise the Lord for all He has done. We are deeply thankful for lives that have been changed, souls that have been saved, and a church that has grown and is continuing to flourish by God’s grace.

Recently, another lady completed discipleship and will be getting baptized soon. We are also preparing to begin discipleship with a young couple who started attending at the beginning of the winter. The Lord has added a few new young families to the church, which we rejoice in. At the same time, we have seen a couple of families drift away due to the busyness of school and activities in the world. Please continue to pray that God would give His people a desire to learn, grow, and remain faithful. God’s work does not stop at salvation, it is only the beginning!



We are also very thankful for those who have given toward the purchase of an acoustic piano. We are very close to having enough saved to make this purchase and are excited about upgrading from our keyboard as the Lord provides the remainder. In addition, we rejoice to share that a young man has stepped up to help with song leading. Thank you to all who prayed with us about this need as well.



It has been our desire to plant multiple churches and we have begun praying earnestly for the Lord to provide the next pastor for the church. We ask that you would join us in seeking His will in this matter. The financial stability of the church family has improved, and we praise the Lord for that. But the church still has a ways to go before it is fully self supporting. We are seeking His wisdom for the next step: whether we should pursue raising funds to purchase a

church building, or whether we should transition the church to a new pastor and begin planting another church in a different location.

The need is great. Every borough of New York City, and the surrounding areas, represents a spiritual dearth. Nearly 20 million people live in this vast urban area, many with little knowledge of God and His Word. We pray regularly that the Lord would call more laborers to the Northeast to plant churches and shine the light of the Gospel in this dark region of our country.



Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and encouragement. We are grateful to serve the Lord together with you.

**His for New York City,
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 Ellyanna - August 22
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