



*The Frank Family*

*Matthew - Hannah - Titus - Savannah - Timothy*

*Bringing the Message of Hope to those Incarcerated in New England*



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### Dear Faithful Prayer Partners,

December 2023-January 2024

Recently, while teaching a CUC lesson at a local school, a teenage girl approached me with powerful words: **"Thank you for the ministry that you do. My brother was saved as a result of someone preaching to him in prison."** Her story stirred me and reminded me of why we are here in New England. Jesus himself reminds us, "... I was in prison, and ye came unto me." (Matthew 25:36). This verse fuels my passion to extend hope and redemption through sharing the Gospel message with incarcerated individuals in New England. Though often ostracized, they represent the 'least of these' we are called to serve. This is not just a duty, but an immense privilege.

**Family:** This year marked a special occasion as we celebrated Timothy's first Christmas. While the wrapping paper seemed to hold more fascination for him than the gifts themselves, we are incredibly grateful for the generosity shown by our supporting churches. Their monetary contributions, gifts, and gift cards were deeply appreciated and helped us provide Titus and Savannah with ice skates for the season. Both children have taken to the ice with remarkable enthusiasm and are already showing promising progress. We were also blessed with a family trip to Washington, DC, in January, where we combined pleasure with purpose by attending a missions conference at one of our partnering churches. During our visit, we had the privilege of touring the J. Edgar Hoover Building (FBI headquarters) and the US Capitol Building. These educational experiences provided valuable enrichment for our homeschool curriculum. On a musical note, both Titus and Savannah have embarked on a new creative journey by starting piano lessons with a new teacher. Their dedication and aptitude for learning have been impressive, with Titus even recalling some of his prior musical knowledge. We anticipate their first piano recital in May, where they can proudly showcase their skills. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to nurture their talents at this young age, believing that God can use these gifts in their lives as they grow. Adding to our recent milestones, Timothy recently took his first steps, and there's no stopping him now! While still perfecting his walking skills, he is making remarkable progress. Additionally, he has begun teething on molars, experiencing all the milestones before his first birthday, which arrives by the time this update reaches you. By the time you receive this update, he'll officially be celebrating his first birthday!

**Ministry: December:** While the holiday season typically brings a lighter schedule, I was blessed with numerous opportunities to serve. Church meetings kept me busy, and we successfully secured some funding for the upcoming National Corrections Week project. Despite the festive atmosphere, our prison and school ministry remained active. **January:** The new year began with a prison service followed by a trip to the Washington DC area for a missions conference. Spending time with a supporting church strengthened our connection with them. Upon returning, I delivered ministry presentations at two additional churches, including a college Sunday School class and a gathering of local pastors. Back at home, I preached for a supporting pastor during his absence before resuming our typical prison and school schedule. **Volunteer Training and Prison Revival:** On January 27th, we hosted our largest volunteer training session yet, with twelve participants eager to join our prison ministry in New England. Their enthusiasm translated into action as several volunteers assisted with our first-ever prison revival at a New Hampshire facility on January 31st. This event, a first for Rock of Ages Ministries at this location, witnessed a remarkable attendance of 116 inmates, with three individuals accepting Christ as their Savior. We also presented Strong's Concordance/Vine's Bible Dictionaries to the two inmates who brought the most visitors, highlighting their efforts to reach their fellow inmates. One of the inmates brought 27 visitors! The second inmate brought 26 visitors! **National Corrections Week 2024:** This year, we are pleased to announce our plan to once again honor the dedicated corrections professionals who serve New England. This initiative allows us to express our appreciation for their tireless work and commitment to safety and rehabilitation. We anticipate the cost of this event to be approximately \$6 per officer. A separate letter with further details will follow shortly. We encourage you to prayerfully consider contributing towards this impactful outreach program. Your generosity will enable us to recognize these deserving individuals and support their important mission. We have witnessed firsthand the positive impact of this program, and we are confident that it will continue to be a valuable resource for corrections professionals throughout the region. Together, we can make a difference. Please join us in honoring these heroes and supporting their crucial role in our communities.

### Prayer Requests:

- Titus, Savannah, and Timothy's Salvation
- New Supporting Churches
- National Corrections Week 2024

Serving Faithfully until He comes,

*Matthew, Hannah, Titus, Savannah, & Timothy*

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*2 Corinthians 4:5*

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

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