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# Restoring A Vision of Our American Privilege!

## Dear Beloved Family & Friends,

We are so amazed at the grace of God in these days for America and for our family. Often I am given providential opportunity to "tell our unique family story" to new church attendees and clients.

As I retell this story I see over and over how God has worked to give us the blessing we enjoy. This is now the second full year that Joseph is driving our truck-mount and cleaning carpets with his brother. I must admit that God has been faithfully sending unique types of jobs for them to learn the ropes without Dad being there to step in and correct. They really work well together, and both have a very teachable spirit. They get consistent compliments after a job, and some clients have referred them to others!

We have been blessed with new accounts for our house and office cleaning portion of the company. Two families at church have given us biweekly, or monthly work. After canvassing offices for a couple of weeks one new office signed a contract 3 days after we solicited their office for a new weekly proposal! These are amazing answers to prayer because CT has never greatly "come out" of the recession that hit us early in 2008, and now is nearing bankruptcy as many have heard tell in the news media.

There are several family groups that we are having a close impact with because of God's sovereign leading. One lady who has a great burden for her own family began coming to our church Sunday evenings and then Wednesdays for our new "Life Groups Ministry ." She is a great friend to Chris. Once a week we encourage a gentlemen who just turned 92. He and his wife first came to church briefly, and not long after, she passed away suddenly. We have been able to fill in that gap in his life with a weekly 'family' mealtime.

In an unusual year of moving populations we have helped ten families move. Most of these are people in church who have needed special assistance from our *strong* sons. David has even been encouraging a man who runs a commercial kitchen move his business to another location. In the midst of the move he required a new epoxy floor to be laid. Patrick and David worked all day for two days prepping and "painting" the epoxy on the floor. This same man made a profession of faith in Christ recently.

**Joseph** has been an incredible encourager to young adults he has grown up with in church. He works on carpet, janitorial cleaning, and staff's projects at church. He has helped around home with lawn mowing, leave raking, and recently tree removal. Joseph has taken a lot of pictures with the phone he received when he first came back from college. They are of beautiful scenery all over CT as well as some trips he has taken to visit college friends in Boston, PA, and New York City. His FB user name is Joseph-Lanyon. [https://www.facebook.com/Joseph-Lanyon ]

In November we had to take down a huge Hickory tree which was leaning dangerously over our shed and driveway.

**David** is himself a great encourager. People know he is strong and very physically capable, so he has been asked by many in church to work for them. He willingly fixes computers every time and immediately when people ask him. I am amazed at how quickly and completely he finds computer problems and has an understanding of just about anything electronic that's even remotely connected to IT. He cleans thoroughly any carpet job given to him and he works well with Joseph. He takes trash out for the man we visit weekly, and then returns the containers after the pick up.

**Christine** continues all of her wonderful ministries. At one point she could not lift her arm above her shoulder. She is filled each day with an energizing will to make the most of every minute and keep faithful stewardship of the things with which God blesses us. We are consistently giving away things to others.

**Pat** has been caring for some administrative tasks to help Joseph with the business. He also continues his weekly ministry at Riverside to about 20 folk who come faithfully.

## Mary Davis Has Returned to Haiti

Since 2014 Chris' sister has ministered in Haiti with a Pastor who had her same vision for souls. She had to come to the US to deal with an injury to her wrist, but that has not prevented her from returning to this needy mission field. You can

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stay up to date with her ministry at our site: <u>http://aprayernotebook.net/each1helps1</u> This year, after experiencing the horrific results of Hurricane Matthew first hand, she has seen over 100 souls won to Christ since she returned in September. Some 600 and more have been reached since she began this fruitful ministry. We greatly thank you each one for praying for her.

May God greatly bless you!

Love in Christ, From Pat, Christine, David, & Joseph Lanyon

