

## THE KUTINSKYS

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." *Galatians 6:10* 



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Dear Pastors, Church Families, and Praying Friends,

What an amazingly busy month of ministry December has been!

One of my goals when I came here was to train men to take over certain tasks around the church. One of those tasks is making sure the building is prepared for Sunday's services, which includes blowing off the lot, as well as identifying and resolving any issues inside or outside the building that might need to be addressed before Sunday morning. This month, I began the process of training a few men for that area of stewardship, which will allow them to rotate Saturdays and carry the load together!

Over the course of about two and a half weeks in December, Angela and I assisted with setting up, cooking, and serving meals at special events here at the church; including two meals for the Freedom That Lasts (FTL) recovery ministry, two Steak Out events (one steak dinner for the ladies and one for the men), the Bus Ministry Christmas meal, a preacher's fellowship, and more! Bro. Steve Kluth of the Christian Law Association preached at the men's Steak Out, after which I had the opportunity to lead a man to the Lord! Praise God! In the weeks since, the man has been faithfully attending services Sundays and Wednesdays! The travel smoker we brought with us came in handy as I smoked pulled pork for the Teen Class Christmas Dinner, and a brisket for the FTL Christmas meal. Angela not only helped serve the food for the Bus Ministry Christmas meal (and several others meals!), but assembled many of the party favors, and helped with shopping for gifts for the children. Ours were not the only hands helping at these events, and it was a huge blessing to serve alongside church folk eager to see people fed both physically and spiritually!

Due to two last minute cancelations for health reasons, Pastor West invited me to fill in for one of them by sharing our ministry burden, as well as preaching a short sermon at the preacher's fellowship! It was exciting to see the response from those in attendance as I shared the great need for laborers to come alongside missionaries and other gospel workers in the work of the Lord!

Bro. Buddy from our home church in Ohio was kind enough to transport a box of Christmas items from our family, meeting up with me in St. Augustine, FL to deliver the goods and fellowship over good food! Our church has been such a blessing in the various ways they've kept in contact with us while we are here! Christmas Day, we were able to follow our regular traditions of opening gifts with my side of the family—only this year, we leveraged technology to enjoy the time over FaceTime!

We've included more photos in the email this time, so be sure to check those out to see more of what God has allowed us to do here at Memorial Baptist Church! If you've not signed up for the email, you can do so by visiting our website at <u>www.yourfellowservant.com</u> under the "Connect With Us" tab. We've got about two months remaining in our time here; please pray that we would be able to accomplish what God has sent us here to do! We're thankful for your prayers as we labor for Him!

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