



Spring 2021

Hello friends,

What a year! I've been so encouraged by your many prayers and financial gifts. They've helped sustain me and bring much growth to the church in New York City.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, God has continued to grow Exilic Church. In 2020 we welcomed 86 new members and baptized 12.

Linyue, one of those new members, shared how she came to faith and why she recently decided to move to New York City. "I was made aware of the hopelessness of a city that was supposed to be filled with hope and dreams."



I officiated a beautiful wedding in Central Park in November

This past year has been full of opportunities to share the hope of Jesus Christ. One of the ways God has given me such opportunities is through counseling members of our church who are struggling with anxiety, loneliness, and many other hardships.

I'm thankful to have begun a M.A. in Counseling, which has already proven



Meifung and I in Central Park this fall

incredibly fruitful. I anticipate completing my degree in 2022.

There are some exciting things ahead in 2021! Most of all, we are praying that God, in his mercy, would bring an end to this pandemic and that we could once again gather as one church to worship him on Sunday mornings.



Noah's baptism in January

How You Can Partner With Me

We have also begun the process of nominating, training, and ordaining our own elders! This is a big step for our church. For the past six years, we have been ruled by elders from a different congregation. Once we ordain our own elders, we will officially no longer be a "church plant."



Times Square in the snow

Along with this important step, the church also anticipates being able to fully fund my salary beginning in 2022. That means I only need to fundraise for another 7 months, to help fund my salary from June – December.



Some friends invited me to be a guest on their podcast, *Did You Eat Yet?*



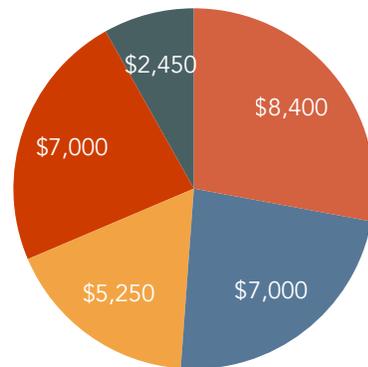
In December I was invited to do a [radio interview](#) about [my article on the book of Ruth](#) that was published by *The Gospel Coalition*.

My goal is to raise \$30,000 in gifts or monthly pledges by June 1. Would you consider giving to support my continued work? Below are the partners I am praying for.

Thank you for your friendship and your tremendous generosity.

Yours in Christ,

David Schuman



- 3 partners giving \$2,800 or \$400/mo \$8,400
- 5 partners giving \$1,400 or \$200/mo \$7,000
- 5 partners giving \$1,050 or \$150/mo \$5,250
- 10 partners giving \$700 or \$100/mo \$7,000
- 7 partners giving \$350 or \$50/mo \$2,450

Total: \$30,100

You can give using [this link](#)