

Report for Gardner Hall

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Brethren in Perth Amboy, New Jersey



Our young folks get along with older folks in West Harlem.

Opportunities in New Jersey

Several new spiritual opportunities have opened up in New Jersey, and they have helped fill my Saturdays with new home Bible studies.

* Victor and Candida, from the Dominican Republic, were recommended by another contact, Carlos Aybar, and were baptized into Christ early this month. They come from a Pentecostal background but seem happy with us and with the teaching they are receiving. They live in Jersey City.

* Carlos Aybar, also from Jersey City, has not been baptized yet but has been growing in his understanding of the word. He has stopped attending his old Pentecostal church while trying to maintain friendship with his old friends there with hopes of teaching them in the future. The pastor is not happy! Carlos still has to make one more big transition in his life to prepare himself for discipleship and that has to do with his job. It isn't compatible with faith. I am confident that he will.

* Natalia and Gilberto are a Guatemalan couple that has been attending services for the past month along with their one-year-old girl, Joyce. Natalia has already been baptized into Christ and Gilberto is analyzing his situation. He is very sincere and loves our Bible classes. Joyce has become my buddy. We are blessed with a number of babies both in Fair Lawn and in West Harlem.

I believe there are better attitudes in Fair Lawn during the past months, though much growth is still needed.

Perth Amboy

Several young people from Fair Lawn (pictured on the right with Leah at Raritan Bay before services) accompanied me to a special meeting conducted by the Spanish-speaking brethren in Perth Amboy (pictured above). I always enjoy visiting Brigham and Esther Eubanks and Jerry and Mari Falk along with others at Perth Amboy.



West Harlem Church

The new year will bring on several transitions in the West Harlem congregation.

* **New time of services** – We are moving the time of our Sunday services from 1:30 PM to noon. That will allow Beverly, Leah and me to attend Bible studies at West Harlem whereas before we had to leave early after services to rush to services at Fair Lawn.

* **Gary Henry** is coming and planning to stay for a year. We look forward to helping Gary find contacts for Bible study and sitting in on those he gives.

* **Don and Cami Bunting** gave an excellent weekend series of Bible classes on humble leadership, which is the only type of leadership promoted in the Bible.