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service, couldn't reach family and we got separated. Thank God we are all safe. The 1st bomb exploded directly across the street from the place we were heading to watch the finish when we heard the news!"

Kevin and Melissa Miller, along with their children, were cheering on students who were running. The National Guard told them they needed to leave right away, and then fire trucks and ambulances seemed to be coming by non-stop.. When the family arrived at our house their 4 year old daughter told us (her grandparents), "There was a big fire and people died."

Phil and Kris Arsenault's teen daughter, Kyra, was running several miles with her teen leader, Rachel Buchholz, who ran the marathon. Kris shares, "Thanks for the calls about our safety. Kyra was at the marathon but didn't go to the finish line. She and a friend jumped in to help pace another friend who was running but police stopped them on Heartbreak Hill and advised of the goings on and made them (and all other runners) stop. The friend was determined to run all 26 miles, so they continued running down a side street, around BC and finished at the Reservoir while Kyra prayed. The other friend made calls to ensure the safety of families who were waiting at finish line. We are thankful for their safety and praying like the rest of you for the victims and swift capture of those responsible."

Rachel Buchholz, who ran the race shared, "I am so grateful to all of the people who helped me finish the marathon yesterday, and SO grateful to God that they are all safe. Thanks to so many for cheering me through my makeshift last 4 miles and for helping make a finish line for me; thanks to Joseph and Jenna for running with me during my makeshift heartbreak hill and for helping us with the car in the midst of chaos and thanks to my buddy Markus who was sprinting around heartbreak hill and BC trying to find me to encourage me and who stuck out the last 5 miles with me... and to my favorite younger buddies, the Miller kids, for making me signs and being ready to cheer for me even though the chaos made it so I couldn't see them. Just knowing you were there helped me keep going. I saw the pictures of your signs... they are amazing and I want to keep them."

And Lisa Harriman gives her account: "Just to give you some background information, this was my first time being at the event, I went down to support my previous office manager who is studying the Bible, and her boyfriend, who was running in the marathon. We went to our second spot to cheer him on (3-5 blocks from the finish line). We all heard the explosion, smelled the odor and witnessed the police, the 4 vans of swat teams and many unmarked cars race down Commonwealth Ave./ Beacon St. to the scene on Boylston St. I watched all these vehicles pass by and then actually saw the remnants of grayish/white smoke from where I was standing."

Please pray for all of them that their hearts will be forever impacted by God's power & His love and that they will all be motivated to seek God and find Him. I am grateful for the concern and car ride home, but I am most thankful to God - for how he took care of all 8 of us. Ultimately, God will bring us all home when we choose to seek God whole heartedly, and follow Him in a daily relationship."

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• ***When Your Finish Line Moves – Aftermath Thoughts the Boston Marathon Featured***

*Jeanie Shaw, Burlington, Massachusetts
— Wednesday, 17 April 2013*

Though tragedy struck here yesterday, inspiration abounds. I'm inspired by those who ran the marathon, I'm inspired by those who supported the runners and I'm inspired by those who ran to help.

• ***"I Move To Honduras"***

Written by Vanessa Embling, San Pedro Sula, Honduras — Friday, 12 April 2013

I actually did it. I jumped head first into following my dream of living in a Spanish speaking country and doing humanitarian and missionary work. I am living in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. I did not choose...

• ***Month of Prayer in Progress for International Missions Society***

IMS Team — Tuesday, 09 April 2013

Thank you for joining the International Missions Society in our "month of prayer for missions." Today we are praying for the nation of Croatia, a beautiful country...

• ***Church at Penn State Seeks Reinforcement***

Jamison Malcolm - Philadelphia, PA — Monday, 08 April 2013

We know that the Bible promises that God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20). But when is the last time you've seen this in your life? When does God move and what is his expectation...

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Pray for Boston

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• ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

Conferencia de las Americas

Panama Megapolis, Panama
June 6-9, 2013

International Campus Ministry Conference

Orlando and San Diego, USA
July 4-7, 2013

ICOC Delegates Meeting

New York, New York
September 11-15, 2013

International Youth and Family Conference

New York City, USA
September 13-15, 2013

New York 30th Anniversary Service

New York, New York
September 15, 2013

Steps of the Apostles Tour

Italy, Greece & Turkey
October 19-31 2013
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Thank you so much for your prayers for our church, our city, and all those affected by the bombing tragedy at the Boston Marathon. About a dozen of our members ran in the marathon, while numerous friends and family were there encouraging and cheering them on. While no disciples were injured, many were touched by the tragedy and several had loved ones who were injured.

Thoughtfulness and prayers have come in from all over the world, and for that we are grateful. Please keep praying for those who lost loved ones, those who were injured and for all of us - that we can let the love of Christ shine brightly in this dark world.

We thought we would share with you several accounts from disciples who were at the Boston Marathon.

Kevin Mulligan was baptized a few years in Boston and served the church here during that time. His work took him to Utah, where he is now part of the church. His former workmate, who first shared with him, got married in Worcester this past weekend. Being a native Bostonian, Kevin was thrilled to attend the marathon after the wedding. He asks for prayers for his family as he states, "My sister, her husband and my niece were less than ten feet from the blast. My sister and her husband were hospitalized and underwent surgery to remove shrapnel in their legs. Complications... means more waiting and more surgeries. My brother-in-law suffered a severed artery in his ankle. My niece thankfully had some minor cuts and the shrapnel wasn't that deep. She was released. They will all be ok. Their friends however, didn't fare as well. My sister and brother in law's close friend, who was with them, lost both her legs. My niece's friend suffered a broken leg from the shrapnel's penetration to the bone. Please pray for them and for those that lost their lives, the injured, those that witnessed the horror and the first responders and their families and friends."

Lisa Sharma's husband, Sajjan, ran the marathon. The Sharmas serve as evangelist and women's ministry leader for the Pioneer Valley Church of Christ in Springfield, MA. Lisa shared, "We are all safe after 3 bombs exploded at the Boston marathon. We didn't know where Sajjan's dad was for a while and we were all trying to get out if Boston in grid-lock traffic. No cell



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