April 27, 2012 / New York City
Dear Wendy

The blessings keep coming at REACH-NYC. This past Saturday, we had our first "ART SHARE" event. It
was conceived by guest musician-composer-actress, Mara Measor, who performed her own original works, singing with a clear, angelic voice in praise to God as she accompanied herself on the piano.

Mara was joined by her friend, Bianca Van Der Meulen, who read her own original poems. Both Mara and Bianca attended New York University, within a few blocks of where REACH-NYC holds its gatherings, in New York City’s West Village.

Mara, who graduated last year, answered my call for help in an email I sent out via meetup.com. She responded very quickly, indicating that the ministry of REACH-NYC and Cafe Reach sounded like something she would love to be part of.

Within a few days, Mara and I met and agreed to start working together. Rather than waiting until we had talked about it, it was her idea to start the program immediately. A truly motivated individual, Mara was excited to begin the pilot program, which took place on Saturday, April 21, at 4:00 p.m. It turned out to be a tremendous success.

The room we call Cafe Reach was full, as more than 30 people applauded both the music and the poetry of Mara and Bianca. Those who attended were richly blessed by the inspiration and talents of these two young women.

We are currently making plans to continue exploring ministry opportunities together, strongly believing that God has brought REACH-NYC and the talents of singer-songwriter Mara Measor together. We prayed before the Cafe Reach event and it became clear that sharing gifts and vision in service of building a community is the essence of collaborating as part of the Body of Christ.

I would like to invite you to another great musical event. **This Coming Friday, April 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., the unique, vibrant young voices of the San Gabriel Academy Chorale, from San Gabriel, California, will be heard in the historic-landmark sanctuary of Manhattan Church, 232 West 11th Street, in Greenwich Village.**

There is something serene and special about hearing great sacred music during the evening hours, as sunset falls over the City of New York. I hope you will plan to be with us for this outstanding program, and join us for the reception that will follow, where you can meet the artists.

**On Saturday morning, April 28, 2012, during the worship service, I will have the privilege of baptizing a recent visitor who has attended our services for the past two months and has accepted Jesus Christ into his life. Two other individuals who want to join our community will also be accepted into fellowship and baptized at this same service at Manhattan Church.** The baptism-by-immersion service, which dates back to the earliest days of first-century Christianity, is one of the special events planned for the morning service, which begins at 11:20 a.m. in the sanctuary. You will enjoy the unique sound of our praise team, which is made up of young professionals who live in and around the New York City area.

We worship in one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in New York City. The church was built in 1881 and has historically significant Tiffany stained-glass windows. But the most wonderful thing about our services is how diverse our community is. Welcoming young professionals, families, and adults of all ages, our goal is to grow together in love and respect, accepting each other "as is" and knowing that growth in Christ is what we all seek.

It would be an honor to have you join us this week at one of the many worship services being held by REACH-NYC at Manhattan Church. **We also have a small group currently studying the book of Romans on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** I not only lead out but also learn a lot from these studies. The more you study the Bible, the more you learn! After our one-hour study, we pause to pray with and for each other. Prayer, as you know, is an important part of building our faith in God and caring for one another.

**May God richly bless you this week and bring you peace. I want to also take this opportunity to thank all**
our supporters from around the world for your contributions, and certainly for your sustaining prayers for this ministry.

Best regards,

Tony Romeo, Pastor / REACH-NYC

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healthy whole-grain NYC bagel, oatmeal, fresh fruit, and a hot drink, and 
wake up your mind with the study of God's Word. 
(Our breakfast will be a simple one this coming Saturday due to our 
Communion Service that will follow.)

This is a relaxed setting where all are invited to join in, no matter what your faith tradition.

We meet on Saturday mornings at historic Manhattan Church in the West Village, at Cafe Reach: 232 West 11th Street, NYC just a block-and-a-half west of Seventh Avenue. Breakfast is served at 9:15 a.m. Study begins at 9:50 a.m.

See you for "Bible with a Bagel." Invite your friends.

This free breakfast is sponsored by supporters of REACH-NYC and we thank them.

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