Dear Wendy,

Due to the terrific and horrific storm that NYC and the surrounding area has and is going through, our home has had no power, water, or heat since Sunday evening, October 28. Although we did have a neighbor's tree completely slice off all our electric and phone lines, we have been spared much worse. We thank God for this.

The wind was howling all night during the height of the storm. Trees were bending and swaying with ominous danger, as the mighty wind simply had its way during the dark hours. A friend came by in the early morning hours with a chain saw, to remove the large tree that had fallen across our driveway.

We are currently heating our home and food by using a wood burning stove. Candles light our small area where we sit each evening. It is clear that nothing we own or call important is really of any value at this time, except the life we have. I want to hold on to that thought in the coming weeks and years.
On the first day after the storm, we were informed of two young boys who were killed by a tree that had fallen into a home where they were sitting with their mothers during the storm. The home is just a mile from our home, and the entire community mourns the loss of these young lives, and the depth of sadness that must be with the family of each of those who have suffered loss.

We live moment by moment, and it is my prayer, that each of us can be of comfort to each other, as we move and come into contact with each other in the work we do, whether it is in business or certainly in our faith communities. Lifting each other up and spiritually supporting each other is the work for our time, especially at a time when we are living in a world where civility has come to a rapid close in our society.

We appreciate the work of the NYPD, FDNY, EMS and all those who are serving others at this time. I also appreciate, the ministry of my church and conference community that is working with City officials in areas of need. As some of you know, I am a pastor with the Seventh-day Adventist Church here in NYC. In the last few months, I have had a renewed and inspired respect for my church, as it has become clear that my faith tradition has a lot to offer to the greater community in which we live.

What has solidified my vision for REACH-NYC and the work our team and I am fortunate to do as pastor of the Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Greenwich Village, NYC, is the profound need to respect the work of our church and to make sure that the church community and those we serve, work in a respectful manner with other faith traditions.

It has also been uppermost in my mind, that as others seek to bring negative elements into the work of the church or any faith community, with comments, that hold little or no substance, that we all try to be positive and supportive with uplifting thoughts and faithfulness to each and everyone we come in contact with.

Due to the traffic and closure of lower Manhattan in the storms aftermath, it will be difficult for our work in the next few days to continue, but continue it will by the grace of God. However, with the power of prayer and the kindness of many hands, we continue to look forward to a City that will soon come back to full life.

New Yorkers are a resilient community, and we keep in much prayer those who have lost homes, life and friends in the Greater New York City community. All the Boroughs of NYC and the surrounding areas have been affected. We hear and call friends who sustain us in this hour of need. We are all stronger, when we come together.

Please continue to pray for us here in NYC and for the safety of first responders and those who are repairing the tremendous damage that has taken place.

May God richly bless you and give you abundant peace.

Best regards - Tony Romeo, Pastor / The REACH-NYC Team

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