

THE *Dillon* FAMILY

Missionaries to Portland, Maine



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Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

It is our earnest prayer that this letter has met you at a fruitful time in your ministry! I wanted to take a few moments to update you on what God is doing in our lives. (Please forgive me for a lengthier update, as this is our introductory prayer letter.) In January, God began dealing with me about the need for church planting in New England. As I prayed over the BSALT data (a ministry aide to American church planters which shows the greatest needed place for a church plant in each state), and after taking a survey trip, God made it clear that He would have us plant a church in Portland, ME.

One third of Maine's population lives in the Greater Portland Metro. With very little to no gospel light, it is the most needed city for an IFB church in the state. We have seen the fields and *"they are white already to harvest."* Portland is located on the southeastern coast of Maine. The residents embrace its iconic beauty, historic old port waterfront, vast lighthouses, vibrant culinary scene, and "thriving arts community". Rich in secular literary history, it is diverse with various ethnicities from all walks of life. Portlanders take great pride in their accessibility to drugs, alcohol, and lascivious living: proudly boasting the title as "the fourth gayest city in America". Only 1% of the state's population would claim to hold a Biblical worldview.

The mythical Phoenix is the unofficial mascot of Portland. The city has burned to the ground four times in its history, and each time the people have worked to recover; rising from the ashes and rebuilding greater than before... However, there is a greater fire coming, one in which they cannot escape or recover.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" 2 Peter 3:7-12

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

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It is this realization that burns within our hearts to reach the city with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! On the outside, they have everything they think they want and need: But we know that they are missing the only thing that can ever bring true joy and peace to their lives – a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our passion is sharing the hope found within pages of Scripture. Our goal is to see souls saved and lives changed. Our desire is to plant a church in the greater Portland area. Our need is prayer. Our God is great and *"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."*

OUR PLAN

PLANT

We will begin our plan by planting an Independent, Fundamental (Biblical), Baptist Church in Portland, ME. We will follow the great commission by preaching the gospel, winning the lost, baptizing them, and then discipling them into maturity. My plan (Trey) is to be a pioneer church planter, where we plant the church and I will remain the Pastor.

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18-20

PRAY

Secondly, we will pray that God would allow us to reach men with the gospel whom He will call into the Mission field, specifically to reach Maine and New England.

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

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PREPARE

Next, we will train those God-called Men, and every available member, to take the Gospel across the street and around the world; repeating that process with their own converts.

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2

PRODUCE

Finally, we will send those trained men to where God has called them.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."
Acts 13:2-3

We are currently on deputation raising support to plant the church. We would be honored to be your representatives to Portland and are asking that you would prayerfully consider allowing us to present the burden. For more information, you can visit our website at www.lighttoportland.com, or email me personally at lighttoportland@gmail.com. Our presentation video and prayer cards are currently in production; we will get those sent out as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,
With Love in Christ,

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Current Prayer Needs:

- Deputation Startup Costs
- Banners, Display Table Items, & Prayer Cards
- Family Vehicle for Traveling
- To Schedule More Meetings