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We just reread the Boston Chapel testimony of African missionaries Joan & Ted Esselstyn, dazzlingly brightening our Thanksgiving week Monday morning. What an inspired and dedicated and motivated ENC student group was in action in the inspired beginning and nurturing of Boston Chapel!

During my brief visit to Ohio, I was privileged yesterday to once again enjoy the anointed preaching of Canton, Ohio First Church Pastor Dennis. In 1961, the Reverend Fletcher Spruce went immediately from completing his ministry in Ohio with the dedication of Canton First Church of the Nazarene to meeting as New England District Superintendent with the charter members of the brand new Boston Chapel Church of the Nazarene that had just been organized by District Superintendent J. C. Albright. The intensiveness of what the District leadership and ENC student volunteer Nazarenes did in those days is a history that 50+ years later can find us breathless, with hearts pounding. The Boston Chapel Church of the Nazarene legacy continues in that great city under the inspirational leadership of Past District Superintendent Dr. Jossie Owens. With a grateful heart, Jim Tasker

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