

*The Prestons*  
*Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT*

October-December 2011

Dear Praying Friends,

First, we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and express our gratitude for all the faithful support we have received this year whether in the form of prayer or financial giving. It is truly a blessing to be able to serve the Lord here in Utah.

Since our last letter we have been laboring to complete the list of things necessary to obtain an Occupancy Permit on the building we purchased in September and we are please to announce that as of Dec. 14th we now have that in hand. There is, however, still much to do in the form of moving non-load-bearing walls in the east building so that we can begin using it for our permanent sanctuary. The building inspector allowed us to move into the west building on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> but only for morning services because the emergency lights were not installed; however we had those in place the following week and were able to start having evening services on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. The room in the west building we are currently using is barely large enough to hold us when everyone comes; however, it is a blessing to know this is the building God has allowed us to purchase and that the days of renting are over – Praise the Lord! Our plans for removing the walls in the east building are set for after the holidays. It won't take much and the main expenses will be for paint, some minor electrical work and new carpeting that will have to be put down once the walls are removed. We also have plans to install at least one handicap accessible restroom but we won't attempt to tackle that until next summer (if then), as there are three restrooms in the west building, which are more than sufficient at this time. We have made every effort to be good stewards of the funds the Lord has given us and we believe that with His help we have been.

There is a new family from Indianola that has started coming regularly over the past month. Troy and Angie have four young boys. There is also a lady that was part of the Southern Baptist Church in Spring City that has started coming since the SB Convention closed the church down for the winter. Charlotte brings her four granddaughters with her on Sunday morning (these girls have been attending our Monday Joy Club for several years). It is a blessing to have all these additional people attend and we hope that we will continue to see new faces as a result of our seed sowing and watering now that we are in permanent location. Please be in **prayer** for Richard and Shauna as they are now divorced and are no longer attending. As you may recall, they have three small children. We have tried to encourage them to keep coming to church but to no avail. Please keep **praying** that we'll see folk respond in saving faith to the gospel and that we'll see the church grow.

It's not too early to begin planning a mission's trip for next summer to help with a Bible club in the park or door to door canvassing or even a work project. If your church has a group that is interested in coming out next summer please let us know. July would be the best time to come as we will be in NC for WWNTBM Family Week the third week of June. We are also working on plans to do some reporting sometime after the first of the year and also around the time we will be in NC. There are a good number of churches that we haven't been back to since coming to Utah and want to start with them first. Please be **praying** that Lord will provide the men necessary to fill the pulpit and wisdom for planning.

Our local phone company is dropping our dial-up Internet service at the end of January. Please update our email address in your records to the one listed at the bottom of the page. If you currently receive our prayer letter by USPS and would rather it come by email please let us know. With postage increasing at the end of January this will be a help to our commissioning church. For all our supporting churches we will continue to send a letter by USPS even if we send one by email so to ensure you will receive it one way or the other.

We are truly grateful for the time you take to pray for us and for the faithful financial support from all our supporting churches and individuals. We pray you will experience great spiritual prosperity and joy in 2012 as you endeavor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

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