

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT

April-June 2012

Dear Praying Friends,

We just recently returned from the WWNTBM Family week held at Valley Baptist Church in Edinburg, VA and we can truly say that we came away refreshed by all the good messages and fellowship we had with those in attendance. The hospitality of the church was amazing and we were privileged to spend the week with a member family from the church that housed us for the conference. We greatly enjoyed the evening fellowships with Karl and Val after the evening services. Its times like these that we are reminded of the Lord's promise to them that follow Him that we aren't losing anything including family by following Him but we gain so much more and it is always nice to meet and establish new relationships with others of the "100 fold" family members that our Lord spoke of in Mark 10:30. We also had the joy of attending our sending church and we were also able to give a report at one supporting church before making our way back home; again some more of the "100 fold" family members.

We were able to have services in our new sanctuary on Mother's Day even though there are still some cosmetic items left to be completed. This has been a great blessing and encouragement both to us and the members of the church. After having twenty-eight people packed into a 12'x15' space on Resurrection Sunday we knew it was imperative that we get the sanctuary completed so we could begin using it. The final weeks of April were a push to get the electrical, ceiling and platform completed and then it was carpet time. We are thankful for Pastor Miller and his men that came down and installed it for us and for Brother Innes and the men of CVM that completed the other task necessary to get us into our new sanctuary. Now that summer temperatures have hit we have found that we will have to have air conditioning installed in both buildings. Please be in **prayer** that units, materials, and installation won't exceed \$7,500.

There has been a periodic stream of new visitors since we've moved into the building and we have also had a young lady, Heather, join the church. She is learning to play the piano and we are hoping to start using her in our evening services at first so that she can get comfortable playing. Hopefully she will be able to play for all of our services. It will be nice to have a piano to accompany our song service as we have been so long without a piano player. Butch does a good job on the guitar but he only plays it when he leads the singing or when our three member choir sings their weekly specials.

We have continued our John and Romans distribution and have recently finished Fountain Green and will now focus on Wales, Chester, and Spring City. Hopefully we will complete these towns by summer's end. Please **pray** for hearts to be open to God's Word and that through this outreach we'll see many saved and many visitors come out to the church.

Bible camp season is about to begin and for the first time in several years we will be sending two young girls to camp. Millie has been taking these girls to pony club each Monday since the Bible club closed out

in May with the hopes of mentoring them and winning them to Christ. Please be in **prayer** for Starr and Gracie to be saved. Please be in **prayer** for the young people attending Camp UTIBACA that their hearts will open to God's word and that many will be saved and that many will make lasting decisions for a yielded life to the Lord Jesus Christ. We know several young people that attended UTIBACA while growing up and have since gone on to serve the Lord full time. The church plant here supports two young men (now married with children) that have gone to the mission field; one is a church planter in Mexico and the other is a church planter in Bolivia.

We will be having our first church wedding on August 11th. Butch and Gwen's daughter is getting married and she and her fiancé has asked me to do the ceremony. I warned them that it was my first wedding ever but they still want me to officiate over it. Hopefully no one will faint –especially me!

Please **pray** for rain! As I'm sure you are aware it is extremely dry all over the west. We have not had rain here for 73 days as of today – July 2. We had our irrigation cut back to end of July levels in early May as our snow fall for the year was extremely less than what we need. We have had several wild fires just north and northeast of where we live and at one point they evacuated Fairview, just six miles north of us, because they feared the fire would come over the mountain. Fortunately the winds shifted pushing the fire back over but it is still burning today. Please **pray** for rain!

Please continue to **pray** for our oldest daughter Jessica as she is expecting her second child in September.

Now that we are in the new sanctuary of the church we can start planning for a reporting trip in late summer or early fall. It is my hope to get to each church that we've not been to since coming to Utah.

As always we are grateful for each one that takes the time to pray for us and for each church that gives sacrificially so that we can serve the Lord here in Utah. May the Lord richly bless your labors for Him and please continue to **pray** for hearts to be open to the Gospel and for souls to be saved.

In His Service,

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