

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

December 10, 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

Have you ever gone into an area where you get a little anxious and nervous because you don't know what you find when you get out of the car? Well that is the sort of feelings we get when we do outreach in Hideaway Valley. This is a secluded part of Indianola where the majority of people that live there have no desire for unexpected visitors. As we have been in there several times before over the years it wasn't surprising to find places where the polygamous and makeshift dwellings have become established. There are several in that area that are anti-government that we have come upon who are more suspicious than we are nervous until they learn who we are and what we are doing. Nonetheless the majority of people we encountered is relatively nice and received our gospel literature in a polite manner. We were halfway through this area when the first serious snowfall of this year came bringing a halt to our outreach for the time. Because of Hideaways seclusion most of the roads are gravel and difficult to travel on in the winter months unless there is a thaw out. If we aren't able to return before spring we will work on more "citified" towns such as Fairview, Spring City and Mount Pleasant. Please **pray** that seed we have sown will bring forth fruit not only in Hideaway but in the other towns we have work over the last several months.

We have recently been able to experience the "snowbird syndrome" that we have heard other church planters speak about. Carol went back to CA, Joyce went back to NV and Margie went back to NM for the winter. You wouldn't think that three people could make such a difference but when you have a small congregation to start with it most certainly does. They are all sweet spirited ladies and we will certainly miss them until they return in the spring. Tom and Barbara continue to attend faithfully as do many of our long attending folk. Please **pray** that we will continue to see both lost and saved come and that the lost will be saved.

We decided to step back this year from the Wednesday night Bible club primarily because we don't have the workers to assist in the club. Many of the people that come on Sunday mornings don't come for either Sunday night or Wednesday night for one reason or another apart from having to work. It is disappointing that we had to make this decision but we are hoping Lord willing that we can start afresh next year. This is the first year since Millie started having Bible clubs 16 years ago that we haven't had one. Please **pray** the Lord will be able to stir some others to take the initiative to get involved with this vital ministry to children.

I started a men's fellowship prayer breakfast in November and hope to continue having one each month. We invited the men from another church 20 miles south to join us. We had a great time of fellowship and prayer together and our next fellowship is this coming Saturday. Millie will be starting a ladies Bible study on Fridays in January. Please **pray** the Lord will use these times for the men and women to grow in the Lord.

It is our hearts desire that you have a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year. It is our prayer that God will use you and us to reach many for Him in the year ahead. We are thankful for the Christmas cards that have been sent and financial gifts that have been given for Christmas. We praise the Lord for the faithful prayers and financial support that makes it possible for us to serve the Lord here in Utah.

In His Service,

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