

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

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Dear Praying Friends,

Jesus told his disciples in Matt. 9:37-38, "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." I often wonder if the lack of laborers is the result of our failure to pray fervently as instructed to by our Lord or if it is the result of unwillingness on the part of God's people to answer the call. This call for laborers isn't just for those who sense God's leading into fulltime Christian vocational ministry such as missions or pastoring or anything else whereby one serves the Lord full time but it is a call to serve faithfully and endeavor to reach the lost right where God has anyone of His people in a local church. Serving the Lord isn't attending church rather it is actively being that "hand, foot, eye, ear" etc. that makes up the body of Christ and using the gift or gifts that we have been given by the Holy Spirit for the edification (building up) of one another in the local church and for the advancement of His Kingdom. The question we must ask ourselves, are we using the gifts given us by His Spirit or are we leaving the gift given us unused? The reality is one day we will all have to give an account for how we used or didn't use the spiritual abilities given to us by our Lord. We trust you are making full use of your gift and that you are fervently praying for laborers to assist in the work where you live as well as globally. As we all know, the only thing that will change the direction of our society is a changed society of individuals that have come to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The hope for that change lay in the hands of God's people in the form of God's life changing gospel. There is little doubt that we have all missed opportunities to share the gospel as boldly as we should; however, such a thought should only motivate us to be even more vigilant to ask the Lord to help us have open eyes and ears to the opportunities to turn a casual conversation into one addressing the spiritual need of that person.

The Lord has continued to present me with opportunities to witness to Sean, a man that I met through the local food bank where I have volunteered on Tuesdays for the last five years or so. It is interesting that even though he doesn't ascribe to any religion (though a former Roman Catholic) he often times will ask me something about what the Bible might say on any given subject. Sean's wife Susan is active in the LDS Church and he is very vocal to her over the hypocrisies he sees in those that he knows in her ward as well the contradictions he is aware of in their teachings. Before moving to Utah over 28 years ago and before marrying Susan he figured if he was going to live in Utah it would be a good idea know something about their beliefs and so he began "reading up" but he has never wavered on his belief that her religion is false. I am praying that one day Sean will trust on the Lord Jesus and be saved and as a result Susan will be also. This past week the Lord allowed me to witness to Todd who also volunteers at the food bank. Todd was filling in for Sean on the truck this week and the Lord gave me an opening to share a few things with him and give him a tract on John 3:16. He was open to what I had to say and appreciative of the tract. I invited him to come to our service this Sunday and hope he comes. Please **pray** for Sean and Susan, Todd, Guy and Angie to be saved and for the Lord to give me more opportunities to talk with others at the food bank.

Millie has been attending a weight loss support group for the last couple of years. With the exception of Millie all the ladies that attend are LDS. It has taken a long time some of the ladies to "warm up" to her but it seem like the ice is beginning to break. She has been able to make some acquaintances with a couple of ladies and Millie is praying she will be able to witness to them. Please **pray** for Bonnie, Lois and Donna and that they

would be open to the gospel and open to talking with Millie about the Lord. Also, please be in **prayer** for a lady named Melba that we have known for the good part of 16 years. Melba has moved to a city about three hours south of us but every time she comes back into our area she gives Millie a call and wants to go out to lunch with her. Millie says that Melba is probably one of the hardest hearted women she has ever met. Melba blames the Lord for her husband dying just when he had retired and doesn't understand why God would take him instead of someone that wasn't "as good" as her husband. Melba contacted Millie the other day and will be in town next week. Please **pray** that Melba's heart will be open and that Millie will be able once again talk to her about the Lord.

We will be celebrating the church's 16th anniversary this coming Sunday (3/24). We have invited Ron Ehmann to be our guest speaker this year. He had been our guest speaker about 13 years ago and one of the things he does well, besides preaching, is Christian cowboy poetry, so we have asked him to share some of that after our lunch in hopes of retaining some that wouldn't normally stay after lunch for our afternoon service. We are looking to the Lord to do some great things in our hearts through His Word.

We are truly grateful for all that lift us up in prayer and for each individual and church that faithfully supports us financially. We praise the Lord for you. May the Lord continue to bless your labors for His in the part of the field where He has you serving Him.

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston