



Sept, Oct, Nov. 2012

Dear Prayer Partners,

*“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not”* -- Jer. 33:3

What an amazing God we serve!!! During these past three months, the Lord has reminded us that this verse is still very true! He has done some incredible miracles for us, demonstrating some of these “great and mighty things”! Praise the Lord for His precious promises and faithfulness!

### **Privileges**

God has impressed upon us in recent months what an awesome privilege it is to serve the King of Kings, our Savior, in various ways that He chooses. Sometimes, those ways are not as enjoyable (humanly speaking) as we would like. But just knowing God is pleased is all the “enjoyment” we need. However, it is especially a joy when the Lord gives us opportunities to serve in ways that are dear to our hearts. The first week in Sept. Sue had the privilege of speaking in a workshop at our own area-wide fellowship ladies' retreat. Then in October, we held a Hymnplaying Seminar in Hayden, Colorado, and had more attendees than ever before. Again, in November, during our trip back East, God gave opportunity to have another Hymnplaying Seminar in New Bern, NC. It, too, was well attended, and the Lord seems to be blessing these endeavors. How we desire to help others in their service to the Lord! What a privilege it is to assist in this way!

During the past three months of traveling, God has brought about many privileges to serve, meet, and counsel with those who want to help in church planting in the West, as well as speaking in various college classes, churches, and missionary conferences. Praise the Lord for these privileges!

### **Pathways**

Since September, we have traveled over 6,000 miles, visiting churches and ministries from California to the Carolinas! God has miraculously cared for every need: physically, financially, and spiritually! It was truly a blessing to see God work on our behalf in provision and protection during these many long miles.

In September, we were in Apple Valley, CA, to visit our oldest son and family, and while there, Mike was asked to teach the adult S.S. class. We also may

have opportunity to present our ministry there this Spring as a result of that contact.

From there we traveled to Arizona, particularly to visit a new church plant in Rimrock, and also one in Sedona. We presented our burden for the West there, and at the same time, received a burden for these two new churches. One pastor is serving both churches. He desperately needs help! From there we returned to Colorado, and the first Sunday in October presented our ministry in Hayden, CO, with Pastor Bill Ditges. Besides having a Hymnplaying Seminar, Mike preached a 4-day Bible conference. It was truly exciting to see the Lord working in the hearts and lives of His people. Several wonderful decisions were made for Christ during the week.

We left Hayden and drove to South Carolina for recruiting opportunities at Missions Emphasis Week at Bob Jones University. There were several very good contacts made there. We then gave our presentation in a small church near Hickory, NC. God worked this special meeting out in an unusual way, and we thank the Lord for His leading!

The next week we were truly privileged to be involved with the Missions Conference at Ambassador Baptist College. Many opportunities were given there, as we met with three young couples who are “ready” to come West to work in church-planting ministries as the Lord leads, following graduation in May. We are praying that the Lord will give clear direction to these couples AND to us as we continue contact with them.

After leaving Ambassador, we continued with deputation meetings in Greensboro, NC, New Bern, NC, and then in Shelby, NC for the first night of Missions Conference at Maranatha Baptist Church. Each of these opportunities were truly a blessing as God worked in us, and in His people. We are praying that some of these churches will soon partner with us in

support of the great need of "reseeding the mountain states" with churches for His Glory!

We left Shelby and drove 3 days to Springfield, Colorado where the Lord gave us a truly wonderful day at First Baptist Church, with Pastor and Mrs. Love. Mike preached all services, giving our missionary presentation as well, and as part of the evening service, Sue ministered by giving a mini-concert of her hymn arrangements. Again, it was an awesome privilege to serve the Lord in a way that delighted our hearts, too! God is SO good!

### Pressures

Along with privileges and blessings, there come challenges and pressures. In September, we learned that Northrange Baptist Church would no longer be able to continue supporting us as in the past, nor would they be able to take care of our housing (rent). We sought the Lord diligently about the trip that had been planned to go East, and we were assured that we should continue as planned, since we had a good number of deputation meetings lined up, as well as the recruiting opportunities at the two colleges. We had no idea how we would pay rent, or maintain other living costs, much less pay for expenses on the trip, but we had complete peace that God was in control. He was truly in the "driver's seat", and we were simply following His plan.

Throughout our travels, God has performed miracle after miracle, supplying our every need financially! We have truly seen Him do "exceedingly, abundantly above all that we could ask or think"!

While in North Carolina, we were able to share these "pressures" with both the Director of our mission and the pastor of our sending church. They gave good counsel and advice, and we are currently seeking God's leading for "the next step". It appears

In His service,

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that moving to a new location and ministry may be in our future. One thing that is very clear to us and our mission and our pastor is that we believe God wants us to maintain our current position with Worldwide New Testament Baptist Mission as Church Planting Coordinators for the Mountain West. If anything, our burden for this ministry has truly increased, and we are committed to working with churches and men and women who are led to the West. However, we must have support. Please pray with us that the Lord will lead in our direction in the coming weeks and months. God continues to take care of our needs each week, and we must give HIM due praise! Our God is a Great God!!

### Prayer & Praise

★ Pray for God's continued leading in the lives of three couples we interviewed for church planting. All are open to whatever God chooses.

★ Pray for clear leading for our future and for immediate added financial support.

★ Pray for an added financial burden as our car's transmission went out (over \$3,000) just one week after our return from the East. Praise the Lord for allowing us to return without car problems on the road.

★ Continue praying for a family in our church who are undergoing intense difficulties and trials.

★ Pray for the future of Northrange Baptist Church and Pastor Jeff Smith and family.

★ Praise the Lord for your faithful prayers and financial support! We have wept with joy more than once over special gifts given by supporting churches and dear friends during this trying time.



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***"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God..." I Corinthians 3:8,9***