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Dear Prayer Partners,

“And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks.” -- Ezekiel 2:6

Being a woman, there are natural “fears” that can accompany any major move, and our recent move to Rimrock, Arizona was no exception. Many questions plagued my mind concerning where we would live, how could we physically do all the packing, moving, selling furniture, finding a house, etc. The people in the Rimrock area, at first glance, seem so hard, so anti-God, and even their “looks” can be a bit frightening. As I was unpacking, I discovered a dead scorpion in my living room! (At least it was dead!) Yes, I was afraid.

But the Lord showed me these verses and reminded me of His marvelous promises! “. . . *the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*” Joshua 1:9; *“Fear thou not, for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”* Isaiah 41:10; *“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”* Heb. 13:5. God has been so faithful and precious these past two months in directing, protecting, comforting, providing and strengthening us as we have made the move from Colorado to Arizona. “To God Be the Glory, great things He has done!” Thank you for your prayers and support for us during this transition time!

Moving

The last three months have literally flown by. What happened to summer?? July was an extremely busy month as we packed, looked for housing on-line, had garage sales, sold furniture on-line, sought for those who might need furniture, etc. While the task was truly overwhelming to us, the Lord provided in EVERY way! It was amazing to see how people volunteered to help pack for a few hours here and there, others provided meals, help with selling furniture, help with the garage sale, all of which were truly blessings from the Lord! It was a special blessing to find a house on line, then having the help of a friend in Arizona, looking at it and helping us to obtain it. As we loaded our truck the end of July, and cleaned the empty house, God provided helpers with that, also. Mike’s sister and husband in Greeley as well as our own son and wife, folks from our church, and even a piano student’s dad came and to help. What a blessing!!!

Then as we began our journey from Colorado to Arizona, the Lord also provided two extra drivers to help us! Mike’s sister helped Sue drive

the car, and our son, Jeff, helped his Dad drive the truck. What a blessing it was to see God work during the trip as well, keeping us safe, providing our every need! Our granddaughter came along for the ride with her Daddy, and made it more enjoyable, too! God truly cares about every detail of our lives and we give HIM praise!!

Miracles

We had no idea how God was working to “go before us” in planning our move! But He arranged to have two other children (besides Jeff in Colorado) to help us when we arrived in Arizona. Our daughter, Joy, and her family from Maryland, had planned for many months to vacation in Colorado AND Arizona in July/August. Little did we know that it would be the exact days we were moving. Joy helped the last week of packing up my kitchen in Colorado, then their family took a “scenic route” thru Utah to Arizona. But they arrived the same night as us, and then the whole family helped unload the truck in Rimrock. We also had helpers from two other churches in the Verde Valley area.

What a blessing to see how these folks were used of the Lord to help us! The following week, after Joy's family left and Jeff had gone back to Colorado, our son, Mike and Stephanie came down from Oregon to help us get the house "set up". What another huge blessing from the Lord!! They put up shelves, unpacked kitchen and bedroom boxes, fixed things, hung mirrors, pictures, etc. While our other two children, one in Cincinnati (who had just moved there) and one in Chile, could not be with us, they both were calling, assuring us of their prayers, etc. God is soooo good to have given us children who care, and others who helped in so many ways. Our dear friends, Bob and Natalie Holmes, who live here in Rimrock, provided housing for our family (and us) those first few days. What a blessing! There were still others who sent extra money to help with moving expenses, and this, too, was another answer to prayer. God worked all things out for HIS glory!

Ministry

Paul and Naomi Sondergaard, along with Ruthanne (2) and Nathan (9 mos.) arrived in Rimrock the first week in September. They are the couple we met from Ambassador Baptist College who came to Rimrock to work with us and the Holmes' to establish the church here! What a blessing they already have been to us. They were offered housing in the prophet's chamber at the church in Cottonwood while they looked for housing. They will be moving next week to Rimrock.

Our first church service in Rimrock we had 11 adults and 7 children, not counting family members who were still here visiting. But then, we had a In His service,

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couple of weeks with only one or two besides our faithful families. But the last couple of weeks, we have seen people coming back. How we praise the Lord for this. Last Sunday we had a fellowship dinner following the morning service. And we had a new family join us, a grandmother with her two grandsons, whom she is raising. They live in a nearby town, and actually are Mike's sister's grandsons! We have been praying for them for a long time. It was wonderful to see them attend.

Sunday evenings we have joined with our two other families to attend the service in Cottonwood (about 18 miles away). Last Sunday, the church in Sedona (about 30 miles away) hosted a combined service with several area churches. All of these churches here in the West, having few people, struggle with getting folk to be consistent. Each one needs helpers. We are very thankful for the two families God has given us.

We have begun meeting on Wednesday evenings for prayer, planning, and organizational business. Please be praying for wisdom for us!

Mediate

★ Pray for Rachel and Stephen - family with 3 girls. Both parents formerly in prison, drug abuse, etc. We need wisdom in dealing with them.

★ Pray for Colleen, Orion and Hunter - visited last Sunday. Sad family life history.

★ Pray for Paul and Naomi Sondergaard as they get settled October 5th in house.

★ Pray for new contacts for Faith Baptist Church in Rimrock.



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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