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Dear Prayer Partners,

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” I Cor. 15:58

Sometimes in ministry, sad to say, even when we keep on doing that which we believe God has shown us to do, our faith wanes, when we don't see the results we had hoped to see. But God's Word is TRUE!! His promises are true! And we have been seeing God work in some pretty amazing ways this past month or so. We were somewhat discouraged in October, when we had to miss our "annual" recruiting trip to missions conferences in the East. It just couldn't be worked out. And of course, we felt our absence would mean that it would be still another year before we could see any recruits actually coming West. But God's work is not dependent on us! **Praise the Lord for answered prayer.**

Prospects

Just within the last month, we have received phone calls from THREE separate couples/families, inquiring about coming West to help in church planting! The first of these is a young couple with two small children, who were actually students of ours while we taught at Ambassador Baptist College. We had discussed possibilities several years ago of their coming West, but the Lord led them somewhere else at the time. However, they believe the Lord is directing them out here somewhere now. They just came for a visit to survey the area, meet our people, and discuss possibilities. Please pray for this young couple and God's leading in their lives.

The second family, also from Ambassador, contacted us to tell us they are definitely moving to Arizona in March, but at this point they are not sure just where. Please pray for direction for them, and for wisdom for us in counseling.

The third contact is a family in one of our supporting churches who just surrendered to missions in their recent missions conference. The Sniadowskys, a family of 7, are planning a trip here in February for two weeks to help us, and to see just what God may have in store for them. What a thrill to see God working in the lives of His people!

Problems

Faith Baptist Church of Rimrock, Arizona has been meeting in the Adult Center in the Town Square, renting the facility each Sunday. A few weeks ago, during a community craft fair at that location, a lady backed her van into the building at full force, tearing out a portion of the wall and damaging the electrical system. Since that time, the building has been condemned by the country until proper repairs can be made. We have been looking for an alternative meeting place for the church, but so far we have not been able to locate anything. We have been meeting in a home since then, but we know it is important to find a building to use. Please pray with us concerning this need.

People

Although the attendance has not grown in our Sunday morning services, God has been working. We experienced somewhat of a setback since our building was damaged, and we have had to meet in a home. But we have had some outreach ministries that have been great tools. Sue had a home Bible Study to share her Prayer Journal with other ladies in the church. Naomi Sondergaard (the ones who moved here to help) has begun a discipleship program with one of the ladies who has been coming. Please pray for Naomi and Rachel as they

meet once a week going over Basic Beliefs for New Christians. The Sondergaards, Holmes, and we have been helping on Sunday evenings in the church in Cottonwood with music. It has been truly a blessing to fellowship with those dear people, and share in the ministry of that church as well. Mike has made a number of new contacts in the community in trying to find another meeting place. Pray for more contacts to be made and God's leading here in Rimrock.

Praise

Upon hearing about the Sniadowsky family coming in February to help with the ministry here, we began discussing the possibility of having an Evangelistic Crusade for a few days during that time. Of course, we would have to have a building, which we don't have yet, and we would need an evangelist. We talked about the fact that it might be difficult to locate an evangelist on such short notice. But decided to pray about it. Within 24 hours, we received an unexpected phone call from an evangelist we knew from Ambassador who was "wondering" if we might have need of him. The week he had available was the very week we had been talking about! How we praise the Lord for "going before us" and leading in the ministry here in Rimrock. Pray that we get a building to use!

In His service,

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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

Prayer

- ★ 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 several Sundays. Sad family life history.
- ★ Praise the Lord that Paul Sondergaard found a job.
- ★ Pray for new contacts for Faith Baptist Church in Rimrock.
- ★ Pray for building to meet in for church.
- ★ Pray for continued financial support.
- ★ Pray for good health for Mike and Sue, as we have experienced a few problems this last month.
- ★ Pray for upcoming special occasions during the holidays. People's hearts may be more tender this time of the year. Pray that we may see "fruit that may abound" here in Rimrock.

Thank you each one who sacrifice time and/or money for the cause of missions. We appreciate those prayers of God's people more than you can ever imagine. It has been so obvious that God has been working as a result of those prayers!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING [when this was first written - Mike's fault 😊] TO ALL OUR DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

