



Feb/Mar/Apr 2014

Dear Prayer Partners,

“For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone ...” Psalm 86:10

The old Gospel hymn, “How Great Thou Art”, takes on new meaning when we actually see God working in our midst! He is truly a Great God and deserves to be praised for the “wondrous things” He does! That’s why we are glad to share what your prayers and support for the ministry here in the Verde Valley of Arizona have accomplished. God is working!

Preparation and Participation

February was a very busy month for the folks here at Faith Baptist Church in Rimrock, Arizona. Our 3 main families were busy planning for the coming Revival meetings, getting flyers and brochures printed, and making meal and lodging preparations for guests who were coming to help. By mid-month, the **Sniadowski** family arrived with their 5 children from Maryland. What a huge blessing this family was to our small group!!! They did lots of canvassing, helped with special music, and taught some of the children’s classes during the meetings. Their children were a blessing as well, ministering with piano specials, as well as helping with canvassing.

Just one week before the meetings were to begin, we were allowed back into the Adult Center, after having been out of it for 3 months! Praise the Lord! **Paul Crow**, our evangelist, was truly sent from the Lord for this special week! And unknown to us, God planned for a dear couple, Jim and Mary **Rees**, friends from NC, to be here for most of the services. They, too, were a tremendous help and blessing in canvassing, cooking, singing, etc. Three other churches in the Verde Valley encouraged us by visiting some of the nights, and adding to our numbers. Two of the nights, we saw over 40 people in our small, newly renovated Adult Center facility! God provided for every detail of the week, and then blessed by giving us new contacts, decisions made for the Lord, and covering all financial costs! We are especially thankful for those individuals and

churches who sent additional funds as well as prayed for this week. It was truly difficult to say goodbye to each of these dear folks, who gave of their time, energy and money to share Christ with the people here in Rimrock! “To God Be the Glory”!!!

Physical Positives

Thank you for your prayers for our physical difficulties these past few months. Since both of us had bronchitis during the Christmas/New Year holidays, Sue continued to have health problems with prolonged acute bronchitis, flu, stomach viruses, and an anemia. Trying to keep up with the meetings, additional guests, follow-up contacts, etc., was difficult with limited health. But God definitely gave grace and strength as needed! Thank you for your continued faithful prayers! Praise the Lord!

Progress with People

Thank you for praying for **Rachel and Steven** and their 3 girls. Rachel and Steven were in a serious auto accident in March. Steven was not hospitalized, but Rachel was in critical condition for several days. With multiple injuries, she spent several weeks in the hospital, then in rehab. She just went home last week from rehab, but is still unable to walk, and still has a long road to complete recovery. God has definitely been working in her life, and we have had ample opportunities to talk with her during our visits. Visiting her in the Phoenix hospital was challenging, but the Lord used that to give us additional contacts of folk in

Rimrock who were amazed that we would drive so far to visit her. We have seen God open doors with Rachel's mother, friends, neighbors, Steven, etc. We continue to pray that the Lord will direct her in the way she should go. She has been reading her Bible for strength and direction, and has been seeing God answer prayer. She has said she knows God is not finished with her yet! Please continue to pray for wisdom in dealing with each of these contacts as well as with Rachel and Steven.

Provision of Personnel

What a blessing to have another couple, Ron and Diana **Love**, move here from NC to help in the work. The Lord opened up housing for them as well as work in the area very quickly! Ron has a unique ministry with a Home Bible Study outreach. They want to be used here at Faith Baptist in Rimrock, but possibly also help the other churches in the Verde Valley. Pray for wisdom in planning these Bible Studies!

Privilege of Presentation

It was a special blessing to be asked to participate in a Missions Conference in March with a sister church about 45 minutes from us in Dewey-Humboldt, AZ. We are praying the Lord will allow these people to partner with us in the ministry of church planting in the Mountain States.

In His service,

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Praise and Prayer

- ★ Praise the Lord for a new digital PIANO given to the church!!! (Sue enjoys this!)
- ★ Praise - Mike's brother, Greg, came thru brain surgery successfully. God is working. He continues to have chemo/rad.
- ★ Praise - 2 new visitors at Easter "Sonrise" service, 4 new visitors in morning service!
- ★ Pray for continued health improvements and strength for Sue and Mike.
- ★ Pray for new contacts for Faith Baptist Church in Rimrock.
- ★ Pray for Rachel, Steven and 3 girls.
- ★ Pray for continued financial support.
- ★ Pray for future outreach ministries this Fall: Home Bible Studies, week night kids' club, Ladies' Bible Study.
- ★ Pray for upcoming special occasions during the summer. Teen missions group arriving in July. July 12 - Verde Valley Rally & musical concert.
- ★ Pray for travels in May/June. Colorado, Oregon meetings, then Family Week in NC with World Wide, and deputation meetings. We will need use of a car, or funds for car rental while in NC.

Thank you each one who sacrifices 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!



"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