



May/June 2015

Dear Prayer Partners,

***“For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.”
I Corinthians 16:18***

What a wonderful God we serve! He not only cares about our ministry, our service to Him, but what a joy it is to know that He cares about us as His children. He knows our needs, and refreshes us when we need that refreshment! We have truly seen His love these past two months!

Reflection

Many years ago, when we were just starting our family, we dedicated our children to the Lord, asking Him to use them for His glory! What a joy it has been to see God working in the lives of our children, and now our grandchildren as well. Our oldest daughter and family have served the Lord over 20 years in Chile as missionaries. We were humbled and thrilled in May to be given the privilege of attending our oldest granddaughter's graduation from Christian college and at the same time to be reunited with our daughter and family who came from Chile to attend the graduation. How thankful we are that God orchestrated each detail for us to attend this special event. She plans to go to China in August to teach English, but also to minister to people who need Christ. “I have no greater joy than to hear that our children walk in truth (III John 5).” God is Faithful!

Reunion

Since our daughter's family was in the states for a brief furlough, our other children all decided we needed to get together for a reunion. We hadn't all been together in about 12 years, so you can imagine the excitement of meeting in Colorado even for just a few days in June. Mike's Cardiologist gave us the “okay” to travel, with certain warnings and instructions. So this was really our first road trip since his heart attack last July. Praise the Lord there were no problems at all! We thank the Lord again for Pastor and Mrs. Singletary opening their home to us in Albuquerque

to break up our trip. (These were the folk who gave a home to Sue last July when Mike was hospitalized.) The joy that was shared at the family reunion with all 5 children and 17 of our 21 grandchildren (will be 22 in Sept.!) was simply a taste of Heaven! All of our children know and serve the Lord, and all of the grandchildren, except one, also know the Lord. (Would you pray with us for that “one”?) We played, laughed, sang, talked, cried, and went to church together! How we praise the Lord that He allowed us to be together one more time here on earth! And it is “all because of God's amazing grace!”

Rejuvenation

Our hearts were already full and rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord, when we flew from Colorado to North Carolina to attend our Worldwide New Testament Baptist Mission “Family Week”! What a joy to see God working around the world through His choice servants! Many missionaries, some home on furlough and others just beginning deputation, shared the wonders of our God and what He is doing! The preaching was phenomenal, and the fellowship was precious! It was a special blessing to meet young couples who have given their lives to serve the Lord and take the place of some who have gone home to Glory. God's work continues! All of our expenses for the week were covered by God's people! God truly used this week to rejuvenate us and excite us all over again for the work where He has placed us!

Rejoicing

God is still in the business of answering prayer! Let us share a couple of answers with you, so that you may rejoice also!

1. In anticipation for our trip to NC, we asked the Lord specifically for funds to be able to fly rather than drive, due to the time and physical stress. The week we needed to book our flights, God gave us almost exactly the amount we needed for the airfare! We were certain God wanted us to go to "Family Week"!
2. In our last prayer letter, we asked prayer for a couple to come help us here in Rimrock, AZ. While at the "Family Week" in NC, one day we sat across from another missionary couple at lunch who had been serving in Aruba. They shared with us that they were begging the Lord to open up a door where they could serve next, as they were not able to return to Aruba. We shared our burden for the West, and Rimrock in particular. God worked in their hearts, and they are ready to come to survey this area. They are praying for God to show them definitely while they are here, and will then move here. This is a direct answer to YOUR prayers and ours! Praise His Name! Please continue to pray for Danny and Gail Alford as they seek the Lord in this opportunity! **July 7th Update: The Alfords surprised us by arriving on July 4th. They made the trip from Atlanta, Ga, to Rimrock in 2 days!**

Requests

- ★ Pray for our ladies to remain faithful during the summer months as we have suspended our Ladies Bible Study.

- ★ Pray for VBS as we join the Indian mission church in Camp Verde July 13-16.
- ★ Pray for 3 new families who have just moved into our neighborhood that we might have an influence in their lives!
- ★ Pray for financial needs and future support.
- ★ Pray for wisdom in building the work in Rimrock, and for the Alfords future ministry here.
- ★ Pray for more workers in the West.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for the ministry where God has put us here in the West. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful friends and faithful "co-workers" in the ministry.

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