



July - Sept. 2015

Dear Prayer Partners,

***“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;
and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake.” II Corinthians 4:5***

As servants of the Lord and messengers of the glorious Gospel, we find ourselves having opposition from many directions. We were about to write a prayer letter the first of September, when we discovered we had for the **2nd time in 6 months** lost our e-mail addresses for our prayer letter list. It has taken quite a lot of time and effort to try and put together a new list. This time we have opted to change our prayer letter format and our e-mail carrier so as to better insure this doesn't happen again. We want to thank each one for your patience and understanding as we try to resolve these problems!

Servants

When we last wrote a letter, we were excited about a new couple coming to help with the church here in Rimrock. However, after a few weeks, the Alford's did not have peace about staying here, and decided to go back to Georgia. While we were extremely disappointed, we knew the Lord makes no mistakes, and was leading in their lives as well as in our ministry here. We were very thankful for the time we spent together, and they were a tremendous help in our Vacation Bible School during July. We participated together with the Indian mission church in Camp Verde, and the children from our church were in attendance every night. One of Rachel's daughters (we have asked prayer for Rachel and family in the past) was the all-time winner for memorizing the most Bible verses! What a blessing it has been to watch Rachel and her girls grow in the Lord!

Singing

A highlight of our summer was having the opportunity to host an area-wide 5th Sunday Singspiration in August. Several churches throughout the Verde Valley here came together on Sunday night in our little rented facility. It was truly a wonderful blessing, and we counted 70 people in attendance. We heard 5 different preachers, had special music from each church, had several testimonies, and sang old-time Gospel songs.

We also had sweet fellowship with many of God's people. One added blessing was that Rachel's 3 daughters sang some children's songs they had been working on with Sue, and their Dad came that night for the first time ever! Please pray for Scott to be saved.

Mike has had several opportunities in the past couple of months to preach in other churches on Sunday evenings, and also was asked to write an article concerning how God miraculously spared his life and how God's people ministered to us in so many ways. This article was just published in the July/August issue of Frontline (the regular magazine of Fundamental Baptist Fellowship International), p. 14. if you are not familiar with FBFI, and would like to check it out!

Switch (in plans)

While we had been planning our trip to the Carolinas in October to participate in the missions conferences at two colleges, the Lord had other plans. We canceled our plans when we received a call from a young couple who have been in contact with us for some time. They had told us God had called them to Arizona to church planting, and they wanted to come visit, but didn't think they could come until Spring 2016. But their plans changed, and they are coming with their pastor for a survey trip October 21. They will be with us about a week! We don't know if the Lord might lead them here to

help in Rimrock or not, but we are excited to have them come West to seek what God may have for them. Please pray for Stephen and Charity Jenney as they make this trip, and pray that God will use us to be the encouragement they need as they seek His will. They have applied and recently been accepted with our own mission agency, WWNTBM!

Prayer

- ★ Pray for the weekly Ladies' Bible Study which resumed in August. We have had several new ladies attend.
- ★ Pray for our continued nursing home ministry we have each month.
- ★ Pray for wisdom in contacting churches locally for deputation ministry.
- ★ Pray for financial needs and future support.
- ★ Pray for more piano students.
- ★ Pray for more workers in the West.

Praise

- ★ Mike's 6-month checkup with Cardiologist was EXCELLENT! To God be the Glory!!!
- ★ Praise the Lord for a new healthy grandson - #22! God is so good!
- ★ Praise the Lord for opportunity to visit the campus of International Baptist College and made contact with a young man who feels the Lord calling him into church planting 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