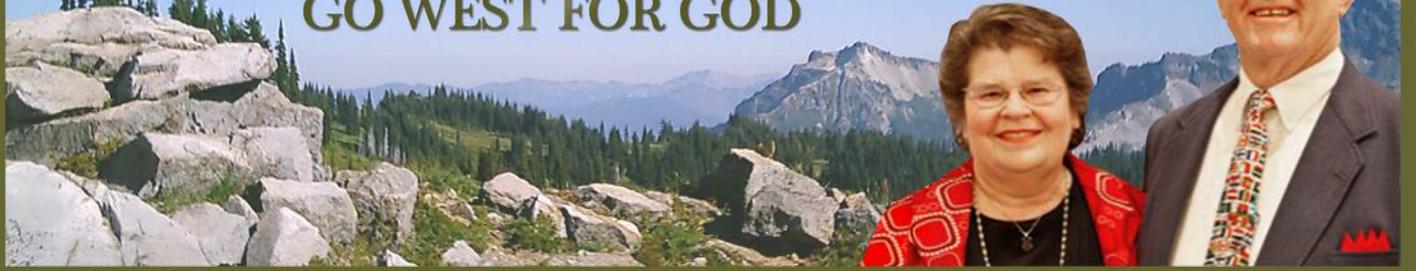


# The Smiths

## GO WEST FOR GOD



SERVING WITH WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSION

July - August 2018

Dear Prayer Partners,

***“How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God; therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.” Psalm 36:7***

When we see the uncertainties all around us, deal with folks who have grief and instability beyond our understanding, we are reminded of this verse and the assurance and stability of the lovingkindness of our Savior and Lord, and we rejoice that we have a solid foundation where we can put our trust and KNOW He is with us! How blessed we are and knowing this truth motivates us to let others know of the hope they can experience in the excellent lovingkindness of the Lord! Thank you to those of you who receive our prayer letter and faithfully pray and give to the ministry here in the West! We pray God will abundantly bless you!

### Lovingkindness in the Work

The Lord has shown His lovingkindness to our work here in Rimrock in establishing a sweet bond between the 5 families that are faithfully attending our services. For quite some time, only 2 others came to our midweek prayer and Bible Study sessions. But recently we began showing a DVD series of messages from “Answers in Genesis” by Ken Ham in our Tuesday night meetings, and 2 other couples began coming. What an encouragement this has been, as well as the fellowship we have seen developing between all of our people! Praise the Lord for giving wisdom in preaching and ministry.

### Lovingkindness Through Visitors

What a special delight and encouragement it was to have Dr. and Mrs. Surrentt from our supporting church in Kings Mt., NC join us for nearly a week in July! He not only spoke in our Sunday services, but also had the opportunity to have a “mini-Bible conference” with us and two other churches in our area that we fellowship with often. It was a special blessing to have him preach, but also just visit with us and be to show them various sights and scenery here in Arizona. Praise the Lord for His lovingkindness in

placing it upon the hearts of their church to send them to us!

### Lovingkindness Through Trials

Sue has been experiencing a lot of pain in her right shoulder, limiting her from doing even normal tasks since June. After many weeks of doctor visits, tests, MRI and x-rays, we finally were able to see an orthopedic doctor. She is scheduled to have surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff in her shoulder on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. While it has been a long journey, and it isn't over yet, we know His lovingkindness will continue to see us through these trying times. We would appreciate your prayers.

### Lovingkindness in Added Ministry

God has recently blessed us by sending Sue additional piano students. She has taught just a handful ever since moving here, but at this time, the Lord has allowed her to have 15 students.

One of our “sister” churches, has recently begun a program of offering piano lessons to anyone interested in learning to play with the intention of training future church pianists. What an amazing concept! They approached us to see if we would work

with them in this ministry and we agreed. We have 4 students from that church.

Then we were contacted in August by missionaries in Canada who asked if we would consider teaching hymn playing to their two teenage children over the internet! What an amazing ministry this has turned into! A friend and helper in our church made a tripod that holds a tablet and adjusts to see the keyboard. We have had several lessons so far, and it seems to be going well! I just this week had an inquiry from a former student who is in the ministry now asking if I would consider teaching her over the internet to improve her ministry of music in her church. What lovingkindness the Lord has shown us in these amazing opportunities!

#### Lovingkindness in Praises and Prayer

- Praise the Lord for Mike's complete recovery from his cataract surgery in July.
- Praise for more interest in our church services and sweet fellowship.
- Praise for extra financial gifts to help with unexpected car repairs
- Pray for neighbor, Carol. We have personal contact and witness several times a week, but does not come to church. She claims to be saved, but church attendance isn't important.
- Pray for upcoming shoulder surgery for Sue 9/19.

We praise the Lord and thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support for the work here in the West. We are truly laborers together with God!



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**