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Dear Prayer Partners,

“For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.”
Psalm 92:4

We trust that you have had a blessed Christmas and will have a wonderful New Year. Because of some different circumstances the past couple of months, we regret that we did not send a Christmas letter as we have done other years. But we are thankful for the faithfulness of our God and His grace in allowing us to continue yet another year here in Arizona. We are truly looking forward to serving Him this year of 2019 and are trusting Him to lead us in the work where He has put us. And we are very thankful for so many who faithfully pray for us and the ministry here, as well as those who give to support God's work. Thank you!

Relationships

What a blessing it has been to see the bond in Christ that is so evident in our church folk! While we don't see a lot of new folk coming in this type of work, it has been encouraging to see the relationships God has been establishing! During the Christmas season, we were asked by the president of the Community Adult Center if we would provide music, prayer, and mini-program for the annual Christmas dinner for the community! What a delight it was to have most of our church folk participate in sharing the music that tells of the coming of Christ to be our redemption! Little by little, we have seen several folks from the community getting acquainted and establishing a relationship with us. Praise the Lord for this opportunity!

It was a joy to establish a new relationship with a couple who visited our church recently. They came for several weeks, but now Jerry has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks. Please pray for Jerry and Lisa as we attempt to minister to their needs. We are praying for open doors with them to visit one-on-one, though we have tried several times, so far we have not been able to see them.

Responsibilities

While our daily responsibilities remain the same, we enjoyed some new responsibilities recently.

Our dear friends, Paul and Naomi Sondergaard have a new baby. He has had several physical problems which have required him to be hospitalized for several weeks. There are ongoing Dr. appointments to determine further diagnoses and treatment. During the time Andrew was in the hospital, Mike was asked to preach in the church in Camp Verde for Sunday evening service. We both served in the music as well. It is a "sister church" to us, and we are delighted to help in any way we can. Please remember to pray for this dear family and the medical needs of Baby Andrew.

Recovery

Thank you for praying for Sue over these past few months since her shoulder surgery in September. She has done well in recovering full motion of her arm and shoulder through therapy. Just last week she was released from physical therapy. She will continue exercising, but each day she regains strength.

Rejoicing

We are praising the Lord for the help and fellowship we have had with Ron and Diana Love who came to assist us a couple of months ago. They live in a fifth wheel and have been such a huge blessing to our people and us. Ron has agreed to give the Bible study challenge in our Tuesday evening meetings. Diana has sung several times in our Sunday morning services. They are eager to help in any way they can.

MK NEWS - It is always a special reason to rejoice when we learn that our children and grandchildren want to serve and follow the Lord.

We were privileged to be able to attend our grandson's wedding in South Carolina just before Christmas. Jack Ramler and Lindsay Bullock were married December 15 and desire to serve the Lord wherever He places them. Jack continues to work on his Master's degree from Bob Jones University, and they are seeking the Lord's will for their lives!

Our son, Mike, and Stephanie recently returned to France to finish a building project for missionaries there. When they were there last summer, they lacked proper permits for the church project. So when they received those permits, they were asked to come back for a brief few weeks to finish things up. Mike was able to take a couple of young "apprentices" he's been teaching while at the Wilds, too.

We are especially excited that two of our grandchildren, Jeremy Bjur and Jocelyn Smith are going on mission trips the end of this month and the first of February. Jeremy is going to the Dominican Republic, and Jocelyn is going to visit missionaries in Peru and then on to Chile with our daughter and family. What a blessing to hear how God is working in the lives of our own family!!

Rewards

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!!

We have asked you to pray for our neighbor, Carol. She attends our Ladies Bible Studies that Sue teaches, but has not been to church. She told us recently that she made a "New Year's resolution" to start coming to church! The first Sunday in January, we were unable to meet in our own facility due to the freezing of water pipes, flooding, etc., so we took our people to Camp Verde, and Carol came with us. Last week she wasn't feeling well, so she did not come. Please continue to pray that the devil doesn't bring things up on Sunday mornings to keep her from coming. And by the way, they were able to do the repairs in the facility, so we DID have services there last Sunday.

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