

June, July, August 2019

Dear Prayer Partners,

***“Thou art my God and I will praise Thee; Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.” Psalm 118:28,29***

This verse became our theme chorus for the month of August as God revealed Himself to us and our church family throughout the past several months. We want to share some of the wonderful things God has done!

### Remembering

We were so thankful to attend Family Week with our Worldwide mission family in June in Virginia. What a delight it was to see former students of ours from Ambassador Baptist College who are now on deputation to go to mission fields! It was also good to visit with old friends and make new friends and prayer partners. As always, the conference was a blessing and rejuvenated us to continue in the work God has given. Mike was able to speak in our supporting church in Virginia, Solid Rock Baptist Church, and share some of what the Lord is doing here in our ministry. Also, we joined dear friends of ours in Woodstock, the L'Heureuxs, and spoke in their home church with Pastor Ken Sparks. The church and the L'Heuruexs treated us royally, and we were so blessed to have had this opportunity!

### Reflection

We had asked prayer for our neighbor, Carol, in our last prayer letter. She had just found out she had cancer. It was just a few days after I wrote that letter that she went to be with the Lord, and we received word just after our plane landed in Washington D.C. I was SO thankful I had talked to her about her relationship with the Lord and could feel confident that she had accepted Christ as her Savior. Our ladies in our church, and ladies' Bible study were so kind to bring meals to the family during these trying days, even though I couldn't be there.

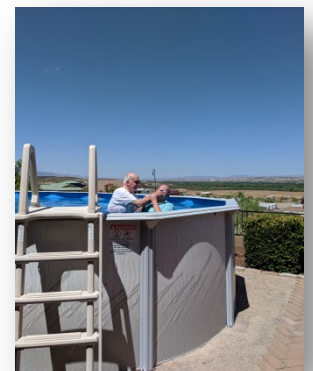
After we returned home, Carol's daughter, Becky and son, Dale asked Mike to handle the memorial time for her. Dale and Becky came to our church services two weeks in a row after the memorial but have not come back. They seem to have work, and other reasons for not coming. Please keep praying for Dale and Becky, that we would be able to minister to them. They seemed to really appreciate all we did during those trying days and weeks and talked to us about the Lord.

### Referrals

We have continued to see new people coming to the church here in Rimrock and for the first time since we came 6 years ago, we have seen significant growth, with services of 20 or more each week! The individuals we mentioned in our last letter have continued to come faithfully. We also met some new people at a community breakfast we attended, and one lady came to church after meeting her. Please pray that Molly will come back.

### Regeneration

Probably the most exciting thing that has happened these last couple of months is to see Alex and Hannah grow in their new faith! We have been discipling them every other Saturday morning in truths of Scripture and it has



been exciting to see his excitement continue as He learns new things. He told us he has told everyone He knows of his new-found faith! Just two weeks ago Mike had the privilege of baptizing this dear brother, using the pool of friends and relatives of Bob Holmes in our church. What a thrill it was to see this new believer taking this step to show his family and everyone that he wanted to follow the Lord! His stepdad, staunch Roman Catholic, as well as a number of other friends and relatives came to the baptismal service!

### Renewal

We praise the Lord for the arrival of our son, Mike, Stephanie, Rachel, and Katelyn since they moved here in July. They were gone most of the month after just moving, ministering in Colorado and Wyoming. But they returned in August and have been such a blessing to us personally, but also to our people in the church. Now that they are here, please pray for decisions to be made regarding the future of Faith Baptist Church of Rimrock. We are excited to see the church move forward in organization and reaching more people for Christ! Pray for wisdom in the coming weeks and months!

### Resources

We praise the Lord for His faithful provision for us here in Rimrock. We thank those of you who faithfully support us through our mission, and we also appreciate those who have given special gifts. It means so much to us to see how God uses His people to provide in times of need!

Recently, we attended a Fellowship meeting with other fundamental Baptist Churches in Arizona and became acquainted with pastors around the state. Pray that the Lord would open the hearts of His people to help with the work here. Since Mike and Stephanie are here to help, perhaps we will be able to do some MUCH

needed deputation in our state. Please pray for open doors and wisdom to know what to do and where to go.

### Requests

- + Pray for wisdom in dealing with new believers and new attendees in our church.
- + Pray for wisdom in future plans for the church.
- + Pray for more contacts and souls to be saved.
- + Pray for wisdom in starting a children's ministry.
- + Pray for more support for the ministry here.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and love for the Lord and His servants. We praise the Lord for each of you and ask His blessing upon you.



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***