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SHEPHERD'S CALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Praying Friends,

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Praise the Lord, Cheri, whom we have written of before, was baptized today and we are so pleased! I know it is a difficult time for many churches battling through current events. Thankfully, no matter what happens in this world, God is always good and has a plan! We are truly thankful to be partnered with every one of you and we appreciate your love, prayers and support.

In July, we met a couple that lives around the corner from us. We believe this was a divine appointment. Charity was running a little behind leaving to meet some ladies; because she was running behind, she “happened” to see our neighbor by the road with a bed frame that we could use for the boys. The couple kindly delivered it to our house with a truck. We were able to get acquainted with them and invite them to church services at our house. Less than a week later, Mike sent me a message telling me his mother had passed away and he wondered if I would do the funeral service. I met with Mike and Stacy to learn more about them and his mother. I presented the Gospel and attempted to bring them to a personal decision. As far as I could tell from Mike, his mother was Catholic but had a neat life story. After I preached at the funeral, the brother and sister-in-law of Linda (who passed away) sent us a very special letter thanking me for the funeral message and for preaching the Gospel in it. She informed me that they and Linda were the only ones who had been born again and that they had been silenced by the Catholic family. They expressed how our meeting was an answer to their prayers! The circumstances were definitely unique! While there were a few people who came to their home, most joined the service via Zoom. I made the call to salvation, but I have not yet heard if anyone responded. It was a blessing to hear that Linda died knowing Christ. The sad part of the story is that Mike and Stacy wanted to bring Linda to our church service when she got out of the hospital and that never happened. Unfortunately, Mike and Stacy have still not come to our service; it seems like a great thing was ruined by her death, but we are confident that God has greater plans. Please pray for this couple as they have had the Gospel presented but I do not believe they have made a decision yet.

The past few months have been tough for us and our church as we have dealt with some very weighty matters from which we thought we might lose some people. Thankfully, we have seen some good responses so far to God's Word and counsel. Please pray for those going through personal struggles in relation to this. These problems are also being compounded by Covid-19.

We are discussing with the church ideas for our own meeting place including the possibility of property that our family or the church can own where we could live and put a fabric church building. Currently, the details are complex and premature to discuss clearly in a short letter! Please pray fervently regarding this as we desperately need God's wisdom. The property we are considering is directly across the street from the community center where we normally meet; it would be a great location. We believe property and a building will be a huge step forward in progress for the church.

For Sunday School, we have been discussing apologetics; we finished the book of Job and have started a series through Corinthians! God is so good and faithful; we are so thankful to Him and to you!

Because of Calvary,
Stephen, Charity, Judson(5), Samuel(4), Noah(3) and Valiana(1) Jenney