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SHEPHERD'S CALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Praying Friends,

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Already, we are seeing the days get longer, a welcomed sight for me personally as it is always a reminder that though the darkness seems long, the light will soon return and there will be no more night!

As we look forward to the opportunities spring will bring, we reflect on what God has done over the winter. We closed off October with our big Halloween outreach at the community Trunk or Treat that takes place at our grocery store parking lot. This gives us an opportunity to meet people and get out well over 1,000 Gospel tracts. The highlight of November was Thanksgiving when we had a wonderful time together as a church to praise God for what he has done in our lives. It was around this time that the church received a very large and unexpected monetary gift. In 2022, Lee Bachelor (one of our dear elderly founding members who lived across the street from the church meeting place) passed away and our deacon and his wife purchased her home. The house was/is in need of many repairs. Recently, we learned that Lee willed a large amount of money to the church before she passed. The church voted to gift a significant portion of the money to the new homeowners to help with extensive repairs for which Lee could have easily used her money. Lee would truly love our deacon and his wife and be so happy that they are in her home; they have been vital to our church and we know they desire to use the property to be a blessing. Lee lived in that house since it was built in the 1950s. She watched Pinon Hills grow and was praying many years for a local Baptist church to be planted. It is exciting to be part of the answered prayers of such a faithful prayer warrior and soul winner. Thank you for all your support and for being a part of her answered prayer. What an exciting reunion time we will have when we all get to heaven. The reception of the gift she left was a great reminder of God's calling on our lives to be faithful.

Christmas and New Year's brought a bit of a challenge as the Community Center was closed the Sundays surrounding those holidays. We met in our home and both weeks ended up being some of the highest days of attendance that we have had in quite a while. An added blessing was the reconciliation with a cherished family that separated from us a couple of years ago. No matter what happens, God is still at work in hearts and lives.

Recently, a couple in our church had a vow renewal wedding ceremony at their house with a wonderful turnout of family and friends. It was an honor to perform the ceremony and give a Gospel presentation through the picture of marriage. We were also able to meet their neighbors for whom we have been praying including Melissa who was in a motorcycle accident and miraculously survived but has a long difficult road of recovery. She and her parents ended up moving into her brother's house who is neighbor to our church attendees. The parents expressed interest in visiting our church. Pray that they will come and get the help and encouragement that they need from the Lord right now.

During this past quarter, we also had a young couple that lives within walking distance come and visit because of an invitation that we left at the Boba tea shop. We established a relationship with the owner through our VBS over the summer. He attends a Korean church "down the hill" (the local term for 4,000 feet lower). Brain and Elizabeth came once and seemed very interested in coming again but I have been unsuccessful in being able to meet with them or seeing their return. Pray that God would continue to work in their hearts and for an opportunity to reach this couple as I am unsure of their salvation. God bless you, dear friends! Thank you!

In His Service,

Stephen, Charity, Judson (9), Samuel (8), Noah (6) and Valiana (4) Jenney