The Prestons

Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT

Jan./Feb./Mar. 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to build this local church. Over the last couple of months we have seen several new people visit; mostly just one time. However God is good and He has seen fit to give us Bonnie as a new member of the church. We mentioned her in our last letter. She has a 4 year old boy named Kyler and a 2 year old girl named JC. Her husband <u>Doug</u> isn't saved and has yet to come. As we mentioned in our last letter that his job keeps him out of state much of time doing construction; mostly in ND but other places as well. Please be **praying** that the Lord will bring someone across his path to befriend him and gain an opportunity to witness to him. Doug is from a polygamous background (although he doesn't have any desire to be a part of it or any kind of Mormonism) and has ties to the polygamous group that has built a housing development on the mountain a few miles south of us in the last couple of years.

We have been doing some construction on our west building where we hold our Sunday school classes for the children and also have our fellowship hall. We have found that when the families come that have numerous children our toddler's room is too small. One of the things nice about have modular type buildings is no interior is load-bearing so we can remove what we need and redesign an exam room (remember this was formerly a clinic) into a decent sized class room. We recently combined two rooms and moved a hallway wall out to make a larger toddler's class. We praise the Lord for the men of the church that have pitched in to help with this project. Travis (one of our newest members) has done much renovation work and so doing projects like this is "second nature" to him. Even so, the projects have still taken a considerable amount of time to do with only a few to help. Once we complete this room we are planning to redesign one wall in the fellowship hall into a retractable wall by using leftover door panels so that we can set up more tables during our fellowship meals and won't feel so crowded.

The church celebrated its 11th anniversary on March 23rd. We had Pastor Keith South from Nephi preach in our morning and early afternoon services. Our Wednesday evening children's Bible club is doing well with a high attendance of 11 for the year and it will be wrapping up for the year at the end of April. It has been a blessing to have Esther and her 8 year old daughter Ana-Lynn attending for the last several months. Esther is a Chinese national teaching at the Wasatch Academy but will soon be going back to China at the end of May when the school year ends. Esther's husband is a doctor in China but isn't saved. He is reluctant to trust in Christ alone as his parents are strong Buddhist. He visited the church here while in the states in December and speaks practically no English. Please **pray** <u>Don</u> (English

version of his name) will recognize his need to break his ties with Buddhism and trust in the Lord Jesus alone for salvation.

We are truly grateful for the faithful prayers of each for this ministry and for each church and individual that gives sacrificially so that we can serve the Lord in this spiritually barren place. May the Lord richly bless your labors for Him in your part of the field.

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