

# The Prestons

## Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT

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Dear Praying Friends,

“Does someone from your church visit people that are referenced by someone else?” Rochanne from GA asked. My immediate response was “absolutely.” Rochanne’s parents live two streets north of us, and she has been trying to get them to visit our church but her mom Claudia was very hesitant because she didn’t know anyone and thought it make her uncomfortable. Rochanne figured that since her parents wouldn’t give in using a direct method she would “try the back door” approach, as she called it, and have someone from the church visit them. Upon our arrival Millie and I were greeted warmly by Claudia and Ron as this was no “sneak attack” planned by their daughter for she let them know we were coming. Ron was influenced early in life by his grandmother that was a Baptist and Claudia had attended a Baptist church in SLC. Neither profess to be saved and Claudia admits she isn’t saved and has lots of questions. Claudia has since started coming to Sunday school and the morning service with her niece Tracy who moved into a cabin community across the valley several months ago. Tracy was actively attending church in Midvale, which is near SLC and has a profession of being saved. We just started Claudia on a Bible study and hope to see her come to Christ soon. Please **pray** for both Claudia and Ron to be saved and that Ron will be interested in a Bible study as well.

The Lord has been blessing our Sunday morning services as we have been averaging in the mid-thirties for the last month. Kade, who was only attending on Wednesday evening, is now also attending Sunday school and the morning service. We also have a family of six, Cody, Bonnie, Jayce, Shayliese, Rostin, and Javid, from Manti attending most of the services. Aaron, Candice and their four children, Douglas, Lain, Tristan, and Andie, have also become faithful in their attendance. We hope to baptize Aaron just as soon as it gets a little warmer. Mary and her daughters Gracie, Starr and Baily have also been coming regularly. We have known Mary for a better part of 12 years and have sent the two older girls to camp each summer and all three of the girls have been involved in our children’s Bible club over the years. Mary made a profession of faith when she was younger but has not been living for the Lord. The Lord has recently gotten her attention through hard circumstances and she has since been coming more consistently to the services. Please **pray** that Mary will continue to walk with the Lord and that she can become a godly influence on her daughters.

You may remember us mentioning Sean in a past letter. As you may recall Millie and I volunteer at our local food pantry on Tuesdays. Sean is a gentleman that I’ve been able to build a friendship with

and witness to on occasion. I invited him out for our church's 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which was today (Mar. 22) and he came! Although his wife Susan was unable to come due to sickness he told me he would see if he could get her to come one Sunday. Susan is active LDS but Sean is an inactive Roman Catholic that sees nothing but hypocrisy in the LDS church. This was a big step for him. Please **pray** for his and Susan's hearts to be open to the gospel and that they will be saved. We are having a Resurrection Sunday breakfast, and we are hoping Susan will be more open to coming for something like that and then stay for the morning service. We also told Sean that Susan was welcome to come to the ladies' fellowships once a month.

We have continued with our door-to-door work with some minor interruptions. We ran across Jonathan who is LDS that had attended our evening services several years ago but had stopped coming when I went back east in 2012. Butch and I invited him to come out again, and he started coming back about three weeks ago. I hope to build a relationship with him and gain an opportunity to talk with him more about his need for the biblical Christ. He has offered to help when we do some remodeling work in our fellowship hall and I hope this will open that door. Please **pray** his heart and mind will be open to the truth and that he'll be saved.

We are truly grateful for your consistent prayers and the faithful financial support of each church and individual. We covet your prayers as we continue to see this new growth and for each person mentioned for salvation. Our prayer for you is that the Lord will bless your labors for Him in the part of the field He has you serving.

In His Service

**David and Millie Preston**