

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT

July/Aug/Sept. 2015

Dear Praying Friends,

It is hard to believe that summer has come and gone so quickly this year and it isn't hard to understand why as we spent some time back in VA the first and last parts of July and the first part of the week in August. As we mentioned in our last letter it was necessary to return the first part of July to get the things in order for Social Security to begin paying for Millie's mother's care facility bill. It only took an hour put this in motion and the bugs are still being worked out. We returned once again to VA at the end of July to be a part of our home church's 25th anniversary celebration the first weekend in August. It was truly a great blessing that we were allowed to be a part of this milestone event in our home church's history. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to this local church and for the faithfulness of our pastor and his wife as they have stood firm in the truth of God's Word and His ways these many years and have been such an example and encouragement to Millie and me.

Along with these trips back east Millie kept busy with overseeing Camp Utibaca's kitchen. Each week it was her responsibility to inventory and order the necessary groceries for camp. Her desire and prayer to the Lord was that she would be able to help save the camp some money on grocery cost and the Lord answered that prayer. We learned after camp had ended that with the Lord's help she was able save at least \$650.00 over what was spent the previous two camp seasons. This was an encouragement to Millie.

In July I had the privilege of baptizing Claudia and Julie. Claudia as you will recall was saved in June. These baptisms took place at a local reservoir on top of the mountain east of us. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and fortunately the water was relatively warm. Then in August I baptized Javid and Rostin. These two young men were part of the family of seven that joined in June. This time we were unable to go up on the mountain as road construction leading to top was restrictive; so we took the old horse trough down to the church parking lot and baptized them in it after our morning service. Some might think it comical to be baptized in a horse trough but I reminded them, and the church folk, that our Lord was laid in a cattle feeding trough when he was born and so there was no shame or need for embarrassment on their part. In fact I told them if anyone ever gave them a hard time about it just to remind them of that fact as well.

We have had several new people visiting the church over the summer. A new lady that just moved up from Arizona has expressed an interest in becoming a member. We aren't sure how consistent she will be as she is on staff at the University of Utah extension office in Ephraim and travels often for them. There has also been an older couple coming off and on as well. People are very slow to commit and be consistent enough to be used in the work of the ministry. It is both challenging and frustrating at times especially when we take into account that the ones that are involved are getting older and we are in much need of younger folk to step up and yield to the Lord for His use. Please be **praying** that the Lord of the harvest will send some laborers to help us not only with in-church ministries but also with outreach ministries as well. Please be in **prayer** as our Wednesday evening children's Bible club starts on Sept. 30th. We went throughout our town passing out flyers and had a lady show up this past Wednesday not realizing she was a week early. She has three children that will be participating. Please be **praying** that we will be able to reach parents as well as the children that will be attending.

We are grateful for your prayers and for the financial support from each one of our supporting churches and individuals. We praise the Lord for each of you.

In His Service

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