The Prestons Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT

Jan/Feb/Mar. 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

Have you ever noticed how a remodeling project always takes longer and involves more work (and money) than anticipated? Such is the case with our final project on our west building to make it completely functional for fellowships and Sunday school space. We began our final expansion of our fellowship hall and one more room to make it a better classroom size on January 29th, and for the last seven weeks (two days a week) we have nearly completed all that we set out to do. The main reason for expanding the fellowship hall was so that we could add a kitchen to it. I praise the Lord for Travis who is gifted with construction skills. The reality is that had he not stepped up and offered his help two days a week until we were done, everything would still be in its old condition. We also had Ron, Claudia's husband, jump in to help since we started even though he isn't even a member of the church. Please pray for Ron to be saved. He has some strange ideas about many of the "unexplainable" things on our planet being the product of aliens. I have mentioned Ron's need for salvation in a previous letter. The Lord provided us with some "pop-in" help from young men from one the local boys' homes. Once we had so many show up, I had to send half home and take half to the dump with me to unload the demolition debris and what a blessing that was to me. My main part in it all was electrical, lighting and ventilation rerouting. I have had my head above the hanging ceiling and sucked up more fiberglass than I'd care to remember. After evaluating the manner in which the electrical was routed in this building, it is hard to understand how it ever passed commercial codes. Upon the completion reconstruction work, Millie assembled a small crew of four ladies and one man and went to painting. We were also blessed to have John Innis of Christian Vocational Ministries from Marysvale make the cabinets and counter tops for us. John and his men assisted us when we were restructuring the east building for our sanctuary back in 2012. John's ministry is to help young men struggling in life, and he makes kitchens for churches and pastors at cost of materials. What would have cost us nearly \$8000 only cost us \$2750 - Praise the LORD! We also plan to add a love offering to material cost in appreciation for his ministry to the church.

We have been having a good turnout each week for our Bible Seekers club on Wednesday. We have lost a couple kids as they have moved to other cities. Many of the children have given it their all to remember the books of the NT as well memorize a new Bible verse every week. Our two grandsons come to our house on Wednesday and stay the night so they can attend the club as their church has no program for children at this time. Millie and Marie are currently working with the children to produce their first ever closing program set for April 27th. One of the challenges is that many of these children either live with their grandparents or are from unsaved homes, and it has been difficult to get them the help they need with Scripture memorization. Please **pray** that as these children learn God's Word it will take hold in their young lives and that those not saved will be saved before the club closes out in April. **Pray** especially for Jaelynn as Millie sees in her a consistent coming to understand Bible truths and that she will be saved.

We are excited about our home church Calvary Baptist as they are planning a missions' trip in June to come and help us in our ministry here. Please be **praying** they'll be able to raise the funds needed for their airfare and other expenses. With us finishing our fellowship hall they will be able to save on the dining aspect as well the hotel aspect as we will be able house some at the church, in our home and the homes of our church members that have volunteered their guestrooms. Please be **praying** for us as well endeavor to put together a productive plan that will make their time here as much a blessing for them as it will be for us and the church.

We are grateful for each individual that faithfully prays for us and for each church and individual that gives financially so that we can continue to minister the Gospel here to the many that are steeped in the darkness of religion and Satan. We pray the Lord will bless your labors for Him in the part of the field that He has you serving.

In His Service

David and Millie Preston