

*The Prestons*  
*Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT*

April/May/June 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

We had planned to put this letter out early this month, but felt with the adult and youth group from our home church (Calvary Baptist) coming out to help the latter part of this month it would be better to wait until they came and went so we could give a report that included their labors with us.

We finished up our children's Wednesday night Bible club on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April with a closing program. The children each shared one of the memory verses they learned and collectively sang several songs. The program was a great blessing to all that were in attendance. Our weekly Bible club average attendance this year was around 12 children. We hope we will be able to see some of the children from the VBS in the park and those we encountered during our door-to-door outreach come to the club this year. Please be in **prayer** that the Lord will grow our children's club and that we will be able to reach their parents with the Gospel.

We praise the Lord for all the hard work that Calvary's group undertook while with us. The 15-member mission group arrived on June 21<sup>st</sup> after spending nearly all day in the Baltimore airport. They were originally scheduled to arrive at SLC around 4:30 pm but did not arrive until 11:36 pm due to severe storms and other delays in Baltimore. They proved to be such a help and blessing as they painted several rooms, planted trees, helped restructure our storage room (better known as "the garage"), spread flowerbed rock and helped one of our members pick up some hay for her livestock. In the midst of the work projects, they ministered on the spiritual realm by helping with the children's church, presenting special music, conducting a 3-day VBS in our city park, and carrying out door-to-door in over half of Mt. Pleasant and two of the men preached in all the services. One of the ladies in the group is a hairdresser and offered free haircuts and manicures with the primary objective of sharing the Gospel. She had some help with the manicures from several of the ladies that came with the group. We had one man come that became belligerent while being witnessed to and had to be confronted over his rudeness, but apart from this one man, this part of the outreach was a positive experience for the ladies providing this special service. The door-to-door, VBS and hair cut ministry produced some good contacts for follow-up, so please be in **prayer** that we will find receptive hearts and a willingness for further interaction and that we see many come to the biblical Christ for salvation.

Please be in **prayer** specifically for a lady named Heidi that brought her four children to the VBS. She is the sister in law of Bonnie that attends our church. Their husbands were both raised in the Allred polygamous group that has in recent years been building a community on top of the mountain just south of us. Heidi came to the church for a haircut and was witnessed to in a greater manner. Please be **praying** for a little boy named Ryker that came to the club each day. On the first day of VBS, we had 28 children in attendance but averaged around 12 on the other two days. Please be **praying** that we will be able to see many if not all of the children that came to the VBS come to the Bible club.

Whenever we are faced with trials in our lives, we are reminded that there are others that are dealing with some of a greater magnitude than our own, but that does not change the fact that the trials we face are any less a trial of faith. James teaches us to "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (trials)" and that "the trying of your faith worketh patience" and that we are to "let patience have her perfect work..." For the first two months of this quarter, we experienced several trials that seemed to come one<sup>th</sup> after the other. On Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>, I broke a bone in my right foot and upon having it x-rayed, it was determined that a cyst had deteriorated a small area of the bone and with the right pressure applied it broke. I underwent surgery in April and had a bone filler and screw inserted. The main problem I have dealt with during the last two months is gout forming in the incision causing it not to heal properly; it is just about closed now. I received permission today to start wearing a regular shoe on a limited basis, but when I do extensive walking, I still have to use the medical boot. Then on April 5<sup>th</sup>, we received a phone call informing us that Millie's mother had taken a fall at the nursing home and was transported to

the hospital. On April 11<sup>th</sup>, Millie's mom graduated to glory and Millie flew out for her mom's funeral. Then on May 5<sup>th</sup>, while at a cow sorting event that our granddaughter was competing in, Millie got up to take a video and when she turned to come back to our bleacher, she had a misstep and took a tumble down several bleachers banging up her legs (or at least that's all we thought she had done). Then, on our way home our truck started having issues with the overdrive, so we pulled off the highway to determine the problem. Finding nothing that could be fixed easily, we started for home in third gear (the reverse failed when we started backing away from the station). Oh, did I mention we were over a hundred miles from home? Now, back to Millie. Once we arrived home, Millie decided to take a hot bath to alleviate some of the pain in her legs, and when she tried to get out of the tub, she heard a pop in her left shoulder and found that she was unable to lift it up. On Monday, she had an x-ray taken, but it revealed no break in the arm. So, the doctor gave her some steroids and told her she would need an MRI if it did not improve over the next two weeks. Millie's mobility did not improve, so she underwent the MRI and found that she has a small tear in the front side of her rotator cuff. We are hoping that with time and limited use it will heal, but if not, she will have to have surgery, which Millie is not eager to undergo. We have to admit all these put together can be a bit overwhelming in our own strength, but we rejoice that we have a Lord who can and has sustained us in them all. Please be in **prayer** for Millie and me to heal and for the Lord to provide the needed funds to have our truck transmission repaired. One good thing that has come out of my foot issue is my foot doctor Tyler came to the special song service that the Calvary group presented on Sunday night and head a clear presentation of God's Word. Tyler is LDS; please **pray** that he will come again and that I'll have an opportunity to talk with him more about his need for the biblical Christ and see him and his family saved.

We hope to complete our current door-to-door outreach here in Mt. Pleasant and also in Spring City by the fall of the year. We would appreciate your continued **prayers** that we would have fruit from our outreach and VBS and that the Lord would give us wisdom as what form of outreach to do next. Please **pray** for the Lord to bring laborers to assist in all of the ministries of Heritage Baptist Church.

We are so grateful for the consistent prayers that are offered up on our behalf, and we are grateful for the churches and individuals that give sacrificially so that we can continue to labor for the Lord here in Mt. Pleasant. It is our prayer that the Lord will richly bless your labors for Him.

In His Service

*David and Millie Preston*