

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT

March 28, 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

It's tempting to think that when things go well in the ministry that it is because of something we said or the result of something we have done, but God keeps our feet on the ground and our heads out of the clouds and our eyes constantly looking to Him for results by reminding us in His word that, "except the Lord build the house they labor in vain..." It's "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;" and what our Lord also said in John 15:5, "...without me ye can do nothing." The "increase" belongs to God and the privilege to be "laborers together with God" belongs to every child of God. What a privilege it is and has been to be able to serve the Lord for the last 30 years with 17 of those years here in Utah. Millie and I both celebrated our 30th spiritual birthdays this year. I was saved on February 28, 1987 and Millie was saved the next day on March 1st. At the time of our salvation we were two lost people serving in a local church in Chesapeake, VA. It was during a revival meeting with Evangelist Jim Pruitt that God convicted our hearts of our lost condition and graciously saved us and has since granted us many opportunities to serve Him. Glory to His name!

In January, the church received Janine, a single lady that moved here from Alabama and has been attending since June, into church membership. She is a veterinarian and is currently working at the veterinary clinic here in town. We also have a new young couple, Lamar and Rachel, and their two children, Townes and Maggie, which started coming on Sundays in February. Lamar and Rachel live about 14 miles south of us in Ephraim and both of them work for the community college in Ephraim. Both have a sound testimony of salvation as well and relocated in Utah. In recent weeks, Tamara has also started coming to church. She is also single and lives here in town. Please **pray** for Tamara as she has a testimony of salvation but has struggled for years with alcohol and drug issues.

The church celebrated its 14th birthday this year on March 19th. We had 28 in attendance and were blessed to have Pastor Kerry Hodgs from Rock Springs, WY as our guest speaker for the day. We started the day off with simple breakfast, and then after the morning service enjoyed a potluck lunch and closed the day out with an early afternoon service.

As many of you know, the Lord allowed us to purchase our building (two triple wide modulars with a breezeway in between) in 2011, and we have carried out many building renovations to make the whole facility usable for ministry. One of the things we have been battling with over the past 5 ½ years is an annual water leaking issue from the poorly designed roofs when we have snow melt outs (the problem is the roofs only have a one foot slope from the outside wall to the inside wall and the water drips behind the stucco walls and back up under the metal roof, which has resulted in water also leaking into some of the interior windowsills).

On anniversary Sunday we received a special offering totaling \$4,750.00 for the purpose of restructuring the roof – **Praise the Lord!** We had previously saved \$4,500, and our current roof fund now stands at \$9,461.37. We have a preliminary material cost for restructuring the roofs and have determined that it will cost around \$17,300 to do the work necessary. Would you **prayerfully** consider giving a special gift to help meet this need? Would you also **prayerfully** consider coming out to help us with this massive undertaking? We have a target to do this after the 4th of July (it could be sooner). If you are able to give

financially, we have an account set up at WWNTBM (address at the bottom of the page) to receive any gift you can give; just provide a note stating that the gift is for the "Preston's Church Roof Reconstruction Project" (account 136) and it will be secured for that purpose. Also, if you would be available to come out to help with the labor side of the project, please email me at: dpreston1961@gmail.com and we can communicate with you as to the exact date as it draws near. In any event, please be **praying** that the Lord will provide both the funds and labors for this project.

Please continue to **pray** for our ongoing outreach in Mount Pleasant and that the Lord will give us wisdom as to what form of outreach to do next. We still have some outlying areas to reach, so that should take us a couple months to complete. Please be **praying** for open hearts to the gospel and that the Lord will give us fruit for our labors.

We are grateful for your continued prayers and for each church and individual that supports us financially. May the Lord richly bless your labors for Him in the part of the field where you serve. Please take note of our new email address. We still have our Yahoo account, but I will be working to get all our files off of it and close the account over the next few months.

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston

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