

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mt. Pleasant, UT

December 15, 2017

Dear Praying Friends,

We want to begin by wishing all a Merry Christmas and a spiritually prosperous New Year. We are grateful for having had the opportunity to serve the Lord here in Utah for another year. We are also grateful for the prayers that have been lifted up on our behalf and for the financial support that has been given that have made our serving the Lord here possible. We praise the Lord for you all.

Our Bible Seekers club is off to a good start this year with 16 children in attendance. This is the most we have seen since we purchased this building, and it has been a good 10 years since we have had this many in attendances. It is quite taxing on Millie and Marie, but they are doing a great job in teaching the children and challenging them to memorize scripture and to keep up with their daily Bible reading. The majority of the children that come don't attend church anywhere. Please **pray** that we will be able to reach their parents for the Lord.

We have had a number of new people coming over the last several months. John and Janine started coming back in October. John professes to be a Christian, but his wife is a "die-hard Mormon." They are both in their seventies. John met his wife while serving in the Army. He had been raised in a Baptist orphanage, and he says that while he was there he heard the gospel, made a profession of faith and was baptized. While he was serving in the military he met his wife while working a part time job at a gas station. Once he found out that Janine was a Mormon, he asked some of his buddies what Mormons believed, and they told him "that they believed in Brigham Young and having lots of wives." They were soon married, but he now looks back over his life with regret that he did not take an active role in getting his children into church but stayed home while Janine took them to the Mormon Church. Three of their four children are active in the Mormon Church today. He takes opportunities to sow seeds of truth and hopes that they will, along with Janine, realize they are following a false religion. Janine is sort of a captive audience, as it were, as she suffered a stroke about six years ago and since John has decided to get right with the Lord, she has to come with him to our church. Please **pray** that the Lord will open Janine's heart to the truth of God's word and be saved, and please **pray** that John will be able to reach his lost children and their families with the gospel as well. John also meets with some men in his town for coffee each morning and has had one man come with him to church. We had four visitors this past Sunday. Kayla, who lives here in town, brought her young daughter at the invite of Lamar and Rachel. A young man, Sam, also came this past Sunday with a lady friend. They are both attending Snow College in Ephraim. They are from two different cities north of us. When I asked them where they attended church in their hometowns, they both replied they were LDS. Often time students taking a religion or philosophy class are required to attend a church other than the one they are affiliated with, and then write a paper as part of their course requirement. We have had others over the years stop in for the same reason, but I'm not sure if this is the case with them. We invited them back and are hoping all that have visited lately will return. Please **pray** for hearts to be open to the Gospel.

We are grateful for each that prays and for each church and individual that gives financially. May the Lord continue to bless your labors for Him in the part of the field He has you serving.

In His Service

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