

*The Prestons*  
*Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT*

Sept. 25, 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

We praise the Lord for the work projects that we were able to accomplish with the help of Mike, Matthew and Eric that came out from our sending church in June. With their help we were able to install the roof vents on both ends of the two buildings and build two sets of stairs. The first set of stairs was our learning curve as none of us had ever built stair stringers but the help of a good YouTube video the Lord gave us the knowledge we needed to accomplish the job. In August we had a work day at church and two of our ladies took on the task of staining the larger set of stairs off the exit door of the west building. With the help of three men from the church we were able to seal the asphalt driveway in front of the building while Millie led a crew to remove nearly eight large trash bags of pine combs from the side of the east building where they had been dumped for a good number of years. Meanwhile several ladies took on the task of washing down all of our white fellowship hall chairs. It was a blessing to have so many turn out to help with the various projects. We praise the Lord for each one that put their hands to the work.

Along with the building projects Mike, Matthew and Eric assisted us in our canvassing of Moroni and a good part of Fountain Green. Their help put us way ahead of where we would have been had it just been our small band of folk that come out for our weekly outreach. The Lord gave us several opportunities to expand out witness beyond just giving out the invitation cards with the church info and gospel message on it. Over the last several months we have been through Wales, Chester, Moroni and Fountain Green. We are currently working on several of the intermediate areas between these towns and will soon move onto the northern area of our valley into Indianola and Hideaway Valley. We have always met some interesting and paranoid people in Hideaway. Please **pray** for the Lord to work in the hearts of the many have once again been given the gospel and those that are yet to have it back in their hands, heads and hearts. There are many that seem to think we are wasting our time going door to door but my response is always the same. We have been commissioned by the Lord to get the gospel out and whether they receive it or not they have been made responsible for having been given the opportunity to know the truth and the one true Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I was recently in the doctor's office when I ran into a man named Ed that we have known for about 15 years. He has been very hardened against the gospel since I've known him. Over the years we have been to his and his wife Esther's home in an attempt to keep sowing and watering seed. Esther is a Christian but Ed is a "jack-Mormon". Anyway he told me that Esther was in the hospital at the time so Millie and I when to visit her. After she was released we when back to their home to visit with them. It wasn't a week later when Esther called around 9 am and told me that Ed had been rushed to the hospital and was set to be airlifted to the Provo hospital. What is ironic is during our visit in their home Ed told us of a dear friend that had just passed away and his words to us were, "it is amazing how quickly things can happen". Once Ed was able to talk from his hospital bed I used that very phrase in relation to his condition and took the opportunity to once again remind him of God's love for him in sending his Son to die for our sins. Ed seemed to be open stating that he thought that maybe God was trying to get his attention. I left him with a tract on John 3:16 to read and he did receive it and read it over the next couple of days. I visited him several times while he was in Provo and thought that maybe he'd be more receptive to talking about his spiritual need. I have been able to visit him several times since he was moved to the rehab section of our Mount Pleasant hospital but it seems that his heart is still hardened stating he "believed in God but wasn't sure

about Jesus". He says, "I live by the golden rule and am a moral person." But regardless of what I say to point that won't get him the forgiveness and salvation he needs he seems just as hard as he has always been. Ed and Esther are in the process of moving to AZ in the next week or so. He has promised Esther that he would go to church with her once they move but he told me that if he gets any pressure from the preacher he would stop going. I have my doubts about him fulfilling his promise but the Lord can certainly motivate him. I'm going back tonight to visit him. Please **pray** for Ed to be saved.

Please be in **prayer** for the church here as we are going through a trial of sorts. We recently had to go to step two of church discipline with a man and his wife over a situation that they were allowing to take place in their lives. What elevated the problem was they have been in the church for over eleven years and are teachers and he is our treasurer. I had told them that if they were going to allow the situation to stand they could no longer be in leadership positions. Sadly rather than get the matter right with the Lord they made the decision to leave the church. Please **pray** the Lord will work in this couples hearts and that they will see the error of their actions in both allowing the situation to persist and for leaving the church. This couple has been faithful members and has been a faithful part of our outreach team. Sin and self are cruel taskmasters.

We are so grateful for the continued prayers of each one that prays for us and for the continued financial support of each church and individual. We are also continuing to pray for each one that has been affected by the hurricane. Lord bless you all for your faithful service for our Lord Jesus Christ in the part of the field you are serving in.

In His Service,

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