The Prestons Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

March 31, 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

It is times like these in which we are currently living in that the words of the Lord Jesus strike clearest when He taught us to "Take therefore no thought for to morrow..." as we often make plans that are delayed by one circumstance or another. As with every winter, we waited for weather to break so we could begin another round of canvasing in Fairview be were hindered by a new round of snow fall and just as we thought the time had come Covid-19 became an issue. We can honestly say that it is difficult to tell people to stay home and not to come to a service even though it may be for their health as I am sure every pastor is struggling with the same emotions. However we are praising the Lord that He has given me the wisdom to navigate (to some extent) the means to continue preaching His word, though to a nearly empty sanctuary (I say nearly as Millie is the only one in attendance) and capture the message on video and get it out to the folk. I am genuinely technologically challenged when it comes to such things, but again if it wasn't for the Lord this light would have gone dark. Lord willing the current conditions will change and we can get back out on the street. We are **praying**, as we know you are, that this will lead to open hearts to the gospel and more opportunities to share the hope that we have in the Lord Jesus.

The church officially established a pulpit committee the first part of February and is currently in talks with a man from Michigan that has expressed an interest in coming to Utah. We also have another gentleman that recently sent his resume. We are looking to the Lord for His leading. We are **praying** that the Covid-19 situation will not delay the process and the church will be able to call its own pastor in the next few months as the Lord leads.

Millie and I are continuing to **pray** for the Lord's leading as to where He would have us serve Him next. We have several small cities in Utah County in mind that have no gospel witness. We are open to whatever the Lord has for us. We have even begun to explore the housing market and have been brought to the reality that housing in the city is twice to three times more expensive than living here in rural Utah. We are asking the Lord to provide us with a house that we can purchase with the equity from the sale of our home and one that has animal rights so Millie can take her horse and chickens. Please continue to **pray** for us that we will be able to clearly discern the Lord's leading as the church continues toward graduation.

We are truly grateful for all you that faithfully pray for us and for each church and individual that supports us financially. May the Lord continue to bless your labors for Him in the part of the field He has you laboring.

In His Service. David and Millie Preston

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