

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

September 27, 2021

Dear Praying Friends,

It is our prayer that the Lord is doing great things in your midst. We have had some visitors to come the last couple months for a Sunday service but they have not returned. We finished our canvassing in Fairview and have started the rural ranching area of Milburn. We are prayerful the Lord will give us some fruit. We are thankful for Marie who comes with Millie and me. Although she is nearing 80 she is so excited to be able to give out the gospel. We are prayerful that others in the church will get an excitement for reaching the community through door-to-door outreach. Please **pray** with us that the Lord of the harvest will provide us with much needed laborers. Please continue to **pray** with us that the Lord will open hearts and that we will have some much desired fruit for our labors.

In August we received the names of ten men on Crown College's alumni list who are seeking ministry placement and as of right now the pulpit committee chairman has already contacted four of them. The first three men declined for one reason or the other. We are trusting and have been persistently praying and even have fasted for the Lord to lead a man here to be the permanent pastor. While Millie and I wait we continue to look at different areas for the potential of church planting. We most recently looked at the town of Eureka, which is on the far west side of Utah County just southwest of Salem. This town is located not too far from the larger growing area of Santaquin which show great potential for a new church plant. There are also two smaller towns between Santaquin and Eureka. There is also the possibility for planting in Santaquin and then making evangelistic outreaches to these other towns. There are still many areas remaining in Utah that need an independent Baptist church planted. Saratoga Springs, in northwest Utah County, is another area that is rapidly growing and devoid of an independent Baptist church. Please **pray** for the Lord's wisdom for the church here, as well as, for Millie and I to be discerning of the Lord's leading.

Millie had a great time cooking for two camps this summer. Fortunately she only experienced some minor issues with one of her ankles but quickly recovered from it. We were hoping to see Naomi, Gail, and some of Gail's brothers go to camp but they were not able to go. Millie just restarted her ladies Bible study on Friday mornings. Among those in her class is a lady named Teresa who came last year and a new lady named Maria. Both of them are LDS. Please be **praying** for their hearts will be open to the truth of God's Word and that they will be saved. Please be **praying** for the other ladies to grow in the Lord through the new Bible study.

Millie and I had the opportunity to go on vacation to eastern Montana earlier this month. You may have heard "horror" stories about people being led astray by one map app or another. Well we were going to Fort Smith, MT to see the Old C.S. Fort Smith, and had an experience ourselves. In our journey from northeast WY we used Google maps "find the best route". We always get nervous when we turn off

a paved highway and onto a gravel highway but because this one had a route number we were more at ease taking it, that is, until miles down this road we were instructed to “take the next right”, which was also a named road but it was more like a single lane gravel/dirt road. We took it anyway (which we wouldn’t have if we were not in my truck) and the scenery was beautiful and as we drove it (nervously) we could envision the cavalry on patrol through this area which is now part of the Crow Reservation. Thirteen miles later when we reached Fort Smith we stopped at the town store to seek directions to the old fort and were informed it no longer existed. We told the clerk how we had gotten there and in a state of surprise and alarm she warned us not to go back that way at night since there was drug activity that took place on that pathway. Needless to say we decided to take the main highway back to the graveled highway and even though we would never take that “scenic” route again I’m glad we experienced the beauty of it. The Lord blessed our trip and we had a great time. Our daughters have threatened to put a tracking app on our phone so they would know where we are at when we go venturing out.

We are grateful for each individual and church that gives financially and for each one that intercedes for us and the ministry. It is our prayer for you that the Lord will continue to bless your labors for Him and that you will continue to grow in the Lord.

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston