

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

March 25, 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

I want to start this letter with an update on Millie's right knee condition (that shared via email). For those of you that we don't have email contact I want give a brief account of what happened and then Millie's current status. On Feb. 2nd Millie took a spill on ice that sent her knee into the corner of the truck door. After several x-rays, an MRI and additional x-rays by an orthopedic doctor it was determined that she had bone fragments that were causing her knee to lock up. The x-rays also revealed that she has a bone on bone issue on the left side of her knee. She underwent surgery Mar. 22nd to remove the bone fragments and clean up the damaged place on her bone as well drilled some small holes in her bone to hopefully grow some tissue to resolve the bone on bone problem (as I understand it). She is currently restricted from putting any weight on it for the next 4-6 weeks. After nearly being thrown down by her crutches we purchased a stability walker that is working much better for her, even though she still has to hop on her good leg to get around. She has a follow-up visit with the orthopedic doctor on April 12th and we are hoping he will give her permission to start putting weight on her leg even if for short intervals. We appreciate the **prayers** that have already been made for her and would appreciate your continued **prayers** for her. Our grandsons are coming down this week to help me with chores and to sit with "Meme" so I can go to the prison on Wednesday and help her while I'm gone.

In light of this if you have email and do not currently receive our prayer letters via email and you would like to be added to our emailing list please send me your email address with your name and/or the name of your church (with its city and state) and we'll add you to it. Because I use my Yahoo account to send prayer letters please send your email address to: dpreston1961@yahoo.com.

I continue to go to the prison each week and usually have 2-3 inmates come for the Bible study. The main part of the prison that I go to has five different housing pods and at current the prison leadership isn't allowing the prisoners from those different pods to come to any classes at the same time due to periodic trouble. Once the prison leadership lifts these restrictions and allows the prisoners to mingle for classes we will combine the Tuesday and Wednesday Bible studies. This isn't the situation in the smaller part of the prison. Mike usually has 25-30 men come on Fridays. I will be taking over the Friday class in April as well continue my Wednesday class. I believe once we can combine these classes we will see some come from the other pods that aren't attending at present. Please continue to **pray** for the men that are saved to grow and that we will see those lost saved and more interest among the population to come to Bible study.

Millie is hoping to resume teaching her Friday Bible study this coming week. However in the event that she isn't able she has Marie preparing to teach. A lady named Shirleen recently moved back here from NY and started attending the Bible study. She is originally from Fairview and while living in NY received Christ as her Savior. She is also doing a discipleship course with Millie and me on Tuesday afternoons and came to our Sunday morning service this past week. Please **pray** for her spiritual growth. Please **pray** also that she will be able to get her half-sister Lori and her husband Travis (that once

attended here) to start coming again. Lori actually came this past Sunday with her mom Arlis and Shirleen. Please **pray** for Arlis to be saved. Please continue to **pray** for Teresa and Joan to be saved.

The church celebrated its 20th anniversary on Mar. 19th. We purchased some stainless steel tumblers and had them inscribed with the church name, organization date and 20 years set between two fern leaves and gave them to all that were in attendance. We were privileged to have John Innes and his wife with us. John preached for us in the morning and afternoon. John is the founder of Christian Vocational Ministry located in Marysville, UT. It was he and his ministry that helped us with the construction of our sanctuary when we bought the building. He also made our pulpit, communion table and the cabinets for our fellowship hall. Our morning service was followed by a fellowship lunch.

Millie and I are truly grateful for your faithful prayers and for each church and individual that sacrificially supports us financially. It is our prayer for you that the Lord will continue to give you fruit for your labors in the part of the field He has you serving in.

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston