

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

June 24, 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

We want to thank you for all your prayers for Millie. She completed her physical therapy just before Memorial Day and is doing well with the exception of periodic knee stiffness. She went through an issue with lower back strain due to using a cane to assist with walking on it for the first month but is doing well now.

If you will recall from our Sept. 24th letter we told you about Maggie trusting the Lord as her Savior. This past Sunday her 10 year old brother Townes came to church with great news that he had trusted the Lord as his Savior! He was in the car with his mother and sister and they were listening to Erwin Lutzer and when he gave the invitation to pray to receive Christ Townes said he prayed. I asked him if he prayed with his head or his heart and he said, "I prayed with my heart." Lamar and Rachel are overwhelmed with joy that Townes (as well as Maggie) have trusted Christ as their Savior. I hope Townes will be willing this Sunday to make his decision public during this coming Sunday's service. Please **pray** for them to grow in the Lord.

Unfortunately we have not seen Shrileen since Easter. Millie has seen her on a couple occasions outside of church but she uses her work as an excuse for not coming. Please **pray** that she'll see the importance of corporate fellowship and worship.

In March and April we were saddened by the sudden deaths of two of our church members. In March Claudia suddenly passed in her sleep and 18 days later in mid-April her husband Ron also passed away at home after a short hospital stay. The Lord allowed us to see both Claudia and Ron trust on the Lord. Claudia had received the Lord in 2016 and Ron had received the Lord in 2018. They are truly missed but we know that would trade places with us for all the wealth this world has to offer.

We began a new canvassing run through Mount Pleasant at the first of this month. What was really exciting was Rachel and Maggie came for their first time. Rachel wasn't too sure if Maggie would be courageous enough to put invitation cards on the door (Maggie is only 8 yrs. old) but with a literal skip in her step she joyfully went to many doors without showing any fear. What a joy to see new people get involved in the work of the Lord. Please **pray** well have fruit for our labors and that we'll be able to advance a witness for the Lord to those we meet in the driveways and in the homes of the lost.

The prison went on class breaks after my class on June 9th and will continue until the 6th of July. Please **pray** we will see more men come to the Wednesday and Friday Bible Studies and that those that are saved will continue to grow and the lost will be saved.

Please be in **prayer** for the camp ministry of UTIBACA (and all Bible camps). I was able to help Pastor Miller again this past Thursday on the hay storage building and plan to help when I'm able. Millie isn't quite sure her knee will be able to hold up to take on a full week of cooking so we aren't sure if she'll be able to help in the kitchen this year. Please **pray** for the Lord to rise up a young army for His work and for souls to be saved.

Please continue to **pray** for the church here. In a very real sense of the word we are in a rebuilding stage. We don't know what things are like were you are, but here it is a constant three steps

forward and two steps back. We were unable to do a VBS this year as we don't have the folks to support it in the man-power sense of the word. Please **pray** the Lord would send laborers and rise up more laborers from the midst of this church plant.

We are truly grateful for your prayers and for each individual and church that provides for us through sacrificial giving. We trust the Lord will give you fruit for your labors. We pray for you and thank the Lord for you.

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston