

The Prestons
Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

December 16, 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

As we write this end year letter, Millie and I want to express our deepest gratitude for your faithful prayers and for the sacrificial financial support that you have held us up with over this past year, as with previous years. This coming February will mark 24 years that the Lord has allowed us to serve Him here and He made it possible through all of you. As you have prayed for us, we have also prayed for you. We hope the Lord will give you a blessed Christmas holiday and you will find 2024 to be a spiritually prosperous year for you along with much fruit to your account.

I think it is commonplace among all believers to meditate on the narrative of Christ conception and birth recorded in Matthew and Luke, and we are always reminded of the prominent OT prophecies that foretold all things concerning Christ incarnate. I am currently reading through Psalms and took special notice to Psalm 72. Although the psalm is ascribed as a psalm to Solomon the things David wrote certainly have the ultimate fulfillment in and through the Lord Jesus. There are a couple verses that are “starred” signifying Messianic prophecy but as you read through it more stands out to be only fulfillable by Christ than is “starred.” It is a great psalm, as others that point to the Lord Jesus, but this one particularly drew my attention. Let me encourage you to add this psalm alongside your meditation on Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7 and Micah 5:2, as well the NT narratives. What great hope it points to considering the condition of the world, and particularly our country. Christ, as we all agree, is the only Hope for man’s salvation and for true “peace on earth”.

Things here seem to be running a bit slow and although we have had a couple visitors only one has truly stuck fast. I told you about Perry in our last letter but since then he has stopped coming. However, the Lord has brought David to us. He is originally from Ohio and comes from a Free Will Baptist background. He has shown himself to be open to learning more perfectly the truths of God’s word particularly in the doctrine of eternal security. He isn’t shy about asking questions and readily receives what is shared from God’s Word. He has helped me on a couple projects around the church that I’ve needed help with and is anxious to jump to help whenever I mention something needs to be done. Shirleen is still a no show to church but is coming periodically to Millie’s Bible study on Fridays. Mrs. Kelly continues to come to the Bible study along with Maria, Joan, and Teresa. Maria has also come a couple of times to our Sunday morning service with her husband Mike. These later five are LDS. Please continue to **pray** for their hearts to be open and that they will be saved.

We have another opportunity this year to provide meals for 95 seniors that normally receive them via the Meals-on-Wheels program. Please be in **prayer** with us that hearts will be open to the gospel message included in each meal package and that we’ll be able to see some spiritual fruit from this endeavor.

Please be in **prayer** for our pastor search. I will be refreshing our information with all the colleges we listed our church. Please be in **prayer** that the Lord will direct in this pursuit and will give us wisdom.

We praise the Lord for you all and trust the Lord will bless your labors for Him in 2024

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston

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