



# *The Prestons*

## *Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT*

June 19, 2024

Dear Praying Friends,

We want to thank you for your continued **prayers** for Millie's knee. She was able to find a couple different knee supports that have worked well for her. There are times when she doesn't need to use one at all. However, with her favoring that knee she overworked the other which resulted in a hospital visit but praise the Lord it is doing better with the aid of the knee support. The main purpose in bringing this up is we want to share how the Lord worked in a matter related to the hospital visit. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Millie's left knee started swelling and around 8:30 she could find no relief so off to the hospital in Nephi we went (Nephi's hospital is about 35 miles away). After several hours, some ex-rays and a shot to alleviate the pain, she was released. We often ask, "Does the Lord care about 'the little things' in our lives" and I believe we would all say yes. So, here's the main thing I want to share about that night. Upon leaving the hospital, and while helping Millie back into our truck, I placed her wallet on the hood of the truck and thought no more about it until about 50 minutes later when we stepped back into our kitchen and then hit me what I had done. We looked all over the place hoping what I feared wasn't true, but it was. We immediately called the ER and asked if they would check the parking lot, but they did not find it. So, back to Nephi I went and by this time it was around 12:15 in the morning. I had no idea where to start and keep in mind the route isn't a straight shot; we had to travel through a canyon that in some places has sharp curves (anywhere for something on the hood to fly off). Half way there I resolved the matter completely with the Lord and was trusting I would find it. At first, I thought of hitting the interstate to take the quickest way to the hospital and start there, but I am confident that the Lord put it in my mind to take the path through town instead. Upon arriving at the intersection where we turned to head into the canyon there lay something in the turn lane that had the same shape as her wallet. I jumped out of the truck and sure enough it was her wallet! As remarkable as that is, here's the most remarkable part; from the hospital to the stop light is 4 miles! Not only did the Lord allow me to find the wallet but He allowed it to fall in a place where I would easily find it! He did not allow it to fall that whole 4-mile trip! What a remarkable and caring Lord we have! "Does Jesus Care, oh yes, He cares!" I know he cares about what we'd consider "the small things" in our lives. But in reality, even the "big things" to us are small to Him when it comes to resolving the things we bring to Him. **Praise His holy name!**

We completed canvassing Mt. Pleasant around the third week of May. We also we able to have the benefit of have a young man from The Crown College with us May 27<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>. William

is part of a twelve-week intern program that Pastor Cole Howe of Moab Baptist Church developed to find college students interested in western ministry and give them an opportunity to experience what western church ministry is like and ultimately (and hopefully) see them come to plant a church (or pastor one that lacks a pastor) once they are finished with college. During his week with us we were able to canvass Fountain Green and Wales. He also led singing, preached in our Sunday evening service and assisted me with canvassing a polygamous area for VBS and helped with some small work projects. Please continue to **pray** for laborers and open hearts to the true Gospel.

We held our VBS June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Our sending church graciously sent our Assistant Pastor Caleb and his wife Hannah (along with their three children) to assist us. They did a wonderful job with music, games and helping the children learn their verses. In addition to our VBS, Caleb and Hannah provided special music in our Sunday services and Caleb preached in our Sunday evening service. Their two oldest children also sang with them. What a blessing to see children serving the Lord with their parents! Faith Baptist in Spanish Fork, UT also sent their youth leader Aaron to help. Aaron did a great job teaching the Bible lessons each day. Our ladies did a great job in the various roles given them. Our grandsons even came down to help. We were praying the Lord would give us 40, however our attendance high was 15; in our past VBS programs we have seen a high in the mid-30s. It was our hope that we would see many from the community come but that wasn't the case. Apart from the few from our church most of the kids came from the Bible church in Ephraim and a couple came from Manti Baptist. It seemed like we were competing with all sorts of worldly events taking place during this week from play rehearsals to a pool camp to a big event at the Wasatch Academy. Caleb, Hannah, Arron, our grandsons and Dave (a gentleman in our church) also helped with canvassing Spring City and Moroni. Please **pray** the Lord will open hearts to the true Gospel!

As we look ahead over the summer months, we plan to canvass Fairview, Milburn and hopefully back into Indianola. The prison is currently on a three-week break, and I will be going back in July to resume classes. Millie and I are scheduled to cook one breakfast July 5<sup>th</sup> for Family camp at UTIBACA and Millie is planning to cook for Junior Horsemanship camp in August. Please continue in **prayer** for the church body here and that we'll see fruit for our labors. Please **pray** the Lord will give laborers and wisdom for effectively witnessing to the many blinded by Mormonism.

We are truly grateful for your faithful prayers and the faithful financial support of every church and individual. You are prayed for each week. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless your labors for Him in the part of the field He has you serving.

In His Service,

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