



The Prestons

Church Planting in Mount Pleasant, UT

February 4, 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

It has been a big adjustment for Millie and me since turning our ministry at Heritage Baptist Church over to the leadership of Pastor Richard Boyle, but we rejoice in seeing the church go forward and the Lord has been gracious to send several new and reoccurring visitors over the last two months. Please continue to **pray** for the Boyle's house to sell and for them to be able to purchase a home here in Mt. Pleasant (or one of our neighboring towns) so that they can fully engage in the ministry locally. Please continue to **pray** for HBC to grow spiritually and numerically.

We continue to seek the Lord's leading as to where and how He would have us serve Him next. Over the last several years we have learned of at least five established churches here in Utah that have lost their pastors and gone without a pastor for too many years. Fortunately, at least two of those five now have pastor and we know of one church in northern Utah that has a missionary raising support to take the pastorate of that church and hopefully will arrive in short order. With that said, we want to share an opportunity that has been presented to us in relation to Grace Baptist Church in Washington, UT. In spite of the efforts by Pastor Howe in Moab, Pastor Hounshell in Kanab, and Mike Gross (Open Door Ministries) to help Grace Baptist secure a pastor over the last four and a half years the pastorate has remained vacant. The church has a small faithful core but has become exasperated with the search as you might imagine. Much like four out of the five other churches that I alluded to, Grace Baptist is not able to support a pastor and needs a missionary pastor to come until it grows and is able to support a pastor. Our interest in this church began when Millie and I visited it in December on our anniversary weekend. Since then, I was recently invited to speak for Sunday school, and morning and evening services, which I did this past Sunday. Although this isn't a new church plant, it is going to take church planting work to bring Grace to the place whereby they can call a pastor; the main advantage to this opportunity is there remains a small core of believers, and they have a debt free building. We have sought counsel from our pastor who also sees this as a great opportunity to preserve a long-established light in Utah. I have also talked with Brother Lockhart at WWNTBM about this opportunity. We humbly ask that you make this a matter of **prayer** as to the Lord's will for our lives. Regardless of what direction the Lord leads we will still have to sell our house at some point and find a new one. Please make this a matter of **prayer** as well. It is my plan to quickly update you all as God makes clear to us His will in this matter.

I continue with the Bible classes at the prison on Wednesday and Friday. My Wednesday class has fluctuated between one and three men and my Friday class is averaging five men each week. Please **pray** for the men that are saved to grow and those not saved to trust on the Lord Jesus for salvation.

Millie has greatly misses teaching her ladies Bible study and is looking forward to the opportunity to start a new one in the near future.

We are truly grateful for your faithful prayers and for each church and individual that financially supports us. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless your labors for Him in your part of the field.

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston

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Dear Pastor and Church:

February 5, 2025

David and Millie Preston have faithfully labored for the Lord in Utah for over 2 decades! Our church sent them out recognizing the call of God on their life to proclaim the gospel and establish local, New Testament churches there.

The Lord has done just that through the Prestons by helping them to plant and establish the Heritage Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant, Utah. What a joy to see the Lord birth a true church in the midst of Mormon country! With God's help the Prestons have seen this through and have carefully followed the leading of the Holy Spirit in helping Heritage seek for and call a pastor who is now leading them.

Now David and Millie continue the call that God gave them many years ago as they launch out again to help another church in Utah as a Missionary Pastor. They will seek to be used of God to strengthen a local congregation with a need for pastoral leadership so that it can continue as a local, New Testament Baptist church. I am excited for the Prestons and our church wholeheartedly stands with them as they follow the Lord in this endeavor as a Missionary Pastor. I encourage you to continue to support them financially and pray fervently for them as they go on for the Lord in Utah. The need is great! May God do an amazing work through our friends, David and Millie Preston!

Thank you for all you are doing for the glory of God and in evangelizing the world.

May God bless you!

Pastor Greg Gray



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