

## The Prestons Serving in Washington, Utah

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Dear Praying Friends,

At present we are still living in Mt. Pleasant and are hopeful every day for the showing on our house that will produce a contract and ultimately a sale so that we can make our move to southern Utah. According to a recent report from our realtor only three houses have sold in our town since June 20<sup>th</sup> and even though we haven't had anyone look at our house in over a month and a half we are trusting the sale of our house and our move to southern Utah to the Lord and His time table. Please continue to **pray** for our house to sell soon.

We were a little down in our normal attendance over the last month or so as we have had some out of town and some going through medical issues that have kept them out of church. With the exception of <u>Karen</u>, who is still healing from foot surgery, all of our members and most regular attenders are back now. We ask that you **pray** for Karen's full recovery. Please be in **prayer** for <u>Paul</u>. Paul pastored in Michigan for over thirty years but had to retire from the ministry about five years ago due to developing Parkinson's (which affected his ability to speak above a whisper) which led to him and his wife <u>Nancy</u> to move here to Utah to be close to their son. Recently Paul had his medicine adjusted and it seems to have caused some "brain fog" causing him not to be able to think clearly. Please be in **prayer** that the doctors will have wisdom to help him overcome this new health issue.

Please be in **prayer** for <u>Stetson</u> has stopped coming as he seems to be pulled in different directions by family and friends. Please also **pray** for <u>Tony</u> to see the importance of in-person church attendance as he has been staying home watching the services of his old church in CA on the internet. Please be in **prayer** <u>Moses</u> to be faithful. Please be in **prayer** for <u>Alberto</u> and <u>Jason</u> that they will be able to get different shifts at their jobs so they can come to all the services on Sundays.

We recently had some invitation cards printed for the church, and we are anxious to be able to get out and start some canvassing. Currently the day time temperatures average from 102-107. We hope that we can be moved by fall so we can get out into the neighborhoods.

Millie is also going through a health issue that has her seeing a cardiologist. She has been experiencing periodic pressure in her upper chest that runs into her neck when she goes walking. She recently underwent the chemical stress test and angiogram and is scheduled for an ultrasound on her heart in a couple of weeks. The angiogram revealed that her right artery leading into her heart is 40-50% blocked but unless it exceeds 70% they will not insert a stint.

Millie is very proactive in trying to reverse the trend by changing our daily meals and is bringing me along for the ride. I told her the other day that our days of eating the "fun foods" were coming to an end (at least being paired back in a significant way). Please be in **prayer** for Millie as she goes through these tests and as she works to get us both healthier.

We received a call from <u>Judy</u>, a lady in Missouri, who asked us to visit her friend <u>Ruth</u> who is in an assisted living center in Washington City. Ruth was a Sunday school teacher for over forty years and was moved here by her sister that lives in Washington County. Ruth told Judy that only her niece visits her, and she felt like she was surrounded (by Mormons) in the facility. She has a sharp mind and a good sense of humor. Millie and I have been visiting her on Sunday afternoons for the last three weeks taking time to share some things from God's Word and to pray and just have fellowship with her. We always come away blessed after our visits.

I continue to hold Bible studies on Wednesday and Friday mornings at the prison. After about a year of trying to get the prison to approve allowing men from all the Henry units to be able to come at the same time on Wednesday mornings, that was finally approved, and the three classes we consolidated down to one in the middle of July. The first class I had five men come but I only have two as of today. One of the inmates that was coming has allowed Satan to make him think that God is responsible for his misery. I still have five men coming on Fridays. Please be **praying** for more men to see the need to come to Bible class and for those not saved to come to faith in the Lord Jesus.

In closing, we ask that you fervently **pray** for rain. We have not had any measurable rain to speak of since the first week in July and then it only rained two days in that week. Utah is a tinderbox, and we have had and are having ongoing wildfires. The state has experienced 693 wildfires this year burning nearly 114,000 acres so far. The closest fire to us accounts for over 65,000 acres alone.

Millie and I are truly grateful for your faithful prayers and for each church and individual that supports us financially. We trust the Lord will continue to bless your labors for Him.

In His Service,

David and Millie Preston