



# Go WEST For GOD!

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Dear Prayer Partners,

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." II Corinthians 8:9

We are praising the Lord that He became poor as a babe in the manger, so that we might have eternal life (riches) through His act of Love on the cross of Calvary!! Hallelujah! What a Savior! Thank you for sharing in the ministry here in Colorado and the Mountain States as we serve this lovely Savior.

## TRIP

We arrived back in Colorado on November 12 after being gone for over 5 weeks. The Lord opened up doors for us to make this "first" extended deputation trip, and we traveled over 5,500 miles during those weeks. It was a special blessing to begin our trip by seeing dear friends of many years in Houston, Texas, as we ministered at Westside Baptist Church and School. Then, on our way to a wedding in Georgia, we visited Sue's brother in Foley, Alabama, and unexpectedly ministered in Open Door Baptist Church there, then on to visit Sue's sister in Florida for a day. After taking part in the wedding in Georgia, we enjoyed meeting new friends at the church there as we presented our ministry. From there, we drove up to Virginia to participate in a missions conference with Pastor Greg Rogers in Bedford, VA. What a blessed time we spent that week, getting to know those dear people, as well as fellowship with other missionaries. We were blessed to have a couple of days in between the missions conference and our next speaking engagement, so drove on up to visit our daughter and family in Frederick, Maryland. The following Wednesday night, we were with Brother Jim Bailey there in Edinburgh, Virginia, and then drove down to North Carolina for the Missions Conference at Ambassador during the first week in November. It was especially delightful to visit with former students, and to make **several** new acquaintances who are praying about coming West to help in church planting out here! We also were able to report to two of our existing supporting churches while there in the NC area. Then on Sunday, it was a delight to be with Brother Randy Bray and his dear people in Asheville, NC. My, how they treated us royally! We left there, headed West! We made one brief detour up to Chicago to see our youngest son, Ed and his family, before getting back to Colorado. It truly was a delight to return home to our small church and dear people. How we praise the Lord for His grace in providing us good weather the entire trip, and safety on the roads as we traveled. He also answered prayer in giving good health throughout the trip. It was the day we arrived home that Sue came down with a terrible cold, but all the while gone, we both had no health problems. Praise the Lord!

## CHURCH NEWS

Northrange Baptist Church has experienced a couple of setbacks in the last few weeks, so we need your prayers. Two of our dear elderly ladies who have been so faithful have had serious health problems and are no longer able to attend church services. They were such an integral part of the church, so are sorely missed. One of them has a number of relatives who have been coming for several months, but now with their "grandmother's" absence, they have not been coming either. We have seen discouragement in a couple of other families also, due to work responsibilities, and other things. Please pray for encouragement and God's sustaining grace through these winter months.

We also praise the Lord for a new young man who has begun to attend faithfully. Praise the Lord!

## PERSONAL ACTIVITY

- ★ Mike is teaching the adult Sunday School class here at Northrange, while Sue teaches the Jr. age children.
- ★ Praise the Lord for a new laptop computer!! The Lord provided the money at the same time that Mike's laptop "died" - the week AFTER our last meeting on our trip! We are SO thankful that it lasted through our deputation meetings.
- ★ We have been busy with Christmas activities as I'm sure you are in your churches. We hosted a Christmas party for the church families, and enjoyed a sweet time of fellowship. Sue was also heavily involved in directing the children's Christmas program.
- ★ Due to Sue's severe back pain and arthritis pain she began experiencing the week we returned home, we have had to slow down the last few weeks in our activities. Please pray as we seek counsel and medical help to alleviate these problems.
- ★ We have two new neighbors we just met who have moved in our neighborhood in the last few weeks. Neither of them attends church!
- ★ Sue is continuing to teach piano lessons to a few church pianists! This is truly a delight to help them as they serve the Lord in their churches.
- ★ We greatly enjoyed having a former Ambassador student with us for Christmas. She is Brazilian, and this is her last school year, so wanted to visit us out West before returning to Brazil! What a privilege and blessing to have her with us!

## PRAYER ASKED

- ★ Spiritual and physical growth and encouragement at Northrange Baptist Church
- ★ Health concerns
- ★ Replacement couple for us at Northrange so that we can do more deputation
- ★ Wisdom in future seminars for "Preparing Church Pianist" Seminars
- ★ Upcoming Bible Studies to begin in January
- ★ Further ministry with our new neighbors - open doors (new young couple right next door was very touched by our church folks coming caroling to them)
- ★ Additional prayer and financial support

Thank you again for the incredible part you have in the ministry of Church Planting in the Western Mountain States. May the Lord bless you and give you a **Blessed Christmas** as you keep HIM FIRST!

In His service,

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