



Go WEST For GOD!

March/April 2011

Dear Prayer Partners,

"Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." Psalm 90:16, 17

How thankful we are that God is the One Who "establishes the work of our hands" and it is not up to us! We are so grateful that the Lord allows us to be in His service, and work for Him! What a God we serve!

OPPORTUNITY FOR SPEAKING

Mike continues to enjoy speaking when asked at our home church, as well as at local Pastor's luncheons, fellowships, and meetings. We have seen the Lord continue to open doors at these occasions that may help with relationships with other pastors. We have renewed friendships with some and also met new pastors. As we encourage young couples to come West to plant new churches, we need to be familiar with pastors who will be willing to help mentor these men. Mike also attended a Men's Retreat and our annual Colorado Pastor's fellowship meetings, where more contacts were made. We were also able to set a couple of new dates for speaking in churches this Fall.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SURVEY

In March, the Lord allowed us to travel to Arizona to visit with our son and family, who have been helping to build a Christian camp in the Eastern part of the state. Then, we traveled down into Phoenix, and met with Evangelist Paul Schwanke, who has a burden for new church plants in their area. He spent nearly a whole day with Mike, driving him around to a very large area of the valley that has thousands of homes, and NO Independent Baptist Churches in that entire area. What a vast need! Then, he introduced us to a pastor on the outskirts of this area who is VERY interested in helping to mentor any "recruits" who are willing to come to the Phoenix area. What a tremendous opportunity there is for a team — perhaps two or three young couples — to begin a Fundamental Baptist Church for the Lord in this area. Please pray that the Lord will lay this burden on the heart of His chosen servants.

We also visited a young church plant in another area that Wednesday night as Brother Schwanke preached. What a blessed time!

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

We both continue to serve at Northrange Baptist Church in Commerce City in teaching Sunday School and in the music ministry. Sue has also been teaching a children's training class on Sunday evenings. Recently, she has been trying to emphasize the importance of "serving". As a result, some of the children have volunteered to prepare a Bible lesson to teach, using visuals they have created. Some have offered to present special music. Some have been keenly aware of other ways of serving the Lord.

On Resurrection Sunday, in addition to our own special services following an Easter breakfast, we obtained the opportunity to meet at a nursing home nearby, and our children gave the Bible lesson. They took turns reading Scripture, while others put up the figures on a flannelgraph board to illustrate the glorious Gospel truths! We interspersed the lesson with singing and special music. Then, the children, as well as the adults, began conversing with the patients, giving out tracts and little crosses they had made previously at an Easter party on Friday afternoon with Sue. It was indeed a very special weekend to watch the children use their knowledge of what they had learned to be a blessing to others. It is TRULY a joy to serve the Lord wherever He leads!

OPPORTUNITY FOR SUPPLICATION

★ Northrange Baptist Church

We have recently been disappointed to see a lovely couple leave our church due to misunderstanding and disagreement with standards, music, dress, and conduct. This type of thing is ALWAYS difficult to accept and understand, but especially for what is a small congregation to begin with. We also are anticipating losing another family in August, as they are headed for the mission field. Even though this is a wonderful reason for leaving, it is still difficult to lose yet another family. Pray that the Lord will continue to encourage us and Pastor Jeff, and send us other workers. How we need committed believers who want to help build the Lord's work!

★ Deputation

We are currently preparing for another trip to the East as we anticipate Family Week with WWNTBM in June. We will also be participating in the Missions Conference during that week. We have other meetings during the following 3 weeks, so would appreciate your prayers for safety, God's blessing in the churches, and good health.

★ Health

Thank you for your prayers in regard to Sue's arthritis. She has continued to

improve as she has pursued the advice of her doctor. She still experiences a lot of pain, especially during the night, which affects her sleep. Thank you for your prayers.

★ People

Pray for contacts that have been made. Kyiton continues to attend the church faithfully, but as yet we are still uncertain of his salvation.

Pray for our neighbors, Jeremy and Christina, unsaved and disinterested.

Pray for Kim and Chad, parents of a piano student. They live nearby, and do not go to church anywhere. The children have been attending our "Kid's Klub" each Tuesday all year long. They have recently told us that they would LIKE to come to church, but still have not come! We truly believe they are open to the Gospel.

★ Future

Please pray for the Lord to lead us in the coming months in the area of future deputation.

Pray also, for wisdom in the development of more "Preparing Church Pianists" Seminars as the Lord leads.

Thank you again for your part in the ministry of Church Planting in the Western Mountain States. May the Lord bless you for your faithful prayers and support.

In His service,

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"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God..." I Corinthians 3:8,9