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Dear Prayer Partners,

“And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet ... thine eyes shall see thy teachers (God, Himself): And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.” Isaiah 30:20, 21

What a blessed truth to know God leads us each step of the way! Even when it “appears” to be His leading, He protects us from going the wrong direction. We have seen this over and over again in the ministry, but especially in the last month or so. Praise the Lord for His care! What a God we serve!

Service Functions

Since the Christmas holidays, we have found ourselves to be extremely busy here in Colorado. Besides preaching at NorthRange Baptist Church here in Commerce City, Mike also had opportunity to fill the pulpit in a nearby church in January. We were also asked to lead the music for our annual Pastor's and Wives retreat in Glenwood Springs, including special music and Sue's piano accompaniment. It was a special privilege to meet new pastors at that retreat, and to get acquainted with yet other areas of needs. We also spoke in a church in New Mexico and shared our ministry of church planting. (More about that later.) Just last week, we participated in a multi-church Bible Conference on Prophecy by directing the music for the conference. We are thankful for EACH opportunity afforded us to serve the Lord!

Shift in Field

We reported in our last prayer letter that some changes were in our future. After discussing our situation with our mission agency Director and our sending church Pastor, we felt perhaps the Lord was leading us to begin searching for a pastorate where the church would be able to support us for at least what we had been getting at NorthRange, but still be able to continue in the Church Planting Coordinator capacity with our mission. Such an opportunity arose very quickly to candidate in a church in New Mexico. After MUCH prayer, many conference calls, etc., we traveled to meet the people and candidate. What a great group of people we met! We began to fall in love with them from the start. The last Sunday in

January, they voted unanimously to call us as their pastor, at least for an Interim, as they wanted us to work on getting someone there who would have potential of being their pastor for 20+ years. We believed the Lord was directing us to go, so we accepted the call. We began packing, sold some furniture, and gave notice to our landlord. Since we planned to move March 1, we went to NM to look for housing the 2nd week of February. While there, a serious issue came up regarding disagreement with policies and convictions between our mission, WWNTBM, and the church leadership. After several days of trying to resolve the problem, the men told us that unless we left our mission, they would not want us as their pastor. While this was a “blow” to us, we could see the hand of the Lord protecting, guiding, and yes, closing the door of this opportunity. We have been SO thankful for WWNTBM, its convictions, wisdom, and the love they showed us during those difficult days.

We are, therefore, still looking for the place where God wants us to be. Meanwhile, the Lord has opened up new speaking opportunities coming in the month of March. We also are checking into other fields that are looking for pastors and helpers. Please pray with us for God's continued strength and wisdom as we seek HIS perfect will.

Schedule Filling

- ★ March 3 - Deputation meeting - Ordway, CO
- ★ March 17th - Pulpit supply - Ordway, CO
- ★ March 22,23 - Sue speaking at Ladies' Retreat in Hayden, CO
- ★ March 24 - Preaching in Price, Utah

This is a church which desperately needs a pastor. The current pastor is pastoring their Spanish ministry, as well as other Spanish ministries in Utah and Colorado. They are desperately in need of an English-speaking pastor. Please pray for God's leading in this church.

- ★ Other engagements back East during May and June, plus praying for further deputation meetings.

Special Feats

Sometimes we look at the special blessings that God has done only in light of what we perceive is "positive". But we have seen God close doors, and STILL perform marvelous "feats" for HIS GLORY!

The Northrange Baptist Church had its last service on Sunday, February 24th. We do not fully understand all the difficulties that have occurred during the past months or even years. But we know GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES! We have seen families leave the church due to standards. One family became dysfunctional as a result of sin and imprisonment. Another family went to the mission field - a GOOD thing! Yet God has His purpose for His work. It doesn't always fit our ideals. But through it all, we are just beginning to see a glimpse of what God may have had in mind all along. Through many difficult and trying situations, it is possible that two churches may evolve from these difficulties - one is a Hispanic church which is a thriving Fundamental, Independent Baptist ministry. We have seen God doing some amazing things to resolve some impossible situations with properties and finances of Northrange. Pastor Jeff and Pastor Mike have been used of the Lord to work through some mind-boggling

In His service,

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obstacles for the Glory of the Lord! While we cannot share details, we are learning that God works in so many ways to perform His perfect will. Sometimes we are instruments in His hands to accomplish difficult tasks. We praise the Lord that He counts us worthy to be used in whatever way He chooses!

Support Funds

- ★ We praise the Lord for those who faithfully support our ministry, though we only receive about 11% of what our needs are. But God has also used special gifts to help us through these months. It has been 6 months since we have not had housing funds or other income. Yet God has miraculously supplied our rent money and paid our bills! To God be the Glory!
- ★ We learned recently that a new church, where we spoke on our Fall trip, will be supporting us beginning in March. Praise the Lord!
- ★ We would like to give opportunity for any church or individual to send support during these transitional months for our ministry. If the Lord would have you join in this ministry, please send all financial gifts to: WWNTBM, P.O. BOX 725, KINGS MT, NC 28086

Supplication Focus

- ★ Pray for God's continued leading in the lives of three couples we interviewed for church planting. All are open to whatever God chooses.
- ★ Pray for clear direction in our future and for immediate added financial support.



"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