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Dear Prayer Partners,

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; Withal praying also for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ..." Col. 4:2,3

We are very thankful to those of you who pray for us personally, as well as for the ministry where we serve. God has truly answered prayer, and we are excited to see the things God has in store for us in the coming weeks and months. **Praise the Lord for answered prayer**.

Set Backs

Sometimes when we pray for missionaries, we don't realize the needs they are experiencing at that time. But we continue to pray. We are certain that many folks were praying for us this last month and God was answering! Thank you!

We flew out on Christmas Day to Maryland to be able to attend our Granddaughter's wedding. This was a "first" for us! The wedding went well, and was beautiful! However, the day of the wedding Mike began getting sick. He was in bed on Sunday, barely able to move. Monday he was taken by ambulance to the hospital as his blood pressure was dangerously low, causing him to lose consciousness. It was a rather scary few moments for us, but the Lord was definitely with us, giving grace throughout the ordeal. They said he had the onset of pneumonia. He spent one night in the hospital, and two days later we flew home. Glad we were able to at least attend the wedding!

I then became very ill. Both of us were diagnosed with acute bronchitis PLUS the flu! Mike continued to improve, but I was in bed for about 3 weeks. As of now, we are both doing much better, but just have to rest more often as we have less energy.

We were so very thankful for the Sondergaards during this month as Paul filled in with preaching two Sundays as Mike struggled with his voice as well as strength. Naomi filled in on the piano 3 weeks for Sue. Praise the Lord we are all

recovering, and getting ready for some exciting weeks ahead.

Support

We are continually humbled, yet thankful for the way God takes care of our needs. This past month, we learned of a supporting church who voted to double their support of our ministry! Praise the Lord! Another (new) church and an individual also took on a portion of our support, and we are so encouraged that our support level has increased. Thank you for praying for our support!

Special Services

Plans for our first Revival Meetings are going well, and almost to completion, as we begin our special services this Sunday, Feb. 9-Wed., Feb. 12. Evangelist Paul Crow will arrive Saturday. The Sniadowsky family from our supporting churc (Grace Baptist in Oxford, PA) arrived this past Tuesday and have already begun helping with assembling packets of doorhangers with flyers, tracts, and church announcements. They also have begun passing them out to our neighborhood. Another family who were dear friends of ours from our days in NC, came to Arizona to work for a few weeks, and they are taking some time to come visit us during these meetings!! They will be a wonderful help to us as well.

God has miraculously provided every area of concern regarding these meetings. From extra food for meals, to lodging for the added families

visiting, to the printing of our flyers and mailouts, etc., have all been orchestrated by the Lord! How thankful we are for His abundant grace and provision! A flyer telling of our meetings was sent to every post office box and home address in Rimrock! What a blessing to have this exposure! Canvassing the entire community has also begun! Please pray that the Lord will use these various meager efforts to bring people to the meetings, our church, and ultimately to see souls saved and lives changed. Be praying much for Faith Baptist Church in Rimrock this next week as we endeavor to reach new folks with the glorious Gospel of Christ!

Supplication

- Pray for new contacts, and souls to be saved during our special meetings.
- Pray for Evangelist Paul Crow, his travels, physical strength and God's anointing on his preaching.
- Pray for the children's classes during the Revivals, held by Mrs. Sniadowski, Naomi and Natalie.
- Pray for financial help for the meetings. It will cost us close to \$1,000 to have these special meetings. If there would be anyone who would be interested in helping with these meetings, please send funds to WWNTBM at the address in NC, and designate specifically for the Paul Crow Revival Meetings. We would

appreciate any help anyone can give toward these meetings.

Pray for others who are interested in coming West to help with church planting. One couple in particular is convinced God is leading them here, but they need to sell their home. Another couple is praying and strongly considering moving here as well. Pray for continued guidance.

Thank you each one who sacrifice time and/or money for the cause of missions. We appreciate those prayers of God's people more than you can ever imagine. It has been so obvious that God has been working as a result of those prayers!



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