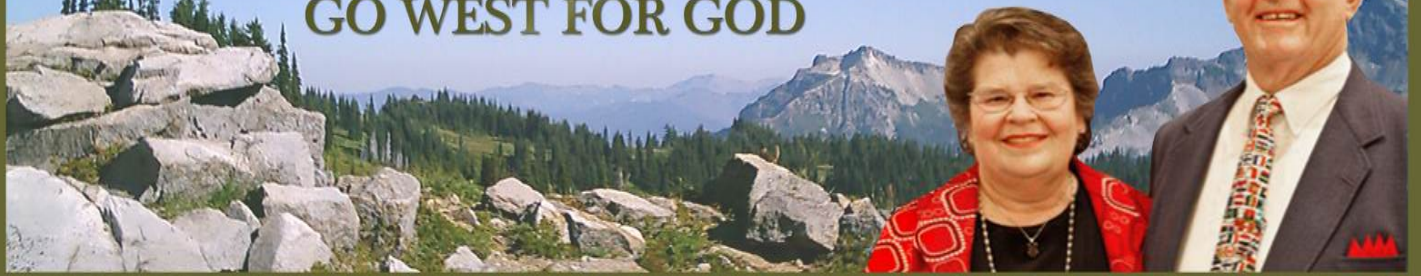


The Smiths

GO WEST FOR GOD



SERVING WITH WORLD WIDE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST MISSION

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Dear Prayer Partners,

“Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies? And I said, this is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the WORKS of the Lord: surely I will remember Thy WONDERS of old.” Psalm 77:9-11

When we listen to the news of the world and see all the ungodly things going on in our nation, are we tempted to cry out these same thoughts to our God? Or do we remember the years of His WORKS AND WONDERS and faithfulness of His tender mercies? Truly our God has NOT forgotten us! He is in complete control, and even in our small western community, we see Him in control!

EVIDENCE

While our Sunday service has stayed pretty consistent, with our folks showing their faithfulness and visitors coming sometimes, our Tuesday evening prayer and Bible studies have grown. It has been exciting to see some of our “Sunday attenders” joining us for our midweek service now. Last Tuesday we actually had 19 in attendance. It is truly a blessing to see several newer ones entering in to the prayer time and watching God answer! God continues to show us that He is working, as He has done in the past! We would like to share a few of the ways we have seen God working these past few months.

1. It was truly a blessing to have our son, Mike, bring a series of messages on Sunday mornings in September, related to the Sermon on the Mount. What a joy to see the works of the Lord in Mike’s life as well as in our church ministry and to remember the years God has been working to bring him to this point in His life!

2. Glen has come to our church “hit and miss” for a couple of years. However, after the churches were forced to close for several weeks last Spring, Glen began coming to our morning services much more regularly. He had been saved many years ago, but just seemed to drift through life as so many people do without truly making God first in his life. In recent

months, Glen has become a faithful attender, and this past month began coming to our Tuesday night Bible Studies and prayer time. We meet in a home, and he made the effort to find the location and has been coming regularly. It has become apparent that he loves the Lord and wants to make changes in his life. God is working!

3. One of the boys, 11 years old, who’s been attending with his grandmother, has expressed a desire to be baptized. After talking with him concerning his salvation, and what baptism expresses, we are confident he knows the Lord and we are making plans for a baptism soon. It is evident that God has been working in this young life and we rejoice to see these wonders! Please pray for unsaved family and friends who may attend this expression of his faith.

4. It was a joy for our ladies to hold a baby shower for Hannah, Alex’s wife. Perhaps you will remember that Alex only received Christ as Savior just a little over one year ago! Hannah had been saved as a child. They have been faithful in coming to church since Alex’s salvation and often ask prayer for their son who is now 2 years old, that he’ll find Christ at an early age. Hannah is expecting a little girl in November! What a wonderful work for the Lord to give this couple to do - to teach two children about the Lord Jesus and pray that they’ll give their hearts to Christ!

ENDEAVORS

Stephanie, Mike's wife, launched a first-time blog in September for Christian ladies who may need encouragement, direction, and renewed love for Christ. We are very excited for this endeavor as we have already seen several wonderful articles written by godly ladies who have been serving the Lord and walking with Him daily. The blog information is: thinkbible.online. I am including this in our prayer letter because I feel many of our readers and supporters would benefit greatly from checking out this blog. This is in addition to other tasks she is currently involved with in teaching, writing, editing - all for ministry. We are so thankful for the work that Mike and Stephanie are doing alongside us and the work of the church!

We are also very thankful for Arielle Bixby, a young girl from Colorado who graduated from high school this past year and felt the Lord calling her to come and help in our work here, and with Mike and Stephanie! She is very talented, playing violin, singing, and is eager to serve the Lord wherever He leads, even in teaching a couple of "livewire boys" daily the past several weeks! We are hoping to have some additional children's activity late this month that Arielle could help with and could be a tool to reach children in our neighborhood. Please pray with us!

PRAYER & PRAISE

While some of our activities have been curbed lately due to pandemic rules and regulations, we have truly understood that **PRAYER is more important now than ever!** Prayer is a part of our ministry, although it is easy to think it is redundant to bring attention to it. But in these uncertain times, prayer is what will make a difference in our lives and ministries. Thank you for the prayers you have offered on our behalf! God is still in control and even when days of discouragement tend to dominate our thinking, we are thankful we can

REMEMBER God's works in the past and trust He is and will be working in our future.

- + Pray for OUR COUNTRY and for continued freedom and guidance concerning church services and activities
- + Pray for outreach in our community.
- + Pray for continued support and financial needs. We are thankful for the Lord's continued provision during these times, especially when unexpected expenses arise such as recent dental bills, and other expenses.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and love for the Lord and His servants. We have been praying for you folks as well during this trying time in our country and will continue to REMEMBER His WORKS AND WONDERS. We praise the Lord for each of you, and ask His blessing upon you.



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