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Dear Prayer Partners,

“The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.” Lamentations 3:25

We are so thankful for the precious promises in God's Word! Mike has been preaching a series of messages on Sunday mornings concerning God's blessings! The Scripture is full of His promises and fulfillment in His blessings! Sometimes it seems hard to "wait" for Him, but as we "seek" Him, He becomes our joy and strength and gives the faith to trust in His Word! Praise the Lord that **HE IS GOOD!**

PROVISION

Some of you may remember a few years ago, when we asked prayer concerning our need for a reliable car. God heard those prayers and touched the hearts of dear prayer partners who made arrangements for us to get a very nice vehicle, with relatively few miles on it, even though it was an older car. How we rejoice in the way God provided. In the last year, we have had to put money out for various repairs on that car, since it was over 15 years old, and things were beginning to go wrong. So we began to pray and "wait", once again about replacing that car. But this time, we really didn't ask others to pray. And God heard and provided! It was a total miracle for which we praise the Lord! We now have a 2016 Toyota Rav 4, that God gave us. He also provided the funds for the taxes and tags! **God is good** in His provision!

Not only did the Lord provide in such a miraculous way for us, but for our son, Mike and family! Their Suburban had over 350,000 miles on it, and the need for a newer vehicle was becoming desperate! They have been praying and waiting for several years to replace their Suburban. Through many concerned supporters and churches, God provided a beautiful heavy duty 2019 GMC Yukon so he can haul his tools, as well as provide space for Rachel's wheelchair, etc. **God is good to those who wait!**

PERFORMANCE

Since we first came to Rimrock 8 years ago, Sue has had many piano students, with a goal in mind of teaching those in various surrounding communities to learn to play hymns in their churches. Recently two children who have been taking lessons about 3-4 years have begun accompanying the song services in their churches. Another two teen girls are now playing in their Wednesday evening services for congregational singing. Two other ladies have started taking lessons to play in their churches. One other young lady has been taking hymn playing through video chat and is playing piano in her church in Canada. It is such a reward to see how these students are using their talents, knowledge and gifts for the Lord! **God is good** to allow us to see His hand in the performance of the work He has called us to do.

PASTORING

Beginning May 1, Faith Baptist Church began having our own services on Sunday morning again. We had taken about 6 weeks to join services with the Native American Church, Living Waters Baptist Church in a nearby community, just to help out. We continued to have our own midweek Bible Study and prayer meeting on Tuesday evenings, and God blessed both churches. But we went back to holding our own Sunday morning services and continuing to attend and help when needed at Living Waters in the evening services. Mike has had more opportunities to preach, helping the pastor at

Living Waters during some physical difficulties he experienced. We also help with music as needed. **God is good** to allow us to minister wherever He leads!

PRAISES

In our last prayer letter, we told you of specific health needs in our family. Our daughter Joy has completely recovered from both her broken foot and broken shoulder. She has even been released from PT and is doing well. The last CT scan on her lung showed that the nodules had not grown and actually had started to diminish. The Dr. feels this could have been some kind of infection (perhaps lingering from Covid), and they will do another test in August to keep track of progress. But she is feeling well, and there is NO sign of cancer in any of the tests! Praise the Lord!

Our son-in-law, Jim Bjur, missionary in Chile is doing well, just waiting for the final surgery to reconnect the intestine. With Covid, the surgery has been delayed significantly. Please pray that they will call him for that surgery soon!!! Meanwhile, they continue to have to have services over internet; they have not met in their building since March 2020. Our daughter, Melody, has continued to have opportunities to meet with various ladies groups and children over internet, teaching the Word of God!

We also asked prayer for Mike and Stephanie as they were still trying to get into Canada to help a missionary in Alberta with building needs, etc. They were finally allowed to enter after their 6th attempt to cross the border. They have been a huge blessing there with the missionary and family, preaching, teaching, counseling, and helping with anything they've been asked to do. **God is good** to allow us to praise Him for answered prayer and see Him work in the lives of our children!

We also praise the Lord for His daily provision. We've had a couple of "down times" recently in our support and income, but God ALWAYS provides. It is exciting to see the various people and situations He uses to provide our needs and encourage our hearts! Thank you for your prayers! **God is so good!**

PRAYER

- + Pray for Arizona! Wildfires currently surround the Verde Valley where we live and many people are tense. Please pray for rain, but more importantly that we might reach people in our area for Christ!!!
- + Pray for God's will to be done in Mike and Stephanie's future, especially with regard to the Canadian project.
- + Pray for future guidance and direction for Faith Baptist Church of Rimrock.



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