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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

It is exciting to see how God continues to use us to accomplish His **WORK** for His glory! Through the years, He has “established the WORK of our hands in various ways. In our younger years, we were involved in camps, children’s ministries, including elaborate Vacation Bible Schools, puppet ministry, crafts, Bible clubs, as well as music ministry with choirs, piano, ensembles, and of course, preaching and teaching God’s Word. As we grow older, our ministry has changed somewhat, and we find we are not physically able to do some things we did when we were young. But we are still His servants and still eager to do the WORK of the Lord! So we have prayed that the Lord would continue to establish the WORK of our hands and show us how we can best glorify Him! How thankful we are that He continues to use us in various ways, all for HIS glory!

WORK IN PROGRESS

When we first started helping at Living Waters Baptist Church, our handful of people sometimes represented as many or more than the people attending their services. Little by little God has been bringing new folks to the church, old contacts are returning, and we are seeing the church auditorium full each Sunday morning! In fact, we added chairs to accommodate everyone last Sunday! The church has been investigating building options to add on space. They have been talking with our son, Mike, about drawing plans for an addition, and they have been taking special offerings for the building fund for some time. Of course, the cost of building has increased substantially even this past year, so we ask you to pray about this need, also.

Joe came to church for the first time about 3 weeks ago, and recognized his need for a Savior. Following the service, he received Christ. HALLELUJAH!

We’ve been working closely with a young mother who speaks little English, even though she understands quite a bit. We introduced her to our daughter, Melody and her husband, Jim, who had services over the internet in

Chile, and she began a Bible study with Melody. Please pray she will continue to follow the Lord. She has been coming to church faithfully, and even went to a ladies retreat at West Branch this past weekend. We are thankful for this opportunity to work with her and her two boys. Her husband has come twice to church. Thank you for your prayers for Vicki and Diego.

Sue was able to teach Sunday School a few weeks ago, and became more acquainted with the children. But her ministry in music keeps her busy in the church, playing for each service as well as organizing special music.

Mike continues to preach and teach, both at Living Waters and other churches in the area. Currently, he is teaching a series from the book of Colossians in Sunday School. But he also takes an active part in preparing visual aids for each service with PowerPoint.

WORK IN PIANO

Sue has continued teaching piano throughout the year, and recently held her Spring Recital at Living Waters Baptist Church auditorium. The church was

filled! We are so thankful for this **WORK** God has allowed us to do, as we are seeing piano students develop for God's glory to serve Him in their churches. There are 5 different churches where Sue's students are serving and recently one 10-year old little girl has begun playing "2nd piano" at Living Waters! What a thrill it is to see God using us in this **WORK**!

WORK IN PRAYER

Prayer is definitely a **WORK** that God has not only "established", but has given us this privilege! Sometimes the burdens are very difficult to bear, but God gives grace. We would ask that you, our faithful friends and supporters, join us in this monumental task of prayer! Here are a few of the immediate burdens and prayer requests on our hearts:

- + Pray for our grandson, Jack. He's been hospitalized multiple times throughout the last year, several surgeries, near death a couple of times, etc. He has not eaten or even had a drink of water for several months, and the prognosis is uncertain. PLEASE PRAY for God to be glorified throughout these difficulties and that ultimately Jack will be healed and pursue what God wants for him.
- + Pray for other family burdens concerning other grandchildren and children.
- + Pray for continued guidance in ministry
- + Pray for upcoming trip to Colorado for a grandson's wedding, and also preaching in supporting church in the state.
- + Pray for continued good health so we may serve Him better
- + Pray for wisdom in the building needs of the church

WORK OF PRAISE

- + Praise the Lord and thanks to all who prayed for Sue's recent surgery! God answered prayer and her surgery was a huge success. The Dr. removed a portion of the intestine that was causing the blockages. She has recovered well and we are thankful to be able to continue serving in God's **WORK**!
- + Praise the Lord for Mike's recent annual medical exam as all blood tests, etc., showed excellent results!

Thank you again for your faithfulness in remembering us in prayer, financial gifts and for your encouragement in the **WORK** of the ministry here in Arizona!



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