



Sept-Nov 2022

Dear Prayer Partners,

"Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf." II Cor. 1:11

Our hearts are full and overflowing with praise and thankfulness for God's many blessings and the **"gift bestowed upon us"** through you who pray for us and the ministry God has given us. He has blessed us abundantly these past couple of months, especially while we were traveling back East.

BLESSINGS

In mid-September, after much prayer and preparation, we flew to Baltimore, MD to initially visit our daughter and husband in Frederick, MD, and see our third great granddaughter, Dahlia. It was truly a **"gift"** to spend time with family and hear how God is working in their lives.

It was an additional blessing, **"gift"**, to take a couple of days to go down to Delaware, where Sue grew up, and visit Rehoboth Beach, where Sue had spent many of her childhood weekends. Although it was the same weekend as the hurricane rains, the ocean was truly an awesome sight, reminding us of the strength and power of our Almighty God! Then it was truly a special **"gift"** to visit Sue's two brothers in Southern Delaware and many of their families. It felt like a taste of Heaven, since they also love the Lord, and we spent some time just singing His praises around the piano. God is SO GOOD!

Then during the time in Maryland, we also visited our supporting church in Oxford, PA, and met their new pastor and family. What a wonderful time we spent sharing how God has been leading in our ministry here in Arizona, particularly acquainting them with the Native American ministry here. We were truly blessed with the **"gift"** of being with these dear folk.

Mike then preached the following Sunday, also sharing our ministry with the church in Frederick, MD. How thankful we were to learn of dear folks who hold

us up in prayer in these churches, truly a **"gift bestowed upon us"**.

The following weeks we were so blessed with another **"gift"** visiting another supporting church in Timberville, VA where we showed our updated presentation again, sharing the burdens of our heart with more prayer warriors. Also, we visited a church in Woodstock, VA where we'd been several years ago, and found more gracious prayer warriors!

Our final week, now in mid-October, was spent in a missions conference in Bedford, VA! One very special **"gift"** we received was to use a new banner at our presentation table that was designed and provided by our dear folks in Oxford, where we had been at the beginning of our trip!

What an outstanding conference this was and how gracious those dear folks were to us. It was an added blessing to be in the same missions conference with our son, Mike, Stephanie, and Rachel as they shared their new endeavor the Lord has led them in starting a Christian Trade School.

We are truly thankful that the Lord enabled us to make this month-long trip, visiting 5 different churches, and speaking 11 times! We were blessed with the **"gifts"** of many former friends and prayer partners, as well as making new friends and those who expressed desire to pray for us. Praise the Lord for His people, His **"gifts bestowed on us"**, and for His

constant protection, consistent good health and provision during that month we were gone!

BURDENS

+ Please pray for the Native Americans who have not been attending our church these past few months, due to situations on the reservation. The Native American culture truly has a stronghold on their lives, and we are praying that the Lord will enable us to see them commit themselves wholly to the Lord. Also, please pray that we'll have wisdom to know how to reach them.

We have learned of two families in this area who have lost teenage boys in shootings and murders due to drugs and alcohol addictions. These are teens we can no longer reach for Christ. Pray that we WILL reach others!

+ Please continue to pray about the building needs of the church here in Camp Verde, AZ. Progress is very slow in tearing down the portion of the building with the black mold, and then remodeling, adding space, etc. The church folk need wisdom from the Lord in this.

+ Please pray for us as we seek to know what God wants us to do in the future. He has been burdening our hearts more for the Native American people in our area, as well as the lost people all around us.

+ Please pray for upcoming Christmas activities at the church. We are currently working on a Christmas program, involving both the children as well as the adults in music.

+ Please pray for our financial support. While the Lord truly supplied our every need during our trip back East, we have had a decline in our support this past month. Please pray that some of the churches we visited might take us on for monthly support. Also, that the Lord might lead us in visiting new churches here in the West in the coming months. We are confident He will provide, as He has done throughout our entire ministry. Thank you for your prayers.

+ Pray for continued good health so we may serve Him better.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and thank you again for your faithfulness in remembering us in prayer, financial gifts and 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