



July-August 2024

Dear Prayer Partners,

***“How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? Forever? How long wilt thou hide Thy face from me? But I trusted in Thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.”***

**Psalm 13:2,5**

Oh, how my heart aches for our country! I'm sure we can identify with the Psalmist in Psalm 13, almost wondering if God has forgotten us? But I am so thankful for the truth of His promises of mercy, grace and His salvation! He is our God, and there is none else! We are praising the Lord that He is allowing us to continue serving Him in the midst of horrific times. People are truly hurting, worrying, desperate for answers. God is totally in control of our nation and our ministry! Please pray that we will be able to be faithful in the ministry here in Arizona as we seek to help these people.

### SUMMER

Our summer months, although a bit more relaxed, prove to be very busy. Our children's church took on a new project this summer. Sue wanted the children to become more acquainted with the six missionaries our church supports. So we emphasized how to pray for them, took offerings for them, learned about their ministries, and then each child wrote notes to them. What a blessing to see the children learn to pray for them and give of their own money! We also have been continuing to teach on the life of Moses, emphasizing memorization of the 10 commandments and principles concerning the Tabernacle. Praise the Lord for our children and the opportunity to teach them God's Word!

It was a joy to have our son, Ed and Heather and family from Ohio visit us in July as they traveled West for vacation. They spent a week in Utah with his brother, Mike and Stephanie working on Legacy Trade College projects and also Mike's house. What a treat for them to come down to Arizona for a couple days also for a visit with us!

Seven of our children from church attended camp at Bill Rice West Branch this summer. We are praying they will continue to follow through with things they learned at camp.

Glenn Christianson and Katie were especially influential with them and we were delighted to have them come to our church in August to preach. How thankful we are for these servants!

### SERVICE

Mike continued to teach the Adult SS class through the summer. He just finished the study on the responsibilities of believers to the church and the church to the believers. Another man has agreed to teach the class for a few weeks to give Mike a break. Mike has continued to help fill the pulpit for a couple of Wednesday nights in a church about 30 miles away.

### SPECIALTY

I suppose the highlight of our summer came at the end of August when the Lord allowed us and the Sondergaards and Mike's sister and husband to attend the opening services of Legacy Trade

College in Marysvale, Utah. What a tremendous experience to learn of many of the miracles that God has done to achieve this goal! There were close to 150 people who came to celebrate this event from all over the country! Mike shared the burden he's had for such a ministry and the history of the beginning of this work, which was several years in the making! Dr. David Anderson, President of Maranatha Baptist University was the outstanding speaker for 4 nights and morning chapel services. God is faithful and now they have officially begun classes with 4 students, a dormitory supervisor, business manager, several teachers, and other volunteer helpers. All praise to the Lord for this marvelous time!

Upon our return, we were privileged to host David and Elizabeth Wilt and family. They were both students of ours from Ambassador Baptist College. Having just finished planting their first church in Staten Island of New York City, they are traveling again to raise support to go back to New York to plant another church. What a special blessing it was to have them share their burden at Living Waters Baptist Church!

They also were here to help us celebrate our wedding anniversary of 57 years! How thankful we are for His grace and faithfulness through our lives and ministry!

### SUPPLICATION

Pray for continued growth and souls to be won at Living Waters Baptist Church. Especially pray for several visitors to become faithful and grow!

Continue to pray for wisdom as the church moves forward on acquiring an additional building.

Once again we are grateful for the way God continues to take care of our financial needs through special gifts of His people. Thank you for praying about our support.

Please pray for these specific requests.

- + Hymnplaying seminar Sue has been requested to give in October.
- + Additional helpers to teach at the church.
- + First Men's Prayer Breakfast in October
- + Special Meetings in November with Jeff Musgrave - The Exchange program
- + Medical back procedure for Sue- Oct. 9

Thank you for your faithful prayers and love as we serve Christ here in Arizona! We appreciate your partnering with us in reaching the people here in the Verde Valley of 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**