

Reaching small towns in South Dakota



the Beaudoin Family



And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. Mark 1:38

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Dear praying friends,

Our ministry has begun! The LORD has allowed us to begin our ministry here in South Dakota. It began the last week in July with our first weeklong revival. Due to Covid-19, we held an open air meeting rather than a tent revival. We held our meeting at the city park in Ipswich. Ipswich has a population of 954 and is the county seat for Edmunds county, which has a total population of 4,071. The meetings were well attended, we had visitors each night and praise the LORD one person got saved. The following week we started a bible study and have already met 3 times.

Please be in prayer, we are in need of an indoor meeting place in Ipswich. Up until last month meeting at the park was working very well but with winter weather setting in we may not find many people willing to freeze at the park. The community room we were hoping use at the courthouse is unavailable due to the corona virus. We are praying about the possibility of getting a 72 passenger bus. We would remove several seats and set-up it up as a mobile meeting place. We could also use the bus in other towns and even during our summer ministry.

We are excited to announce the arrival of Mercy Aletheia Rose. She was born on September 18th. Everything went well with labor and delivery. When Leah and I got married almost 19 years ago, we wanted to have several children but we never imagined having 11. The LORD sure has been good to us and has continued to provide for each one.

I have been able to do some deputation work since September but as we now have the ministry going I will only be spending a few weeks a month trying to raise support. Leah is glad for this because many times in the last two years I have been away for 6-8 weeks at a time, leaving her and the kids in South Dakota. The LORD did allow us to reach the 50% threshold for the first time this month.

Please continue to pray for our ministry needs: 15 Passenger van, tent for summer ministry, school bus for a mobile meeting place, and towns to be open to the gospel as we look to begin ministry in additional towns.

In Christ,

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I had the privilege to travel to South Dakota this summer, and experience with Bro. Benji the first week of small town revivals. We did this in the small town of Ipswich. (population of approximately 900) We traveled the days before and each day that week knocking on every door in town and even stopping in to the businesses along the main road. We even went to the courthouse and the municipal buildings! The goal for the week was to find every opportunity to share the gospel and invite the people of the town to a revival in the park.

I must say, things are not what they seem! As we went through the town, there were three main churches that were claimed, Holy Cross Catholic, United Church of Christ (congragational assembly) and the First Baptist Church. In speaking to these folks about their church, I was amazed with the current conditions of worship and lack of ministerial leadership. I was surprised that the First Baptist Church had an Assembly of God pastor, and the UCC had been without a pastor for some time because of the Covid. None of the pastors lived in the area, they all drove in from over an hour away. There was no community outreach for the sake of the gospel and the majority of the town that we did get to have conversations with, had no affiliation with any church or faith. What we were doing there in sharing the gospel was so foreign to them.

We had a good week of revival and singing in the park and had several people come from Ipswich, multiple nights. Bro. Neil Hannahs and his church, Northern Plains Baptist Church, came out several nights as well and also their youth group. They allowed us to use some chairs and supplies for the week and were a great encouragement to us.

I have meditated on the week of events since this summer and cannot escape the huge void in that town. It is void of the gospel, and the presence of clear Bible preaching and teaching. It is void of committed pastors and laymen to proclaim Christ to its citizens. We could realistically say, the light in this town is very dim.

After that week and then hearing of the Bible studies that ensued, I realized the major importance of the ministry Bro. Benji has been called to establish. The missionary work it will take to reach these towns will be no small feat! As we endeavor to get this ministry off the ground, organized and functional there are some things we will need help with. I am amazed at what the Lord has already supplied and am excited to see what he will do going forward!

I do have one particular need I would like present to the churches that I hope together we can provide for the ministry. The Beaudoin's van is going to need to be replaced in the near future for pulling the tent trailer (which God already provided) and picking people up for the meetings. We have started a van fund to begin saving so that we can purchase a van without having to go into debt. A good newer used van with towing capacity will be in the \$25,000 range. Please consider giving towards this so that next summer we can have it in place for the weekly revivals. If you have any questions, please call me and I would be glad to discuss any aspect of this ministry! God Bless each of you and thank you for your support of Bro Benji and the Charity Faith Ministries. -----Bro. Jeff.