

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

3/5/2021

Dear Praying Friends,

This letter is coming a little later than normal. We wanted to wait until Josiah was able to see a doctor before sending out the letter so that we could get you to pray for him and the direction we would like for you to pray. A couple months ago we noticed that Josiah, our 4 year old, started losing hair on one spot of his head. That one spot has increased to multiple spots and he has even lost his eye brows. We went to the doctor today to see if they could pinpoint what might be causing his hair loss. They are checking to see if his thyroid is the problem. If they rule out the thyroid then they will send him to a dermatologist for further analysis. We do know that Alopecia, the scientific name for hair loss/baldness, has a higher incident rate in people with down syndrome. Please keep him in your prayers as the doctors try to determine the cause.

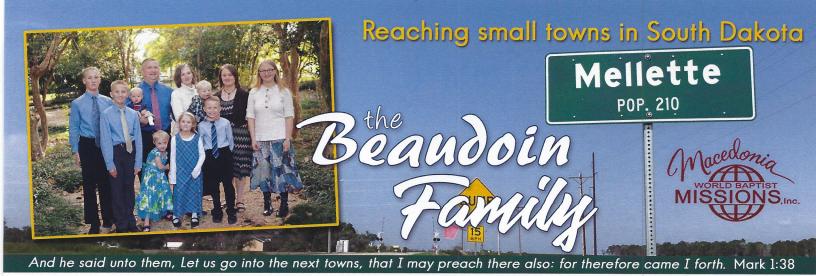
So far 2021 has seemed a bit like 2020 part 2. We have continued to see meetings cancelled due to covid and even watched annual events be called off for a second year in a row. I had to quarantine for 10 days in January because of being in close contact to someone who tested positive the day after I visited them. I ended up testing positive for Influenza but not Covid. We do have a few meetings still scheduled this spring but our plan is to put our focus on getting things prepped and ready for the summer then hit the road again in August to continue raising support.

However, where we have seen the obstacles continue due to COVID we have also seen the LORD's faithfulness to provide and His promise to answer prayers. Here are just a few of the things he has done:

1. He has completely provided the funds for our ministry tent which is on order and should be delivered by the end of March. It is 20x40 and should seat 80 people comfortably. This tent size is perfect for our summer ministry to the small towns. He had already provided the 16ft Trailer to put it in and the chairs to put under it.

2. We have groups coming to help us for 3 of the 4 Tent Revivals and VBS planned this summer. Its exciting to watch as the LORD has put it in the hearts of these people to come up for a week or more to help us reach the small towns in South Dakota. Please pray that the LORD will direct us to which towns to have these meetings in. It is a hard decision when you have hundreds of towns to choose from.

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3. We have over \$9,000 of the \$20,000 we are trying to raise for a 15 passenger van. My pastor has put some requirements on the van that we purchase in the hopes that it will last several years in the ministry and not leave us stranded in the middle of nowhere. I appreciate our Pastor's concern for our well being. Please pray that we can get the remainder of the money we need by May so that we will have the van for the summer.

4. The LORD has also provided for our every need on the home front. Even though deputation has been very sporadic since last year, we have have not missed a payment on a single bill. We are always amazed when we look how the LORD has provided for us each and every month.

This of course is just a small sampling of the many things the LORD has done and is doing in our ministry and family. Please continue to pray for us and our ministry in South Dakota.

We appreciate your prayers and look forward to what the LORD will do this year in South Dakota.

In Christ,

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