April 12th, 2022

Dear Praying Friends,

I am excited to be able to share some of what has been taking place in our life and ministry the past few months.

Blessed Beyond Measure

On March 30th Leah and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. We took our anniversary trip in February because of scheduling conflicts during March. While the kids stayed in various places, Leah and I spent 3 weeks out on the road with no kids. We spent a few days in Tennessee, then a weekend at a church in Kentucky and then spent 2 weeks in Florida. We had a wonderful time together and were reminded that when all the kids finally leave the house, which won't be until at least 2040, we will still enjoy each others company. I can also say that it was a very good investment for our marriage because the benefits far out weighed the cost.

In my last letter we mentioned a need for a wood pellet stove. Within just a short time of the letter going out we received the finances to purchase the stove along with the pellets. I was able to install it and after a full month of use our electric usage had been cut in half compared to the same month last year. This is a blessing because it not only will help cut our electric bill but will also keep our house warmer. Those \$500+ electric bills were having the thermostat set at 68 but the stove set on low is keeping the house around 72. Thank you for your prayers and for those who gave.

Also, in the last couple of months we have had more churches take us on for monthly support. This brings us closer to being able to expand the ministry beyond the summer tent ministry. Please be in prayer as I work on scheduling meetings for the fall and next winter into the spring. It is our hope that during those months we will be able to increase our monthly support to above 80% and begin bible studies in some towns beginning next fall.

God giveth the increase

A couple of weeks ago I received a phone call from a gentleman who had come to one of our meetings while I was still the pastor in Faulkton, SD, this would have been in 2017. He told me that a two years ago, 2020 he got a hold of a King James Bible, started reading it and got saved.

I was really excited because it is a reminder of I Corinthians 3:6-8

- 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
- 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.
- 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

Sometimes we labour diligently but don't see any fruit from our labour and get discouraged. Yet we must realize that our job is the planting and the watering and the results are up to God. Our reward comes from our labor which is planting and watering not from the increase/result which is Gods doing. We must therefore be faithful in our labors regardless of the results because we will not see the full impact of our ministry until we are rewarded at the Judgement seat of Christ.

Prayer Requests

In just six weeks our summer ministry will be in full swing again. This year we have tent meetings scheduled in Faulkton, Newell and Winner but are still praying about where to hold 3 other tent meetings. Please help us pray about which additional towns we should choose.

Also, continue in prayer concerning a vehicle to replace my Toyota Sienna which just surpassed 350,000 miles. It has been a very dependable van and we would like to replace it with something similar though we have considered purchasing a second Ford Transit which would benefit us during the summer and give me more space when using the van as a place to sleep on long trips. I've already spent more nights sleeping in the van than I have sleeping in my own bed this year. We currently have \$1500 saved up for its replacement but want to have at least \$5,000 to put down before moving forward with the purchase.

The family is all doing well but we do ask that you pray specifically for Mercy. Mercy is 18 months old and walking everywhere. However, we recently took her to the doctor because when she walks her feet are turned inward. The doctor wants her to see a physical therapist to see if they can correct the issue. If not they may need to take a more aggressive approach.

We appreciate all your prayers and support and look forward to hearing from y'all soon.

In Christ

Benji Beaudoin