

The Howard Family

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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO UTAH AND THE SOUTHWEST

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

August 2022 Prayer Letter

Joshua 1:9 "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

It is often easy to look at the challenges ahead of us and begin to be fearful and discouraged. But I am so thankful that God has given us the promise that He will be with us as we follow His commands. We can see a similar charge in **Matthew 28:20 "...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."** When we follow His command, we have nothing to fear, He is with us!

What Has Happened:

July was a wonderful and busy month! Last year, when we set our moving date for August 1, we knew that July needed to be a down month so that we could get things in order and prepare for the move. Well, things rarely go as planned, but we have enjoyed everything we have been able to be a part of this past month.

First, we had very few meetings during the month of July (this was planned). The meetings that we did have were great, and we praise the Lord for allowing us to make some new friends right before our departure. Cash, Carter, and I were able to attend youth camp with our home church a few weeks ago. This was a first for both boys, and they loved it! The theme of our camp this year was "Courageous for Christ" using the book of Joshua. I had the opportunity to preach to the kids from Joshua 6 on one of the evening services. The following week, we went into vacation Bible school at our home church. The greatest blessing from those two weeks was seeing 7 young people call upon the name of Christ to save them!!

Finally, we ended the month of July by spending the last few services with our church family. July 31 was our last day in Georgia and at our home church. My pastor asked me to preach that final Sunday morning service and that evening they gave us a great Send-off Commissioning Service. It was humbling to have some great friends that we have made along the way come out for the service as well. We had an amazing evening of fellowship, and my pastor challenged us from 2 Timothy 2 before they laid hands on us to send us out. I am thankful for a strong core of men, and women for April, that we can lean on. The following morning, August 1, we set out for Utah! Two and one half years after beginning the ministry of deputation, as I type this letter, we are now on our way to our new home and city where we will strive to make Christ known.

What's Next:

We plan to arrive in St. George, UT on Friday, August 5. We will be arriving with a group from Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, TX who will be assisting us as we unload our Uhaul and get moved in. We will also be taking this opportunity to show them around the city and conduct a short Missions Trip for the group coming. We pray that their heart is affected by the lost condition of this city. April's parents and our niece are also making this trip with us and will spend a week helping us get settled in and seeing where we will be living. We are excited about what the Lord has planned for St. George, UT, Southern Utah, and the Southwestern United States!

Praises:

1. Carter called on the Lord to save him in December. On July 17, he was able to be baptized by our pastor before we left for Utah.
2. Six new churches notified us that they would be partnering with us to reach Utah with the Gospel.
3. I celebrated my 39th birthday on the 11th.

Prayer Requests:

1. Would you pray that God would work in hearts during our one-day mission trip?
2. Would you help us pray for comfort as our family flies back to Georgia on August 11?
3. Would you help us pray that the Lord will allow us, especially the boys, find comfort during the early days of this transition?

For Souls,
The Howard Family
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