

The Howard Family

Rickey • April • Cash • Carter



CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO UTAH AND THE SOUTHWEST

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

September 2022 Prayer Letter

Proverbs 25:14, "Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain."

It is currently monsoon season here in the southwest, desert region. Day after day we watch as storm clouds roll over the mountains. We listen to the thunder roll through the valleys. And we watch the clouds open and release heavy downpours out on the horizon. As we watch what is happening out on the horizon, we sit and hope for just a little bit of that rain here in town. But those clouds and winds pass right above us without a drop falling. This reminds me of the false gospel that is being preached in this area. The propagators of this hopeless religion seems to come with gifts of hope and blessings, but at the end of the day the people are left as dry as the desert sands. Would you pray as we seek to shine forth the Gospel light and bring hope to this city?

What's Happened:

WE HAVE ARRIVED!! We were blessed to have a group from Trinity Baptist of Big Spring, TX come with us to help unload and get things put away as we arrived. We also had the opportunity to host a "mini mission trip" with them. We visited four of the key LDS historic sites here in St. George, and everyone was able to get a glimpse into the teachings of the Mormon religion. It was moving to hear how that day worked in the hearts of each person in the group.

We have now been here for a month and have been busy getting settled in and assimilating to the city and culture. Life here is very different than it was in GA. We have found that there are times of the day that are not conducive to outdoor activity during the summer months, and there are times of the day when you don't want to be driving around because of traffic. We are slowly getting a routine. Cash and Carter have made some friends that live on our street and are enjoying having one of the city parks directly behind our house.

April and I both have had the opportunity to talk with numerous people about why we are here and had many opportunities to share the Gospel. The day we arrived I was able to meet our neighbors and tell them about our ministry. They showed interest, and we have since had them over for dinner, and I was able to talk with the husband about doing a Bible study. This week I will be meeting with another gentleman who has roots in South Carolina. We talked on the phone about getting a church started and the great need for the Gospel in this city. He has lived here since 2014 and is excited to be a part of a church plant. I will be talking to him about discipleship to begin with.

Our first few Sundays were spent at Bible Baptist Church of Fillmore, UT where Bro. Ryan Davis is the Pastor. Bro. Ryan asked me to fill the pulpit for him while he was back east to be married. It was a joy to fill in for him and to get to know the sweet people he has the privilege of serving there. For now, we will be attending most church services with Mountain View Baptist Church in Cedar City, UT. We have had the opportunity to get to know the wonderful people there over the past few years. It is a joy to see how the Lord is growing His church in Cedar City!

Praises:

1. Two men to possibly begin Bible studies with.
2. We are getting settled and developing routines.
3. Many opportunities to share the Gospel.

Prayer Requests:

1. Our neighbors
2. Frank
3. Scott (an agnostic Mormon I had the opportunity to witness to)

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support as we seek to reach this city for Christ!

For Souls,
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