

# The Howard Family

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## CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO UTAH AND THE SOUTHWEST

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

**Matthew 16:18** “...and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

What an amazing thing it is that we get to be a part of what the Lord wants to do in the lives of man! I cannot believe that He allows me to be a part of His work. But, at the end of the day, I am glad that He is the one who will build His church. It is our responsibility to be willing and obedient servants for the Lord to use.

### What's Happened:

We began the year with a lot of work ahead of us. We had 10,000 invites/door hangers that needed to get into the community. With much help from fellow church planters and a missionary that we met at the beginning of the year, we were able to canvass a solid square mile radius around the church and the area around our home. We were also able to use the Every Door Direct Mail to reach another 9,800 homes the week before the launch service.

On January 29, we held our Launch Service for Solid Rock Baptist Church. We want to thank everyone who helped us with funds for construction, printing, mailing, etc.; and those who prayed for us as we prepared for the launch. On the morning of the launch, we had 32 people in the church. It was an exciting day as we welcomed new faces and had the opportunity to preach the Gospel to many lost souls. April is also holding a Ladies' Bible Study on Sunday evenings. Our hopes are that we can help bring these people to the Lord, help them grow in His Word, and allow Him to use them for His glory.

On February 1, we had our first midweek Bible Study. We have decided to split up adults (13 and older), and children (12 and under) on Wednesday evenings. Our first midweek meeting was well attended with 7 adults and 6 children. We are looking forward to seeing how the Lord grows His church here in St. George, UT.

### What's Next:

As we settle into our new normal, we are looking forward to a few upcoming visits. The first week of March, we will host the senior class from PCS in Calhoun, GA. This will be a great time with a group of folks that are like family to us; and one young man is from our home church! We also have some folks who will be coming out in April and in June. As we pray for laborers for the harvest here in Southern Utah and the Western U.S., we welcome those who will come and see the great need for Bible believing, Independent Baptist Churches.

### Praises:

- Carl called on the Lord to save him!
- Great Launch Service
- Many visitors from mailouts and door hangers

### Prayer Requests:

- More to be involved in the meetings of the church
- Outreach efforts
- Our family to grow closer and stronger

For Souls,  
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