

The Howard Family

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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO UTAH AND THE SOUTHWEST

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

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2 Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us..."

One of the most difficult things for a person to do is to give themselves to shame and denial. Yet, this is exactly what we, as Christians, are called to do; take a message to people who don't want to hear it. Why do we continue to do it? Because of the love of Christ that we have realized! We do what we do, because He loved us, and the fact that He loves them too.

What's Happened:

Over the past few months, we have seen several first-time guests, and praise the Lord, a few have become regular attendees. We want to praise the Lord that our weekly attendance has remained steady. We started an outreach program in the month of May. We began with a class on a Sunday afternoon to go over the Biblical mandate and personal etiquette of going door to door. We have been blessed to have some groups and individuals come out to help us and to encourage us as well. With our monthly outreach days and the help of these groups, we have been able to get a lot of material out over the past few months. I have been preaching through the Book of Ephesians on Sunday mornings. Throughout our study, we have seen growth in the lives of some of our people. The theme that we have been following is Victory. Our Wednesday evening service has been great, and we are starting to see a little growth there as well. We are currently doing an Old Testament survey on Wednesday evenings.

April's brother and sister-in-law were able to come spend a week with us in May, and their fellowship was a huge encouragement to us. I was able to complete Bible college, with my bachelor's degree of Theology with a major in Missions, in June. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Bible college and will miss these studies, but I am also thankful to be finished, as it was a big commitment of my time.

Somerville Baptist Church used their annual mission trip to come help us with outreach and to see the need here in Southern Utah. We gave out bags with church invites and John and Romans. We canvassed a park and area around a very large farmers market that takes place downtown every Saturday. This was a very eye-opening experience for everyone. We were mostly met with kindness, but everyone had stories of the hardheartedness of some of the people they encountered. I took the opportunity to remind everyone that it is not us they despise, it is the Lord and truth.

We were able to make the trip to Mt. Logan Baptist Church in Logan, Utah, for their annual Vision Week conference. This was a great time of fellowship, learning and refreshment for April and me. Pastor Kirkman allowed me to give an update and took up a generous offering to help us with some upcoming needs.

What's Coming Up:

We will be having our first Missions Day on July 16. This entire day will be dedicated to teaching Biblical principles of missions and missions giving. The month of August will be focused on the family. Our study through the Book of Ephesians will allow every Sunday morning message to be directed toward the family relationships. Our theme for the month of August will be "A Victorious Family." We are hoping to use this as an outreach tool as well. This is going to be the time of year when families are coming back together after summer breaks, vacations, and getting ready to get back to school.

Prayer Requests:

- That we would continue to see first time guests.
- Salvation for several of our regular attendees.
- Our young people
- Our family
- Our reach into the homeless community here

Praises:

- We were able to start our outreach program.
- Funds raised for upcoming projects.
- New regular attendees.

For Souls,
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