

## Pannell Family Missionaries to the Upper Midwest October 2023

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This summer brought a lot of changed plans for us. After much prayer, we decided to cancel our tent meeting. We had many different factors that played into this decision, and it brought much peace to our family and church.

The missions help family that was staying with us left early to accept a full time ministry position, which left our new RV hookups open, and we were able to host the tent team and all of their rigs when they traveled north to Minnesota, as well as on their return trip back south. This is the beauty of being based in Sioux Falls: the two major interstates that access the upper Midwest intersect in Sioux Falls. We sit at the gateway to the upper Midwest. We have the opportunity to minister to many preachers, missionaries, and teams headed out West as they pass through our city. This summer already, we have worked on several trucks, a few cars, campers and RVs-most of them for missionaries headed out West! They were already passing through Sioux Falls, which gave them the added convenience of fellowship and mechanical repairs, all in one.

We've continued our discipleship class on a weekly basis, and we can see that it is having an impact on many of the attendees. The men's class has 8 in regular attendance, and the ladies' class grew to 11 in regular attendance. Kim and I were able to lead the men and women through the Bible and show them basic Bible doctrines as well as practical lifestyle applications for the Christian life. We covered things like worship, prayer, fellowship, witnessing and how to study, meditate on and share scripture. We completed our final discipleship class and began our Wednesday evening service last week. Wednesday's will include a kids' Bible club too.

Just a few weeks ago, our Sunday service was filled with testifying, and I believe it was a new experience for a lot of the people in attendance. It was a sweet time with the Lord and a welcome opportunity to worship together. Many admitted to being lost but refused to place their faith in Christ. Continue to pray for these lost souls in our congregation. The following Sunday, the children had the opportunity to share what they've been learning in their Sunday school class. A group of about 10 children stood before the church and recited scripture. Altogether they have learned 10 Bible verses and the books of the Bible!

It's almost time for winter here in South Dakota. We've got temperatures in the twenties with snow forecasted for next week, and it's time to prepare the snow blowers and plow. We don't know what to expect this year, as the previous two winters were polar opposites. Our first winter was mild, with very little snow. Last year was non-stop blizzards, 6 months of snow, and temperatures below -40. Hopefully, this year is somewhere in between, so we are able to continue outreach and not have to cancel too many things. We will start to unpack all of our winter clothes soon and prepare our house and vehicles for the cold.

The cold weather brings with it both physical, emotional and spiritual ailments; pray for us to use all of those as an opportunity to witness.

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