



# *the Pannell Family*

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Happy Spring from South Dakota. The tail end of winter is giving us a bit of crazy weather. But we are glad to say it's spring time, finally! The winter months can be so difficult to get through, both physically and mentally. Longer days, sunshine, and being able to get out of the house have helped all of us to feel much better.

The past year we have seen several saved here in Sioux Falls, and we were able to baptize 4 on Resurrection Sunday. With those new families added to the church, we are in need of more space as soon as possible.

We have surpassed 50 people in regular attendance, and we consistently have visitors. With just over 50 seats in the sanctuary, Kim and the kids are either holding a Children's Church during service to utilize the space in our classroom or having to sit in the foyer of the church building. This past Sunday we were overflowing and had 2 families out with sickness. I am so thankful to be bursting at the seams, but we need more space!

We are still looking for a new church property. I have taken the men of the church to look at 2 different daycare buildings that have become available as well as a storefront that was previously a church. So far, each location has been very small or way over our budget. Another option we are considering is to lease or purchase a modular unit to renovate into classrooms, which would allow us to remove the walls in the building to create additional space. Please continue to pray for this need. A contractor told me that building a new building right now would cost at least double what it would cost to buy a pre-existing building of the same size; so I am not quite ready to look at building a brand new location.

Our congregation is growing in number, but we are also seeing spiritual growth! We have started an outreach and had others help. Our Bible Club on Wednesday evenings has seen around 15 children memorize songs, hymns and scripture. Many Biblical questions have been asked and answered and people are opening up to us more and more.

Another exciting update is that our family has moved to a new house. We were able to find a rental just outside of Sioux Falls that gives us easy and quick access to the city, but also gives the kids some space to get outside. It has been a busy couple of months getting moved and settled, but we are finally getting back into a regular routine. Kim and the ladies of the church have been working to plan a baby shower for a young mom in the church, and we are excited to host it in our home. We have found that relationships are easier to build when we invite people to spend time in our home and show them hospitality.

In addition to visitors and lots of new babies, we also have missionaries coming by regularly to present their ministries. It has been exciting to see our church get excited about and give towards missions. Our RV hookup has also been used by missionaries lately- thank you to all who gave toward putting that in. It has been a blessing! As a side note, these hookups may provide an easy way for us to put in a modular classroom outside with a simple plugin to run the electricity! We will see what the Lord has in store for that situation.

About a year and a half ago, I was given a pickup truck from another missionary to use personally and in the ministry. This truck is a 2005 Ram 2500 (diesel). It's currently in need of a new engine for the truck. I can rebuild the engine myself, but the cost is around \$4000. A new engine would be closer to \$10k. New vehicles today have skyrocketed; so we have opted to repair the truck instead of replacing the truck. Please help us pray and consider giving to this as it's our only truck.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- We need more space for our growing church
- \$4000 for rebuilding the engine in our truck

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