

The Howard Family

Rickey • April • Cash • Carter



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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

What's Happened:

The first week of March is always a very busy time for our family. April and I celebrated 18 years of marriage on March 3rd. I can't speak for April, but these have definitely been the best 18 years of my life! Cash turned 14 on March 5th. I cannot believe that little, blonde-haired boy is already 14 years old. He is a wonderful young man, and I pray that he allows the Lord to use his life for His glory. Carter had to have a surgery at the end of April to correct a nerve entrapment syndrome that he had been dealing with for several months. It was causing him chronic pain in his stomach and problems eating. He has recovered well and is in much better spirits since the procedure.

On February 2, we had our first service for Solid Rock Baptist Church of Mesquite, NV. We have now had three solid months of services there. Over those three months, we have seen a good number of people come by to check out the church, but the encouraging thing is that we have a solid number of faithful people who have been coming week after week. We are still working to figure out all of the logistics of running both churches, especially when there are special days and holidays. So far, everything is coming together great. We recently announced a need for a small, enclosed trailer to help transport material to and from the church in Mesquite. I want to praise the Lord for providing that for us. This has already turned out to be a very useful tool for us. Not only is it freeing up space in our van for more people to go with us on Sunday afternoons, but it is also preserving the interior of our van.

During March, we had the opportunity to attend a Mission Conference in the Fort Worth, TX area. This was a wonderful time of refreshing for our family. We praise the Lord for another church partnering with us as well.

Carter has expressed great interest for the ministry for some time now. We have been reading and studying the Bible together as he has been wanting to prepare a message/devotion for a Wednesday night. It was a great blessing to hear him expound on Romans 5:1 and "Knowing the Peace of God."

On April 3, we got to celebrate April's birthday! We enjoy celebrating birthdays because it gives us a great excuse to have a "Family Day!" The Saturday before Easter, we were able to have a small event in a local park. We had 55 people attend this event, the majority being guests and visitors. We had a great time serving all these families and enjoyed the fellowship. I was able to take a moment and preach the Gospel to a park full of people before we gathered to eat!

Praises:

1. 18 Years of marriage!
2. Great start to the church plant in Mesquite, NV.
3. We were able to get the enclosed trailer for the Mesquite church plant.
4. Rickey's mom trusted Christ for salvation!!

Prayer Requests:

1. We recently found out that my mother (Donna Young) has stage 4 cancer in several of her organs and bones. We ask that everyone please help us pray for God's will in this situation, but most of all, that more of my family would be saved through this.
2. With the addition of a second church plant, we have a need for additional monthly support. If your church does not currently support our ministry, would you prayerfully consider adding the Howard Family to Utah and the Southwest U.S. to your missions outreach?

For Souls,

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