

Dear Praying Friends,

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Here is just a small sample of what God is doing and how He is leading us in South Dakota.

4 evangelistic meetings in 5 weeks - The LORD led me to do our summer ministry a bit different this year. Instead of putting the tent up we decided to have open air meetings. We would either use a canopy or park pavilion, and in one town, we just put out a pulpit and preached. Another thing we did differently was that instead of renting an Air B&B for the week which normally costs \$150 per night we camped out. For 2 weeks we slept in a tent at a state park, and for 2 weeks we slept in a cabin at a campground where I have gotten to know the owner well, and he only charged us ½ price. In total, our cost for housing this summer came to \$605 dollars which is next to nothing compared to the \$3,000 we spent last year. I see this as the way we will do things in the future as it is much cheaper although we will put up the tent in some towns if the LORD leads us in that direction. Though our main emphasis in these meetings is the preaching of the Gospel to the lost, this year most of those who came out to hear the preaching were believers who were thankful for the encouragement. In the town of Centerville, a man came that said we were an answer to his prayers because he has been praying for several years about reaching his town for Christ.

The Rushmore project- For several years I have been praying about doing ministry at Mount Rushmore, the mountain with the 4 Presidents carved into it. Just inside the entrance of Mount Rushmore there is a first amendment rights area where you can exercise these rights. What I am wanting to do is to put a packet of information together that would have a tract, John and Romans, a booklet about the Christian beliefs of our founding fathers and the need to return to Christian principles. This would also include a way to find a church where they live so they could follow up in case they have more questions. Please pray that I will be able to obtain the necessary items for the packet.

"Oh Deer, I hit another one"- For the first 10 years we lived in South Dakota there were several instances where I "almost" hit a deer as it crossed the road, but I had not yet hit a deer. However, I just recently hit my second deer in less than a year. I was on my way to church on a Sunday morning driving near Rapid City when a deer crossed the road and hit the driver side of my van. It did a small amount of damage to the door, bumper and fascia along the side that will need to be replaced.

Update on Josiah - A couple of years ago we mentioned that Josiah was diagnosed with Alopecia which is the losing of his hair. He had lost every bit of hair over his entire body. Many of you, especially Bro. Crews in Jacksonville, had been praying for him about this. In recent months, Josiah's hair has begun to return. Right now, he has about 75% coverage on his head which just a few months ago was as smooth as a bowling ball. Please continue to pray that his hair will regrow and that the new growth does not fall out. It would be nice to buy him a brush for his birthday in December.

In Christ Benji Beaudoin