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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

December 2025

We hope and pray that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you enjoy a Merry Christmas season!

## What's Happened:

We have had an amazing start to the fall season! Washington County, Utah is full of activities, festivals, and conventions year-round, but this time of year gives us especially great opportunities to get the Gospel into the hands of many people.

Soon after returning to Utah following my mom's funeral, we began preparing for the local "Swiss Days" parade. We packed 1,100 packets with candy and Gospel material, secured our place in the procession, and tossed these packets into the crowd. However, we greatly underestimated the number of people attending. Next year we plan to pack up to **10,000** bags for this outreach.

October has proven to be our greatest face-to-face opportunity with a large number of people. Our local library, just a few blocks from our church, hosts an annual fall festival, and this year marked our third year of participation. We were able to place nearly **800** Gospel packets into the hands of children and their parents. More importantly, we were able to talk with many of them about our Wednesday evening youth service, which we launched in August.

I have also been going with one of our men to the campus of Utah Tech University to hand out tracts, have conversations, and invite students to study the Bible. We have had some great conversations and met some very interesting young people. Please pray with us that God will give fruit from these efforts.

## **Building Update:**

In our last letter, I mentioned the opportunity to move into the unit next door. Over the past few months, we have finalized plans, and the work to transition into the new space began at the end of November. We have already moved out of the old unit and, Lord willing, will be fully set up in the new unit within a few days of writing this letter. Our people are very excited about this move and the potential it gives us to expand the ministries we are able to offer.

## Praises:

- 1. Nearly **2,000** Gospel packets have been distributed over the past two months.
- 2. A new family has been faithfully attending for the past two months.
- 3. Work has begun to move us into the new unit.

For Souls,

Richard L. Howard

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## Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for a smooth transition into the new unit.
- 2. Pray for the salvation of two young ladies, **Marina and Sabrina**.
- 3. Carter's eye doctor found a condition (Pterygium) in one of his eyes. He is being treated with very strong eye drops. Please pray that the growth slows or stops completely before reaching his retina and pray for wisdom regarding future treatment. The eye drops are very expensive and not covered by insurance.



