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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO UTAH AND THE SOUTHWEST

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

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What's Happened:

In June, we were able to fly to Georgia and attend Refresh Week with our mission board, Macedonia World Baptist Missions. We had a wonderful time at the home office seeing friends we rarely get to see and connecting with new missionaries we had not met before. We are thankful for the fellowship and encouragement the Lord gave us during that meeting.

While we were in Georgia, we had the privilege of being with April's family at her brother's church for Father's Day. I was also able to preach at our home church that evening. I am thankful for the influence, love, and fellowship of both churches. My pastor and my brother-in-law are our biggest encouragers in the ministry, and we are so thankful for them.

In July, I celebrated my 43rd birthday. We were able to take a day and spend time as a family; that's all I could ever ask for! July can be a slow month for our ministry, but it was a great time for us to get a head start on preparing for upcoming events. We began preparing for our annual Back 2 School Bash, a local parade, and even getting things ready for the fall season.

The first week of August was especially busy. We celebrated Carter's eleventh birthday as a family. He wanted to spend an afternoon at a local "fun center" where we raced go carts and played arcade games. It's hard to believe how quickly kids grow up; it's a harsh reminder of how brief life really is. We are very proud of the young man he is becoming! That week we also celebrated **four years** since the Lord allowed us to move to St. George. It's hard to believe we have already been here that long. On August 8, we held our Back 2 School Bash in the park. More than **125** people attended! We enjoyed food, shaved ice, games, and, to top it all off, a snowball fight. One of our men shared the Gospel message with everyone just before we raffled off a new scooter. We are praying that the seed of the Gospel was planted and that the Lord will use this event to help us grow our Wednesday evening youth ministry and bus ministry.

What's Coming:

We are entering a season with many opportunities to reach people in our area with the Gospel. In September, our community will hold its annual Swiss Days festival and parade. We are preparing more than **5,000** Gospel and candy packets to hand out along the parade route. There are also several other local events taking place over the next few months that will provide opportunities to meet people and share the Gospel. Also, with school back in session, I will be back to canvassing at Utah Tech University on Wednesdays. My goal is to share the Gospel with individuals and hopefully find some young men and women who are willing to study the Bible with April and me.

Please pray for laborers to help us with these outreach efforts. Pray that the Lord will give us wisdom, strength, and open doors as we labor to get the Gospel into this area.

Please also pray for St. George and the surrounding communities. This has been a very dry year, and the wildfires have been menacing. Help us pray for cooler temperatures and much needed rain.

Praises:

- A profitable and encouraging Refresh Week
- Opportunities to preach in Georgia
- More than 125 people attending the Back 2 School Bash
- Four years since moving to St. George

Prayer Requests:

- Growth in our Wednesday evening youth ministry and bus ministry
- Laborers to help with upcoming outreach events
- Cooler temperatures and rain
- Utah Tech outreach

For Souls,
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