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End of Year 2023

Michelle and I just want to say thank you to everyone who has so faithfully prayed for our family and the ministry here in Welch! We are so very thankful to each of you who not only prays for but supports the ministry here. So many of you have recently sent texts or emails checking in with us and we appreciate it so very much. We are so very thankful the Lord allows us to serve Him here in Welch. It has been challenging and difficult at times, but the Lord is always faithful and we love serving Him.

In our last letter we asked you to pray about upcoming events we were having. We ended 2023 on a high note here at Living Hope. Each year several of our supporting churches help us to put on a Christmas Backpack giveaway. This year we approached 3 of our elementary schools in our area to invite kids and their families to come have a meal, Christmas Service, Christmas gift and backpack full of food for each child that attends. This year we had a total of 118 people in two different services and saw 20 professions of faith! Many people were weeping as they trusted in Christ as their Savior! Praise the Lord for His Goodness!

The following Thursday we had our youth Christmas party. One of the families that attended the backpack giveaway, their entire family came to the youth party. That evening along with them we had 3 other first time youth visitors and one of them got saved! On Christmas Eve Sunday we had our service along with our church Christmas dinner. We had 5 first time visitors that morning and two of them were saved! We are so excited to see these new people come and many decisions for Christ. Would you pray with us that we could encourage them to continue to come to church and disciple them to grow in Christ!

Please continue to pray for our family, especially our daughter. As you know she is special needs and has many different health concerns. She recently has been battling health issues. We were able to see a specialist and are awaiting some test results to see our next step. Would you pray for clear direction and answers.

We are starting the year off with our winter revival later this month! Please pray with us for folks to come and get on fire for the Lord!

We are also working on our calendar for 2024. Over the past few years we have had different churches approach us about doing a Vacation Bible School here at the church. If you are interested in helping with this project in 2024 please contact us so we can get it scheduled on the calendar and begin making plans.

Thank you again for all you do for our church and the ministry here! We are truly blessed!

In Christ,

Pastor Mike Blake

Phil 4:13

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