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## November and December 2021 Prayer Letter

Over the past few months, we have had some great growth among the folks here at the church. Following our back to school revival in October, we've seen a huge increase in our youth group. Due to the great number of teens we've had coming, we started an additional night each week. We now on Monday Nights have a teen group where we can focus on issues they are facing. Each week we've had over 12 teens come out on Mondays to be with us. On Thursday nights, it seems like each week we are having new kids come. This past Thursday it took both of our church vans, as well as two personal vehicles, to pick up all the young people that wanted to come! We had a record breaking 39 kids attend youth group! Many of the kids coming during the week, have asked about coming on Sunday as well. We have started running the van for all services in order to pick up the kids who want to come. Praise the Lord through all of this outreach we've seen 10 young people give their life to Christ in our services! Praise the Lord for His Goodness!

In December we did a Backpack giveaway. Maranatha Baptist, Rich Creek Baptist, and Teays Valley Baptist along with many others partnered with us. We were able to hold it at the armory. We had pizza and snacks, and every child who came, received a backpack full of non-perishable goods as well as a Christmas gift. Evangelist Richard Harper came and preached for us and praise the Lord 28 people who accepted Christ as their Savior! We were able to get follow up information on each person, and after the holidays we plan on contacting them to try to disciple them and see them start to come to the church. Glory to God for His Goodness!

We've had another family that has started to attend our church on a regular basis. This brings us up to 7 families including our who call Living Hope Baptist Church their home. We are excited to see not only the physical growth but spiritual growth as people are coming and growing and desiring to serve.

With this growth, especially the increase in our youth we are running out of room. Our fellowship hall is small, and we fill it each week. Due to it being wintertime, we aren't able to play games outside and have limited space for activities and game time. If we had some type of gym or multipurpose building, we could use it not only for youth but many other outreaches. To our knowledge no church in our area has such a building. One of the things we would desire to do is have a basketball league as an outreach to the community. Obviously, this would be a HUGE undertaking. However, we know if this is the Lord's will that He is able to do exceedingly and abundantly. Would you pray with us for wisdom and that the Lord would provide a place for all the children who are coming?

We want to thank you all for your faithful prayers and support for the ministry here and our family! We hope that you and your families have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a little down time and special family time as we celebrate our Saviors Birth. Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

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