

The Howard Family

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CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO UTAH AND THE SOUTHWEST

October 2022 Prayer Letter

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Colossians 4:3, "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds."

What Has Happened:

September proved to be a positive and productive month for us. We have been able to develop some great relationships here in St. George thus far. Our neighbors have been our most constant opportunity to minister. April has been given the privilege of holding an after-school Bible study with their young daughter. We have also been able to give some Biblical counsel to the parents as well. We have also started going through a discipleship curriculum with another couple in town. They said they wanted to do it on Wednesday evening so that we could transition directly into a mid-week service once we get a place to meet! It is encouraging that others are wanting to see the Lord build His church in St. George, Utah.

We have been diligently working on getting things in order as we prepare to get a church started here. So far, we have been able to register the Solid Rock Baptist Church as a legal entity in the state of Utah, we have our federal ID number, we have business cards for both April and I, and we have set up a website (solidrockstg.com).

April went home to be with family the last week of the month after her grandmother, on her mom's side, went home to be with the Lord. She and Cash were able to catch a flight to be home to help her mom with the funeral and to be there with the family.

What's Next:

We are still in the process of trying to meet people and develop relationships. We are finding that there is a greater interest for "non-LDS" churches than we thought. Of course, that doesn't always translate into them joining up with us or lining up doctrinally. But it does give us opportunities to share the Gospel message. I have met a commercial real-estate agent who is keeping me informed on available buildings and storefronts. Most of what is available now is much larger than we need or can afford, but we know that God is able. I am hopeful that we can see some more interest in small group Bible studies or even another family who would be ready for discipleship.

In trying to get a foothold in the community, we signed the boys up for youth basketball. There's a shortage of people willing to coach; so I volunteered and will be coaching a 2nd grade basketball team for the next couple of months. This will be a great way to meet a lot of families with children the same age as ours and hopefully cultivate some new relationships.

Prayer Requests:

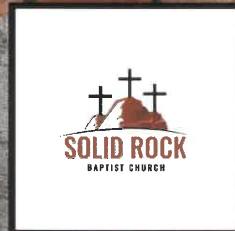
- A lady named Carrie and a gentleman named Scott for salvation.
- Open doors to share and preach the Gospel.
- Another family or two that we can begin a Bible study with.
- I, Rickey Howard, am not a fan of spiders, snakes, or scorpions!

The desert southwest is full of all three of these creatures, and we are already having to deal with them.

Praises:

- We are 2 weeks into discipleship with a family.
- We are seeing a lot of interest.
- Our family is growing closer every day.
- We were given a beautiful piano.

For Souls,
The Howard Family
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