

The Howard Family

Rickey • April • Cash • Carter



CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO UTAH AND THE SOUTHWEST

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

September 2023

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."

We want to thank you all for your continued prayers for the ministry here in St. George, UT. Would you please help us pray for more doors to open for us to be able to get the Gospel into this city?

Our Missions Day in July was a great success as we took on our first missionary! I took the opportunity to preach on "Grace Giving" and the local church's responsibility to get the Gospel to every creature. I was able to use our personal testimony of starting Solid Rock Baptist Church to illustrate how missions giving works. I was encouraged by the response of our core group.

A young man named Elijah met with me back in January and talked to me about the church. I didn't hear much from him until July when he wanted to meet up again. This time we discussed starting discipleship, and I asked him to share his testimony of salvation. Elijah then told me that although he had grown up in a Christian home, he was not saved. After taking him through the Bible, Elijah called on the Lord to save him!

During the month of August, I preached on the family relationship each Sunday morning from Ephesians 5:22-6:4. We were able to mail out 5,000 postcards and hand out 500 invite cards. I believe this series was very impactful for our group. Again, I was very encouraged as families gathered and prayed with one another. I really believe that the Lord worked in hearts and helped some who were struggling. We had a "Family Fun Fellowship" and took everyone for lunch and bowling. It was great watching people talk, laugh together, and get to know one another. We have been blessed to have several first-time visitors over the past few months as well. Most importantly, we have seen some of those visitors continue to come for numerous weeks.

Bro. Nathan Saunders and his family joined us the last week of August. Bro. Saunders is the Southwest Field Director for MWBM, making him our field director. I asked him to preach the final message of this series from Ephesians 6. He did a wonderful job encouraging and challenging both the parents and the children. We also had the opportunity to fellowship with the Saunders family. We really appreciate them taking the time to be with us and encourage us.

We had a few celebrations over the past couple of months. I celebrated my 40th birthday in July. In early August we celebrated Carter's 8th birthday and our first full year of living in St. George. April recently started back to school with Cash and Carter. Cash is starting 7th grade, and Carter is now in 3rd grade.

We Praise the Lord For:

- Elijah getting saved
- Strengthening families
- Opportunities to preach the Gospel

Would You Pray For:

- Mariah (Teenager in April's class, needs to be saved)
- Open doors for us to get the Gospel into schools, homeless community, colleges, etc.
- Our family

For Souls,
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