

The Howard Family

Rickey • April • Cash • Carter



September 2024

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

What's Happened:

Since our remodel in July, we have had a number of visitors come by. Some have come multiple times, some stopped in while on vacation, and others came by invitation from friends. The expansion has given us a total of 60 chairs. The added space makes it much more comfortable in our main area.

The last Sunday of July we had a baptism service for a lady who was saved back in March. This lady had grown up in the LDS (Mormon) religion, started attending Evangelical churches, and through her daughter and son in law, came to SRBC, heard the Gospel, and April was able to lead her to Christ. After the baptism service, her granddaughter went into the office with April and called on the Lord to save her. This little girl has been learning the Bible from April since we moved here. Her other grandmother lives across the street from us.

April has completed a youth discipleship program with four of our young people. It has been a blessing watching our young people grow in the Lord through this. I was asked to lead a portion of a funeral for the father of a man in our church. This is a Samoan family, and it was a privilege to be able to experience a funeral in their culture. But I am most thankful for the opportunity to share the Gospel in that environment! It is encouraging to know that his dad was saved and that I had full liberty to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with their family.

We experienced an extremely hot summer this year. The heat hinders our ability to go out and knock doors. Instead, I used that time as an opportunity to do soul winning and outreach classes. I believe this was a great help to our people. August was a lot of "getting back to normal." We were able to get back to our normal outreach routine. And we have seen a good number of first-time visitors at the church.

On August 3rd, Carter celebrated his ninth birthday. And on August 5th, we celebrated two years of living here in St. George. We have made that a special day for our family that we call "Utah Day," and we will celebrate it annually.

What's Coming Up:

We are excited about the fall season here. Many people get back to their normal schedules, and fewer people are traveling. I am starting a Teen Sunday School class and hope to use that to grow our reach to the young people. Hopefully, this will also help us to reach some young people to pick up on the van.

Brother Nathan Saunders, the Southwest Field Director for MWBM, and his family came out at the beginning of the month to preach for us. While they were here, we went down to Mesquite, NV to look for a meeting place for our next potential church plant. As I have mentioned before, we have two families driving up from that area for church, and we now see the need for a church to be started down there. We were able to find three potential places for this church plant.

Praises:

1. Morgan called on the Lord to save her!
2. The temperatures are down so that we can go door to door!
3. Morgan will be our tenth baptism this year!

Prayer Requests:

1. Potential meeting place for church plant in Mesquite, NV
2. Personal growth for those in our church
3. There are a few people attending that we know need to be saved

For Souls,

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