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Prayer Letter

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"As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him."

2 Samuel 22:31

These are proving to be interesting and challenging days for all of God's people. We thank God that we can fully trust Him in the most uncertain and unknown of times. It is with great peace that we come to you, knowing that God's way is perfect and that we have His word to look to and rely upon.

Thank you for all of the kind emails, cards and calls during this last month. God has used them to encourage our hearts greatly. Most know that my Dad went to heaven on October 8th. Jeremy and Melissa were married on the 11th and Dad's funeral was on the 14th. God's grace was sufficient for our every need. We found joy, comfort and peace in each of these situations. What a Great God!

Our new daughter-in-law, Melissa is a blessed gift from God and a real asset to complete and compliment Jeremy in the ministry God has called them to. The wedding was not only beautiful, but glorifying of God and challenging every married person to a renewed commitment to our mate and God.

Grace Baptist Church of Elko, Pastor Aaron Young, Daniel Parish, and our Executive board did a wonderful job during our annual fellowship meeting this year. I missed the meeting due to my Dad's illness, but heard wonderful reports of God's blessing. Dr. Will Senn and his wife Allissa, Rev. Ron Van Hee, and Rev. John Walker ministered the Word with the power of the Spirit of God to our mission family - thanks to each of them. The fellowship was sweet - as always and Grace Baptist went the extra mile to be a blessing to our missionaries. Thanks Pastor Young and Grace Baptist.

In the midst of all of these matters, God brought to our attention property that could be used as a training center and office. We are in the process of working with the city on a conditional use permit. **Please pray that God would reveal His will about this matter and supply the resources to make the purchase if that is His will.** The property is a large, 5000 square foot house with adequate space for housing, training and office space. The price is substantially lower than comparable properties and it would not require any major remodel. There are several areas that will need some minor renovation and modernization which we will

seek to do with the help of work teams. We will also need to raise some funds to furnish sleeping rooms and offices. We should have the city's decision within the next six weeks. Pray with us for this matter to be settled soon.

The greatest need of this hour is for mission pastors to fill pulpits throughout the West. I was with the Northern Plains Independent Baptist Fellowship for their fall fellowship meeting in Baker, Montana. What a great group of men and ministries. They have our same burden and vision of church planting for the Dakotas, Wyoming and Montana. Pastor Durfey and the good folks of First Baptist did a wonderful job of hosting the meetings.

We currently have four churches that are in need of a Pastor. I know of two other churches that are not under NBM that need pastors. **Please pray with me that God would raise up new laborers for this needy harvest field. These churches are in mission status and are not able to support a full time pastor.** Many of our men are now working part time jobs to offset costs. Costs of fuel and insurance have greatly impacted their budgets, as it has your own. **Maybe you would know of a retired Pastor who has social security and a heart to get back into the ministry; send me their name and I will contact them about a place that they could serve on an interim or permanent basis. These would also be great places for an assistant pastor that feels God is calling him to step out by faith and take leadership of one of God's churches.**

I would also like to rejoice in the many faithful servants who travel great distances to fill some of these pulpits and keep these works open. Winter will soon be upon us and travel throughout the West becomes perilous at times. These dear saints travel in peril to take the gospel to these remote outposts. **Pray for God's supply and safety for these families.**

The end of the year appears to be filled with wonderful opportunity and blessing. I will be holding special meetings at Victory Baptist in Montrose, Colorado with Pastor Jim Welch. Pastor Welch serves on our Executive board and has been a great blessing. The first of December we will celebrate the arrival of a new grandson and December 20 we will celebrate the marriage of our daughter, Kristina to Jarrod Murdock. These are days of wonderful blessing!

Pray for America! Thanks for your support and prayers! Remain vigilant - Jesus is coming again!

Rejoicing in God's goodness,

Ron and Kathy