



THE PARRS—WESTERN CHURCH PLANTING

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Dear praying friends,

Thanks for your continued prayers during the Summer months! We have now been in Anacortes for two years. Things are well, and we are striving to be faithful here in this needy town.

Praise the Lord about our website! A good friend gave me some help, and now we have sermons available. Now you can check up on me. Our website address is www.cornerstoneanacortes.org.

Please **keep praying** about our door-to-door ministry. I have yet to meet an unbeliever door-to-door who is interested in talking about spiritual things. There's some encouragement however. Toward the beginning of the year, we knocked on the door of a family looking for a Bible-believing church. They subsequently joined. They had been attending the American Baptist church in town, which had abolished its elder and deacon board and is running everything by committee. We're glad for people to leave unbiblical churches, but please pray we'll see more conversions to Christ.

In the last six months we welcomed two more families, which makes 10 families who have joined the membership. We have around 15 families who semi-regularly attend. Our largest Sunday morning was about a month ago with 64 people, but two weeks later we only had 30. I'm just thankful that the Lord is slowly adding to the ministry. **Please pray** that we will see more people in Anacortes come. Many in our church are traveling a long ways to go to church here. We are thankful to have them, but we also want to have more influence on our town.

We are still meeting at the Summit Park Grange building. It meets our needs at this point, and we are very thankful for the price: \$70 a Sunday. God has graciously provided for us. We have been meeting here for a year now. **Please pray** we'll be able to put some carpet in the foyer (it's a concrete slab now) and cut down on the noise coming from the cry room/nursery. It can be pretty noisy on Sunday morning when all the little ones decide to let 'er rip at once. Sometimes I'm amazed we can concentrate at all. We have the privilege of having many young couples with children, and sometimes we've got 5-6 kids under age 4 for a nursery worker to handle! **Pray for my wife who takes the brunt of this work month after month.** Also pray for her weekly discipleship Bible studies she does with ladies in the church.

I think one of the hardest things about ministry is worrying about people and their spiritual growth. **Please pray** we'll not fret and just pray for people.

Our support level stands at 95% still, though I haven't re-calculated for inflation since we moved here. Our economy leaves little room for stability, but we trust in God not the American dollar. Thank you for continuing to minister to us as we strive to preach the gospel. You all have been faithful, and some of you have gone above and beyond. All my hospital and doctor expenses (around \$3500) for baby Katherine were paid for by the gracious giving of the Lord's people. After the baby was born, we needed a van. A '97 Dodge Caravan in good condition for \$1000 came available. A couple days later, we got an anonymous gift of \$1000. **Praise the Lord:** he richly supplies our needs. By the way, we now have four pianists! God is good.

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Please pray:

- *For the visitation program to bear fruit*
- *For increased support. Our support level currently at 95%*
- *For more people to be saved*
- *"that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified" (2 Thess. 3:1)*
- *For the newly saved folks*
- *For some folks who attend and are considering joining*

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