



THE PARRS—WESTERN CHURCH PLANTING

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Dear praying friends,

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Please pray:

- *For the phone canvassing program to bear fruit*
- *For our church to grow*
- *For more people to be saved*
- *“that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified”*
- *For our housing needs*
- *For our teen Bible study and game night to continue to be effective*
- *For the one-on-one discipleship ministry that Tom is doing with some of the younger guys*

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Thanks for your prayers and your special thoughtfulness during the holiday season. We have received many kind tokens of your love, and we greatly appreciate it. We have a strong sense that you are behind our efforts, and that fact ministers to our hearts very often.

Cornerstone Baptist Church in Anacortes has now held services for six Sundays. Our first service went very well. We had 29 people in attendance, and I was able to visit or send letters to almost all of those who attended. A little girl about 7 or 8 years old was saved in junior church that Sunday. She told the teacher she was glad that her heart wasn't sinful. The teacher responded by saying "Well, have you ever told a lie?" The girl said "No." The teacher replied "Is that a lie?" Sheepishly, the girl said "Yes." The teacher led her to know the Lord. **Please pray** for more opportunities like this.

I was able to visit a gentleman (about 75 years old) who attended that first Sunday. He is retired and hurting due to a divorce he went through last year, and he really wanted to talk about spiritual things. During our conversation, he kept telling me that the words in the Bible mean only what we think they might mean and therefore we can't really understand it. All we can really understand is the meaning we read into the Bible. I mentioned to him that the Bible defines its own terms—that's why we study it carefully the way we do at our church. I was able to demonstrate to him that without the Bible all he has is man's various opinions and therefore he has no foundation on which to be certain of any truth claim. It was satisfying to watch that sink in. He didn't like my exhortation to be sure he has trusted Christ as Savior from his sins rather than just resent everyone else's sins against him. I haven't seen him back to church, but he did tell me he would read his Bible every day. Over all it was a remarkably frank but cordial conversation that nevertheless challenged some of his assumptions that were standing between him and the Lord.

Our Christmas Eve service had 33 people in attendance, though our numbers have been lower since then. I have more folks to visit who came on Christmas Eve for which I'm very thankful. I need to be out in the community. In addition to our five regular families, a new family has attended almost all of our services. **Please pray** that this new family would commit to our ministry. They are Christians who enjoy hearing the Word preached. They may be a good fit with our ministry.

Thanks for praying for our support level. It has gone up in the last six weeks. Another church and another individual family have chosen to support us. We praise God for how He is providing for our needs. **Please continue to pray** that our church will grow here in this needy town. Finally, **please pray** that the Lord would help us find housing that meets our needs. We had a rental, but our landlord is selling it and wants to break lease with us. We've found a suitable house but need to be able to get a loan in a very expensive market. We trust that God's work will not lack God's supply.

In Christ,
Tom Parr and family