

Greetings fellow Christians,

Here is a brief update on our mission trip, retelling the miracles of the Lord on this trip so far, and sharing some urgent needs.

As you may already be aware, Gabrielle and I are on another mission trip out West. Upon leaving PA we held a deputation service in Urbana, IL. Thank you Urbana church family for your interest and support in our mission work. Then we made a three day journey to Utah. We arrived late Saturday night June 19th in Ephraim, UT. Then Sunday morning we joined the host church of the "Evangelism to Mormon Training," the Ephraim Church of the Bible for their worship service.

Week one in Utah

Through the first week of training in Ephraim and evangelism in Manti, God moved in many ways. We learned a lot in the training and met and ministered to hundreds, maybe even thousands of people at the Mormon Miracle Pageant event in Manti, UT (pictured). On our website "videos" page and YouTube channel you will find a short video of a panorama view of the pageant streets and our Prayer Stand in action.



Week two in Utah

We visited church services at a few different places this past Sunday: Mountain Spring Community Church where we are currently parked at in Salt Lake City, a Mormon home based church (learn more in a video being released soon), and at a new Christian church plant in Spanish Fork, UT. We have begun street ministry and exploring Salt Lake City area this week trying to sense the leadership of the Lord for our time here and to win souls.

Gabrielle to PA & Rodney to Idaho

By the time you get this letter Gabrielle should have already flown out very late at night on Thursday, June 30th. Gabrielle is flying back to PA and on Saturday, I leave Salt Lake City and head to Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho. There I am holding two mission services, an evangelism convention, and an open air meeting. I am also taking people out on the streets and helping two small churches with door to door evangelism and preaching special services on Sunday July 10th. One of the churches is a new church plant.

We are working on several videos highlighting some encounters that have taken place here in Utah so far. So keep an eye out for announcements of their release in your email inbox. Because of the nature of our mission work here in Utah, at least one of these videos is confidential and will only be viewable by receiving our emails. Do you get our emails? If not please email us at eList@evangelismmission.com to be added quickly to our list. Please include your name and the name of the church you attend in that email.

7 blessings to share

The first unusual help of the Lord on the way out to Utah was while pumping gas in western Missouri. After filling the motorhome gas tank and exhausting the last of the mission fund, a man, who had been talking to Gabrielle while she cleaned the windshield, walked up to me and encouraged us to continue doing our mission work, then he proceeded to hand me a \$50 bill. Praise the Lord, what an encouragement to continue on! This was greatly needed both for gas and emotional encouragement seeing our tight situation. God truly has been answering prayer.

The second hand of the Lord we saw was God's protection during a severe storm in Nebraska. The storm turned into what felt like tornado force winds. At one point while driving in the motorhome I was praying, asking the Lord for wisdom to know when to get off the highway. Just then a gust of wind hit the motorhome and blew us right onto an exit ramp! I praise the Lord for His immediate clear leadership in answering prayer! Due to this leading of God, we were able to park at a truck stop beside an extremely heavy loaded tractor trailer providing us some shelter from the wind. The wind was so strong; it was blowing trees one-third to half of the way over. I had to put our motorhome leveling jacks down just to stabilize the motorhome from the wind, even though the truck we parked next to was breaking the wind for us! After around 2 hours the storm cleared, in answer to prayer for God to give us a passage-way through the storm. Praise the Lord!

The third blessing of the Lord was when we stopped in a town to dump our sewer at a place where it was free to do so. A dear brother in the Lord told us about this location and even met me there to show me where it was, then handed me a \$100 bill. Because of this, we were able to buy some needed groceries. Thank the Lord for the extra funds, as unexpectedly we used a lot of gas in the Wyoming hills and Utah mountains. This \$100, in addition to other funds the Lord worked out helped us get completely to Utah. I do surely know some of what the disciples felt like when the Lord told them not to

take money in their purse. (Mark 6:8) God seen them through and He provides for us in mighty ways to travel for the Kingdom. Praise God.

Praise the Lord for the fourth and fifth blessings here in Utah. We have been able to park the motorhome with electric and water hookups free of charge in Ephraim and in Salt Lake City. That is a big savings to not use camp grounds. Praise the Lord for all that has been provided!

The sixth major answer to prayer came when I was sitting on the edge of my bed Monday morning, knowing we needed to pay a bill today. I took it to the Lord in prayer, and within a minute the phone rang. On the other end was a sister in the Lord back in PA who called in to make a donation over the phone. Praise the Lord for answering prayer at just the right time! Well Glory to God!

The 7th blessing came when our hot water heater gas valve failed and needed to be replaced. Praise the Lord I was able to get a used one that was "like new" for only \$20. New ones cost nearly \$200 at local RV part stores. Praise God!

I appreciate just how much God consistently does to open doors and enable us to minister to souls all around the USA. Through the years many have come to Christ, and God has been glorified through major answers to prayer time and time again!

Urgent Needs

I have learned, just as Bro. Steven Gibson (who said in a missions convention I was at) that he never realized as the head of a mission work, how much time would be to spend to raise funds for the mission's needs. And that is where I am once again...

I truly dread writing about needs, because some people become critical when a missionary or church expresses there is a need and even over spiritualize that they just should trust God. Mission organizations and churches frequently through the years, have to let the people know when there are needs, and God often uses that to speak to hearts.

We have some deadlines for mission expenses in just a few days and through the coming weeks. Gabrielle is flying back to visit her mother for a vacation they scheduled prior to this trip. This trip to fly back to PA has been paid for by her mother and is no cost to the mission. But since there have been no volunteers able to join me on this trip in her absence, Gabrielle must return to help me. It is too difficult to travel great distances alone and do all the street ministries by myself. So we must get her a return flight back to meet me somewhere in my travels. This ticket should be purchased in the next few days, or it will become even more expensive. In addition to the flight ticket needed, there are many other mission expenses including a mission utilities payment (MUST be paid by Friday); an office supply payment; and a propane payment. There are also healthcare premiums that must

be paid by June 30th and more in early July or I will lose my Christian Healthcare coverage.

There is also a need for funds in order to complete expense reimbursements, housing allowance, and support for our missionaries working under Evangelism Mission. The needs are great here in American missions too. Please pray!

I did not issue a fund drive letter this Spring in hopes that just a normal newsletter would be sufficient to encourage giving. We are very thankful for all who gave so far as this is a large part of how God has brought us through this month already. Praise the Lord! As I lean on God, and let the brethren know of the needs, we are fully trusting God and His beloved children to help propel His mission work forward. It is most critical that we meet these mission expenses. So many have already been such a blessing, which we are grateful for. If you are able to do anything to help, it would be a real blessing and encouragement. We are trusting God as we get the word out through this letter. Please pray and as God leads help in this hour of need.

Thank you,

Rodney Keister
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P.S. A few updates on June 30th

After the 1st edition of this letter went out by email on June 28th, within minutes \$200 came in online, and someone emailed me that he could get Gabrielle's flight ticket with his earned points. He then proceeded to pay the handling fees to schedule the flight. Praise the Lord!!!!

So the Lord willing, on my way back from Idaho, I'll return to Utah for more mission work. Gabrielle will fly back to Salt Lake City to meet me. Then our next stop is Wyoming for a mission service. Then more mission work in places as God leads as we make our return trip to PA. Between July 18-25, if you need help on the streets, door to door, or special services, call right away, we maybe able to help on our way home. Or if your church could host a mission deputation service that would help the mission greatly.

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