



Salt Lake City, UT

Wow, with all that is going on right now I am very thankful for the protecting hand of God! Before I go any further, I want to talk about some of the provision that God has made in light of everything that has gone on. That includes a whole bunch of stuff, including the areas of the short trip we made out to SLC, some personal notes, & how deputation has been going.

Even before I began this trip, God was right there alongside me. As I was walking out of the dorm to get some supplies for the trip, I happened to notice a bird that had fallen and was struggling on the ground. While I got a little choked up watching this bird, the verses from the Master's Sermon on the Mount came back to me. Little did I know that God was watching me with even more care!

When I got to the airport on Friday morning (March 13th), I realized to my horror that I had forgotten my driver's license! There was no time to turn around and get it, so I was praying the whole way through, almost in tears, thinking, *how in the world will they let me through?* However, God had a plan that was beyond my understanding. When I began to go through security, I asked the officer if the other information that I had would be enough to let me on the plane. I mentioned off-



handedly that I had religious credentials, and that I was a minister. She mentioned in response that she was a Christian – I was glad to hear that. After finalizing the security process, she and I talked, and the Lord opened the door for me to talk about the work in SLC. We then prayed, and parted ways. I wanted to cry with joy after leaving security, realizing the goodness of God in that place.

Once I got into Salt Lake City on Friday (March 13th), things started to move a bit more quickly. While our time in the city was shortened, there are some memorable events that occurred that are worth mentioning. The

first happened on Saturday night, when Bro. Keister and I went out to look for a previous contact, James. There was a possibility that he was at a local homeless shelter, so Saturday night we went looking for him. While we were there, I had a God-led conversation with a man by the name of Ed. As I started talking about God's love, Ed started to tear up, and he told me about some of his past. He said, "No one has ever told me that they love me." Dear readers, it is for people like Ed that Christ came!



We also street preached on Saturday at the park. Bro. Keister and I both preached. You can see pictures of me preaching on the above and below.



On Monday, we had to make a stop at the post office, and on the return trip, the door opened to do some street ministry. There were some homeless

people who were gathering nearby, and I started to hand out some million-dollar bill tracts. Needless to say, the homeless people were upset when they realized the millions were tracts. After realizing my mistake, and apologizing for it, Bro. Keister and I began to hand out different tracts along with some snacks and water that we had purchased for that reason.

As I sit here and write this article, I'm listening to a rendition of the 46th Psalm. There's a powerful line in the Psalm that talks about trusting in God and not fearing what may come, even if "the earth give way" and "the mountains fall into the heart of the sea" (Psalm 46:2). In a sense, I got to see God's protection over us in this way. Due to the coronavirus, Bro. Keister and I flew back to

our respective homes on Monday night (March 17th), just three days after arriving. We both left Monday night arriving home early Tuesday morning, and on Wednesday morning SLC experienced the worst earthquake since 1992! It registered at 5.7 on the Richter scale, and caused major damage in the city. I am so thankful that God protected us from the earthquake..



As far as college work has been going, I want to say that I have successfully finished college! On May 23, 2020 I graduated with a B.A. in Religion from Union Bible College. Needless to say, I'm super excited to be finished with college. I know that God

has helped all the way, and I wouldn't be where I am without His help.

The needs of Salt Lake City are great, and in addition to the regular diverse population there are those coming out of Mormonism, disillusioned by what they see. Now is the time to move and start a work there! I have been told that there are about 400 cities and towns in Utah that have no kind of church except for a Mormon church. My brothers and sisters, this should not be! Pray not only for us, but also as to how you can get involved

As far as the next step, some could wonder, "What are you doing with everything going on in the world?" In answer to that question, the plan for starting the mission in SLC has taken a slight turn. We are going to make a short-term mission trip out to SLC from June 13-July 4, connecting with our contacts and doing street ministry. Lord willing, later this fall we will make the move out to SLC and officially launch the new mission work and hold services and outreaches on a regular basis. I am very thankful for God opening up a door for housing. This is an amazing answer to prayer and may greatly reduce my expected housing expenses. We plan to look at the place when we are there next. It's thanks to both readers and supporters like you who help to accomplish this ministry.

Regarding deputation services, the Lord has been helping to get the initial word out. I have had eight mission services so far. Sadly because of the national virus

crisis and church closures, I have lost all my spring deputation services. So now my deputation service scheduling will continue through the summer and fall. I would love to present at your church!

Here is a video of my mission service in March at my home church in Bluffton, IN, you may view it at:

[EvangelismMission.com/videos/2020-03-08-spencer](https://www.EvangelismMission.com/videos/2020-03-08-spencer)

If you know of any church that would be available to have me for a deputation service, please don't hesitate to call or email me. Along that same line, please pray for more monthly missionary supporters to rise up to finance this mission endeavor. I've enclosed my most recent prayer card for those who may not have received one. If you already have one, please share this one with someone else.

Our Holiness Pioneers general newsletter covers additional news on our Salt Lake City mission. You may read it here: [EvangelismMission.com/newsletters/2020-06-hp-sdr.pdf](https://www.EvangelismMission.com/newsletters/2020-06-hp-sdr.pdf)

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