

Dear Praying Friends,

December was another busy month, but our outdoor activities slowed as the temperatures plunged far below zero. As a result of the temperatures, we spent more time preparing for preaching and evangelistic efforts for the new year. We plan to go "back to the basics" in 2023 to help build up the young converts and strengthen some older believers. We are excited to see how the Lord uses the preaching and teaching of His Word in the hearts and lives of the folks here.

In December, our Bible Institute class studied the Life of David. It was a blessing to me to be reminded of the many practical life lessons to be drawn from his life. I have been recording these Institute lectures so they can be made available in the future as the Lord gives us young men interested in training for the ministry. Once all lectures are recorded my time will be freed up considerably. Please pray for our Bible Institute to be a blessing to each student.

We had the privilege to visit with a family from out of the city. Their church is currently without a pastor. It was a good time of fellowship together, but our goal was to encourage them to remain faithful until the Lord provides a pastor. We travelled to visit another family whose church is currently seeking a pastor. We answered their questions concerning some of the practical aspects of the ministry. We also encouraged them in their walk with the Lord. These activities took time and effort away from the ministry here, yet I believe they are worthwhile efforts to encourage other churches to remain faithful, even while they are without pastoral leadership.

We have been writing new Gospel tracts for the ministry here. We so desire to see souls saved, and pray that the Lord will use these tracts as a positive evangelistic tool.

We had a wonderful Christmas Day service with snacks and drinks. This service was a special time for us, as we sang Christmas carols, listened to Scripture readings about the birth of Christ, and heard a Bible message about the "good tidings to all people." We are thankful that some lost folks were present. We are praying that the Word of God will have an impact and that we can see some souls saved as a result.

An immigration consultant reached out to James regarding employment and immigration in Canada. This contact is the first concrete news he has received in a long time, despite his consistent efforts to reach out to prospective employers. As a result of this conversation, James worked one day of "unpaid training," which he enjoyed. Sending Church: LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH 2416 95th Street Lubbock, TX 79423 Bob Jackson, Pastor (806) 535-5496 bro.jackson@suddenlink.net

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When we researched this particular immigration consultant, we found the whole business to be a scam. We are thankful that we had not paid money to this business despite the pressure they placed on us to "get the process started." Please pray that the Lord will protect James as he seeks employment and proper immigration status in Canada. He has received calls from a couple other reputable immigration consultants since then, and we pray that the Lord will use one of these options as a means of gaining permanent resident status for James.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve Him in Edmonton. It is a privilege that we will never get over. We thank you for making it possible for us to serve the Lord here through your faithful prayer and financial support.

Humbly His,

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