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CHURCH PLANTING **MISSIONARIES** TO UTAH AND THE **SOUTHWEST** 

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

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1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God..."

One of the greatest encouragements that we have in the Gospel ministry is knowing that we are not in this alone. We labor together, but most importantly, we labor with God. This is His work, and it is an honor and joy to be able to have a small part in it.

### What's Happened:

There was a lot of accomplishment and progression during March and April. On March 17, we held a very special service and signed the charter for Solid Rock Baptist Church! A total of fifteen people came together as we signed this document. I praise the Lord for bringing us to this point so soon.

We had two different groups come out to visit/help, both from the Calhoun, GA area. During these visits we were able to canvas a large area around the church. During those two weeks, we put out nearly 1,000 door hangers. We also had the opportunity to walk through Utah Tech University and local parks to handout John/Romans bags with church invites. We were able to get out over 300 of those bags that day. It is always a joy to show people the great need for churches to be started in this area, and we appreciate the help in reaching souls for Christ.

In late April, my family and I went out to Bryce Canyon National Park for a day trip. While there, we decided to take a trail that went down into the canyon. On our way down, as we were trying to get around another large group, I lost my footing, fell to the ground, and broke my foot/ankle. A few days later, I had to have surgery to repair four breaks, which consisted of about a dozen screws and a plate. This accident has caused an unexpected pause in life and ministry. I am thankful for the men of SRBC stepping up and taking charge in my absence. I am also thankful for my Pastor, my sending church, and Bro. Daryl Bowman. Bro. Bowman and his family have come out to cover and help at the church in my absence.

## What's Coming:

My doctor says that I have a long road of recovery. I have at least eight more weeks that I cannot put any weight on my left foot. Then another eight weeks or more of gradually adding weight and mobility. I plan to be back in my place preaching by the middle of May. Please pray that the outreach efforts of the church are not hindered during this time of recovery.

#### Praises:

- 1. A lot of ground was covered with the visiting groups
- 2. I had the opportunity to witness to a Jewish lady while waiting for rescue at Bryce Canyon
- 3. I am thankful to have an amazing wife who has waited on me night and day since the accident!

For Souls. Richard L. Howard The Howard Family Jude 22

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- 1. This accident brings a lot of unbudgeted expenses; would you help us pray that we will be able to cover all these costs associated?
- 2. Speedy recovery
- 3. Souls to be saved

