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Pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified.

-2 Thessalonians 3:1

Earthquakes Brought Building Trouble

If you haven't heard, Utah has had several earthquakes over the past 6 weeks. A few of them were large enough for Stacy and I to grab our kids and head to a safe place in our home. On April 15th the news reported that Utah had 43 earthquakes in 7 days and 421 earthquakes in 30 days. All of them were a magnitude of 1.5 or higher. From a Utah point of view, it seems like the world is literally falling apart. I know Californian people like to pretend like earthquakes are no big deal, but when you feel the earth roll for a solid 15 seconds... that's not normal. I don't care how Californian you are. Why am I talking about earthquakes? One of the earthquakes had a 5.7 magnitude. While I am thankful minimal damage occurred, the epicenter happened to be where a glass manufacturing shop was located. This glass shop was the place that was manufacturing our windows for our new church building project. It was supposed to be a 2-3 week process to get windows installed. It turns out glass doesn't like earthquakes and the company lost over 40% of their inventory. Due to the damage and Covid-19 delays, our windows will not be installed until middle to late May. Before our building project can move forward we need windows installed. If you have ever visited our church you will know our building is limited in space. The entry to our church is a 7 foot wide hallway that stretches 30 feet and runs to the auditorium. While we are extremely thankful for our building, our entry is not accommodating for social distancing. I look forward to completing our 1200 square foot addition. It is going to provide us

an entry room and a little more space to move around in our building. As we wait to complete the inside of our building, we did paint the outside of our facility. Please pray for this project. We would love to get it finished ASAP so that we can provide room for our people to practice social distance when we are able to gather again.



After paint



Before paint

Outreach

Due to the Coronavirus, the Mormon church has shut down worldwide. They sent home their overseas missionaries and they are not offering worship online. Since mormon people have no church to attend, We decided to use this opportunity. We created a couple of postcards for our church family to give to their neighbors to invite them to watch our online services. We provided a place on the back of our postcards for our church to write a personal message of encouragement to their neighbors. Don't worry, we gave our church protective gloves to hand out the postcards. We are also creating social media promotions and for Mother's Day we are once again reaching out to our neighbors. We will be handing out a Mother's day flower and a small Mother's day card from our church. We aren't waiting for things to "get back to normal" to serve the Lord. We are using this opportunity to reach others for Christ. On April 6th, national news reported the coronavirus has spurred record breaking bible purchases. People are seeking and we need to reach them.



The front of a postcard we distributed

Church Planting

A few weeks before the Corona virus hit the U.S., our church leadership started talking about planting another church in Utah. Now that the Corona virus has arrived, we are moving forward with our discussion because we recognize a couple of things: #1 people's hearts have softened to gospel opportunities, and #2 It may be a few months before we see large group gatherings. Therefore, establishing a small church plant is an easy way to spread out some of our congregation and give Utah another church. By the time you get this letter our leaders would have had another planning meeting as we seek the Lord and pray about this opportunity. I don't know how our plans will transpire, but we certainly want to ask you to pray with us. Our heart remains for Utah valley. We planted a church in Utah in order to plant churches in the surrounding towns. Utah county still has 7 towns without a church. Several other towns only have 1 church plant and unfortunately eighty percent of Utah church plants close in less than 5 years. If we want to reach Utah we need to keep pressing forward. Lord help us make disciples. **Thank you for partnering with us to reach Utah for Christ. We are in this together.**

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