

January 2025 Prayer Letter

We finished out 2024 with a busy October and November beginning with a conference at Park Meadows Baptist Church in Lincoln IL. It was great to meet Pastor Duncan Smith and his family and make many new friends including missionary families. We stopped by Norwalk Baptist Church with Pastor Forman in Ohio for a great meeting and made it to Dry



Run Independent Baptist Church in Duncansville PA with Pastor Leatherman and then to Light Baptist Church in Winchester VA with Pastor Shope. We made it back to Harvest Baptist for the end of Missions Month and were blessed to meet Missionary Peter Putney to Columbia and the conference on the purity of God's Word in the Spanish Language, specifically the Reina Valera Gomez Bible. It is surprising how controversial the topic of the Spanish Bible topic has become, but we maintain our conviction of God's inspired, completed and preserved word through the Textus Receptus thus we will use the KJV in English and RVG in Spanish.



In January we had meetings at Gettysburg Bible Baptist, Riggle's Gap Bible and Bible Baptist Church of Leola all in Pennsylvania. The close meetings have been a blessing and allowed us to continue to gain experience and training serving daily in the Ministry of our sending church. Additionally in January, Pastor Rogers and I traveled to Puerto Rico and conducted a survey trip. Although our flight was cancelled due to snow, we were able to fly out the next morning and the Lord really directed and blessed in a great way throughout the trip. Upon landing, we traveled into the center mountains of the island and met with Pastor Padua Serrano in Jayuya. In the following days we traveled to several other parts of the island and met with local pastors and missionaries to introduce ourselves and learn from their experience of sharing the gospel and ministering in Puerto Rico. A recurring theme was the challenge to



break through the hardened hearts of the people for the Gospel save and transform. The rampantly immoral/carnal culture, social acceptance of dead religion and apathy towards the Lord has clearly created a stronghold for spiritual darkness. I was reminded of Philippians 2.15 where although we will be in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, we are still called to shine as lights in the world. We were also able to spend time with Pastor Martinez in Ceiba. There is a church plant out of Pastor Martinez' church 20 minutes to the south in the town of Humacao which has been without a pastor since the missionary pastor left the field over two years ago. The church has a good core of faithful members with a great spirit and love of the Lord and the city of Humacao has over 50,000 inhabitants with no other Independent Fundamental Baptist Church. Pastor Martinez has been faithfully preaching and holding up the church until the Lord sends a Pastor to take over the work. I have begun earnestly praying for the Lord's leading in my life if His will would be for me to pastor, specifically in the work in Humacao. Pastor Rogers and I were also able to meet with the agent selling the house we have been praying about. God has not closed that door and we are continuing to pray and seek God's will regarding the property. Overall, during the trip the Lord impressed upon heart the desire for me to just surrender myself to His service and His perfect will and plan for us on the island.

Praises

- God's provision and protection of our family
- We are currently at 70% support
- The Lord's perfect will and direction
- Pastoral leadership and guidance

Prayer Requests

- Spiritual and physical protection of our Family
- Learning Spanish
- God's specific will / work in PR

