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*Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us. (Psalm 68:28)*

Dear praying friends and financial supporters,

The verse above has become our prayer as of late. God has done many things for us in the years that we have been here and now we are praying that He would strengthen His work here. During the Christmas season we were involved in two community Christmas parades which gave us the opportunity to hand out about 800 Gospel tracts. We have not seen any direct results of this outreach yet, but we are claiming the promise in Isaiah 55:11 that God's Word will not return unto Him void. We did have a couple of first-time visitors to our Christmas services. A Christian gentleman who recently moved to the area has begun attending. Another gentleman who has been attending for the last couple of months dropped by the church one day last week, and after Boyd explained the Gospel to him, he trusted Christ as his Saviour. Please pray for Frank! Also, two families (both with four small children) with whom we have had contact for a few years have been making an effort to attend church a little more regularly. Our numbers are still small but God has been working in hearts, and we are grateful to see it.

We are trying a couple of schedule changes to our church services. Once a month we are having a Sunday school question and answer period which has been well received. Also, once a month, we are having lunch and an afternoon service. This gives us some great time of added fellowship.

Our church building is definitely a gift from God and a great tool to use to reach our community with the Gospel. We have made every effort to make it comfortable and inviting to any guests that may attend. With the help of one of our supporting churches, we recently were able to replace most of our old fluorescent light fixtures with new LED fixtures. An issue we have now is with our heating system. It is a very inefficient radiant heat (It's in the ceiling, of all places!) and several zones are not working at all. We have several extra heaters plugged in around the building to heat some of the rooms this winter. We are looking at options to supplement the heat system, but the only real answer is an entire new heating system. We covet your prayers as we research possibilities as well as get recommendations and estimates for this work.

Once again, we offer our most heart-felt gratitude for your continued love and support of our family and ministry. There is no way we could have remained here serving the Lord these last 21 years without all of your faithful prayer and financial support. Our prayer is that God will bless you for your faithfulness to Him!

With grateful hearts,

The Stansford Family

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