

Open Door Ministries

"...I have set before thee an open door..." Revelation 3:8

2nd Quarter Update (April - June 2024)



Mike & Heather Gross

Praises:

- * 19 churches have called pastors and workers this year!
- * One young man trusted Christ as his Savior!
- * We secured a place to rent

Prayer Requests:

- * For wisdom as we help churches through their pastoral search
- * More laborers
- * Additional support

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9:38

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Thank you for praying for us and Open Door Ministries these last three months. It's hard to believe that we are already half-way through 2024.

Ministry Update

In our last letter we shared that two churches had called pastors and two churches had filled their staff positions. We are thrilled to share with you that these numbers have increased quite a bit! So far this year, 15 churches have called pastors and 4 churches have filled their staff positions, to God be the glory!

It seems each time one church comes off of our list, we get two more calls from churches that are looking for help. Currently we are working with 48 churches in their search for a pastor and 10 that are seeking staff. Please continue in prayer that God will provide a pastor for each of these churches.

Mike has been teaching the adult Family Bible Time classes at our church on the weekends that we are in town. He will also be helping to fill in while our pastor is away for a couple weeks next month. Heather has enjoyed being involved in planning the ladies meetings, volunteering in the nursery, and cleaning the church. It is a blessing to be able to be involved in local church ministry on a regular basis again.

The Lord has provided several witnessing opportunities lately. Last month there were a couple guys who were delivering a double wide down the road from our apartment. They ran into difficulties getting it into the driveway so Mike, Logan, and several neighbors went to help. Both young men began asking questions about world events and that led to questions about the Lord. Mike was able to witness to them and one young man trusted Christ as his Savior! This man is only 30 minutes from New Paris, Indiana, which is where we were members before moving to Montana. We put him in contact with the church and are praying that he will go and grow in the Lord.

Support

Our support level is currently just under 67%. The Lord has provided side work to make up the difference, but with an increase in the ministry demand, our time to do that side work has decreased. Several churches have vocalized a desire to support the ministry. Please pray with us that the Lord would place Open Door Ministries on the hearts and minds of churches that are looking to expand their missions family.

Housing

We were able to secure a private apartment to rent about 20 minutes from our church. We do not believe this will be a long term rental, but are grateful that the Lord has provided a place to stay in this crazy and competitive housing market.

Family Update

It is always a blessing to see your children serve the Lord! Our son, Michael will be providing pulpit supply in 2 different churches in Georgia and Virginia over the next several weeks. Both of these churches are without a pastor at this time. Logan is doing well and continues to serve the Lord in different capacities at Florence Baptist Church. Thomas is serving as an intern this summer with Grace Bible Baptist Church in New Paris, Indiana in their church planting efforts in Columbia City. They have been surveying and canvassing the area and have already begun Bible studies in the public library during the week. He will be traveling with church planter, Ben Wallenbeck, to raise support in the weeks to come. He will be back in South Carolina this Fall for his junior year of Bible college.

What's Ahead

We are working on our schedule for the remainder of the summer and this Fall, including deputation meetings to raise more support. We also plan to travel more in the coming weeks/months for pulpit supply, possible interim work, and to teach a session in a church workers conference in Indiana in September.

Thank you for keeping us, the ministry, and churches we are assisting in prayer. To see more regular updates and information about these churches, like and follow Open Door Ministries on Facebook.

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