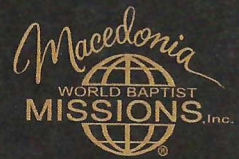


The Howard Family

Rickey • April • Cash • Carter



Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

July 2024

Philippians 4:17, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

What's Happened:

On April 22, I had surgery to repair four breaks in my left leg and ankle. Now 13 weeks later, my surgeon has given me the go ahead to progress into wearing a shoe. I still have a lot of physical therapy and muscle building to do, but I am very happy for this next STEP (pun intended)! We thank each of you who have prayed and generously given to help us with the medical costs from this accident.

Much of May and June were spent getting everything back to normal. I am thankful for how the people at SRBC stepped up in my absence. Through this, I have been able to train a man who is now our Adult Sunday School teacher! It has been a joy watching this man and his family grow in the Lord and become part of the core of our congregation. April was also able to turn her Children's Sunday School over to a faithful lady so that she could focus on discipling our young (in age) Christians.

April has been able to develop a wonderful ministry with the ladies here. We are an anomaly here; our men make up the spiritual backbone of our church. Many of the ladies in the church are new believers, and April has been able to help them grow tremendously through discipleship and Bible studies. She recently held a "Ladies Refresher" where they met to do a craft and talk openly. The reports from that day were wonderful! I am so proud of how the Lord is using my wife in the ministry here.

Early this month, we had a group come out from Bible Baptist Temple in Warner Robbins, Georgia. Pastor Feis and his group wanted to help us with our remodeling project. The week before they arrived, we took out two walls to open more space in our main meeting area. Once they arrived, we stripped the old flooring up and laid new carpet squares throughout. This allowed us to put out all 60 chairs that we have. We were also able to set up a nursery in what was originally our storage room. The week that we set out the extra chairs, we had one of our largest crowds.

What's Coming Up:

This has been a very hot summer. We have had multiple weeks near or over 110 degrees. We have taken this time to teach soul winning classes instead of corporate outreach (both because of heat and my lack of ability to walk long distances). We are preparing the church to go from tagging doors, to knocking on doors and talking to people. We are also trying to start a bus/van route. We were gifted a church van in January, and we are diligently trying to find an area where we can pick up kids or elderly people for church regularly.

Praises:

1. I am out of the walking boot!
2. Church remodel was successful
3. New families coming to church

Prayer Requests:

1. Van Ministry
2. My Recovery
3. Outreach

For Souls,

Richard L. Howard

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June 22



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