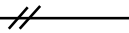


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Unpaved Church Parking Lot



My (Guy's) Mom & Dad



Harvest Baptist Church



Praises

- Monies raised for church projects
- Volunteers for children program
- Round-trip tickets to America

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Raise money for church projects
- My dad (cancer)
- Logan (College)
- Children's Program

We have begun a new year with many things in the works that we covet your prayers for:

- Raising money needed to put in a church parking lot, per city council's requirement.
- Remove existing asbestos from church floors and walls.
- Raising money to reside the church.
- Train one of our surrendered youth for full-time ministry.
- Begin a weekly children's program.



Please pray with us as we move forward to start these projects this year. We have saved a little over \$22,000 and raised an additional \$6,000 for the parking lot and church residing projects (thank you for those who have given towards these projects). We are still short about \$13,000 to complete these two projects. City council has required us to have the parking lot in by October or we will be in violation of our resource consent. Which means they could shut us down from meeting in our church building. If you would like to contribute financially towards these projects, just designate the gift to Harvest Baptist Church.

We will be launching a week long Holiday Bible Program (HBP) in July to help kick off a weekly children's program. We need much prayer as the adversary is working over time to keep the children ignorant to our Lord and Savior. Majority of the children I speak to have no knowledge that they have sinned against God, and that they need a Savior. It is our prayer and hope that through these children we will see the Word of God re-enter the home. Just in the past six months, we have gotten enough workers to run a weekly program that we have wanted to do for many years. It has been very hard seeing the need for this ministry, but not having the volunteers to help with it.

Please pray for Tim Dann as he is still struggling with health problems, which are hindering him from studying and training for full-time ministry. He is such a blessing to me and I love him dearly. It hurts to see him suffer so much, while serving the Lord. He never really complains other than to say that he wants and is praying God gives him the strength to do more. I have not seen such a servant's heart and a willingness to serve, as I have seen in him. God has truly called him.

My dad has recovered from the whipple surgery and is getting stronger every day. However, it appears that the cancer is still spreading and nothing can be done about it without a miracle from the Lord. Just like the rest of us, he is slowly dying. Only God knows how long each of us have to live here on earth. The comforting thing for me is, that my dad knows and has trusted in Jesus as his Lord and Savior. In speaking with my dad a few weeks back, he has asked if I could come home to see him while he is still feeling well enough to fellowship. I have acquired passage for my family and I to visit from 12 April through 12 May. It is my plan to spend that time with him and mom, to help in whatever way possible. I know that the road ahead is going to be tough, but with God's help we will endure. Please continue to pray for my dad and mom.

Zelda's parathyroid surgery went well and she is feeling much better (thank you for the prayers). The knee surgery, she was hoping to have, has been denied as her health and physical condition will not permit it. She will have to live with the pain.

Thank you for your prayer support, and giving. God bless! Missionaries, Guy, Debbie, and Erin Bankston