



Please pray for

THE HODGES

Missionaries to OKLAHOMA "Native America"



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Oh give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever..Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." Psalm 107:1&8. The LORD has been so good to us; so merciful. I came out of surgery on the 18th of February. The surgeon said the prior fusion looked so good that he put in a smaller plate than the longer one previously planned. Up until the past few days, recovery has seemed pretty slow going. I did have some really bad days of long hours of severe pain and vomiting but praise the Lord for all the prayers and His mercy, those days now seem to be behind me and for the past 4 or 5 days I have done really well. I have physical therapy twice a week. The physical therapist told a giant of a mid 20 year old after a question about getting to heaven based upon him being a "pretty good guy", "It's through the blood, not on what you can do or have done." That blessed me! We have begun to discuss and fellowship over spiritual things. I am very limited on things I can do physically, per doctor's orders, so my dear wife has been having to do the firewood and now all the mowing. The days I was the sickest was when I had tried to do a little something I shouldn't have trying to help without her knowing. Boy, did I get in trouble! I am so thankful for the wife of my youth. She is such a blessing and encouragement to me in the ministry, our family and in sickness and health.

We were so blessed to have Brother Joseph Headrick and his family with us. They are missionaries on deputation to plant churches out west, particularly the four corner states: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah. They were on their way to Utah as the Lord leads when I was contacted by a pastor 2 1/2 hours NE of us and was asked if we wanted to have them come by. So they came and Brother Joseph preached both services on Sunday. I'd been praying for weeks about who God would have preach a meeting for us and by the second service, the Holy Spirit said, "He's the man." In all my years, I'd never done anything like this. At the end of the service, I asked if he could stay and preach a meeting for us to which he agreed. The Lord really used him to open that blessed Holy Bible and preach truth to all of us. By the second night, there were souls in the alter including me. Of course, the devil tried to get in and tear down by Sunday morning of the meeting but we all got in the alter and called out to the Master and God blessed with great liberty during the preaching on the home and family. Brother Joseph and I made several visits trying to encourage folks to come to the meeting. One man in particular named Junior McGuire, 73 years old, allowed us to speak with him for a while and surprisingly mentioned to us that he was baptized as a boy and went to church often in his youth, yet he spoke as though he knew he was not prepared to go to be with the Lord. He went on to tell us he had visited the First Baptist Church some recently. He never came to the meeting. Please pray for him, that God would prepare his heart to receive the word like the Ethiopian Eunuch did as I desire to go back and sit with him and tell him about sin, Hell, and Jesus Christ of Calvary, the Lamb of God that was slain, that God raised up out of that borrowed tomb with victory over death, Hell and the grave!! We did have a couple in their 60's come Saturday night who lost their son, who was in his 40's, in a tragic accident. She is Choctaw and seemed to enjoy the preaching but I believe they are like so many anymore; too BUSY! Please pray for fruit to bud forth from the preaching of God's precious, holy word. Brother Joseph and his family were a real blessing to the church and I am so thankful the Lord sent them our way. They are out of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Ooltewah, TN. Their pastor is Pastor James Langston. Brother Joseph's contact # is 423-580-9720. He is not afraid to preach the truth that God lays upon his heart. Their children are 4-8 years old and boy, can they sing and they know how to behave themselves in the house of the LORD!

Please pray for Isaiah and Taylor, especially Sister Taylor, for they are both going through the trials of experiencing a miscarriage. It has been exceptionally hard on Sister Taylor. It was encouraging to see her on the alter weeping Friday night of the meeting. Robin and the rest of our growing, little family are doing well. We are thanking the Lord for His goodness and mercy toward His children. May the LORD bless each and every one who prays for and supports us, often sacrificially. THANK YOU!! "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty dominion and power both now and every. Amen." Jude 25

By His Grace and for His Glory,

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"As the earth yields and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." -- Psalm 126:6