

FROM YOUR ROSEBUD MISSIONARIES

First of all Praise God, and Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Thank you for being brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank God for the grace and forgiveness we have in our Lord Jesus. What a year we have had with blessings and struggles, and most of all grace.



This last week I received a blessing! A blessing from God, received as I heard the prayer that offered it. We had church in Parmelee, and I had been given some clothes to give away. So after church I gave a ride home to the woman who had taken a large share of them. She took the clothes to her house, and then came back to my truck. She gave me a hug, and prayed that God would bless me with as much blessing as I was to them. Pretty much made me cry on the way home. But what a joy to receive blessing from one who has been blessed.

In Celebratory News! It has been one year since we opened the Sewing Factory for every day work. God has blessed us in this venture. First of all in guiding us so that we could make one year. Providing the right people with the right talents to do the work, and the right people to sell the quilts and all of that. It has been a blessing to encourage people to live life in Christ, through their jobs. It has been a blessing to encourage them not only at work but in their homes. Thank you for all of your support, prayers, and words of encouragement. If you are looking to buy a unique gift for someone, you could consider a star quilt from Parmelee!

Another recent joy was a girl who had been living in California and going to Job Corps. She came back home to Parmelee to “find herself”. Kind of an interesting statement for all the interesting things that go on in Parmelee. But as she did so, she came to church. She was excited that we were there, doing the same things as before. It was a real encouragement for her. The next Tuesday she came to Bible School with her brother and was again glad that we were still doing Bible School. She had good memories of it, and to me shows that we are doing the right thing. We just need to continue.





In a more sad story, we also had a funeral for a young man. His son is regular at both church and Bible School. The young man has had some struggles with life especially after losing an older brother 12 years ago, including some addiction troubles. One Sunday evening he came to church with his mother, and son. As he did, after church we talked about getting both he and his son baptized, we set a date 2 weeks later. As things played out, the last time anyone saw him alive was at 5 am, the next morning. It was several days later before anyone found him, and it was sad. We had his funeral, and were glad that he was at church that evening, and heard the hope of Forgiveness and Life in Christ Jesus. There is much more to the story, but suffice it to say, we pray that God's promise that he turns all things out for good for those that love him, comes true through all this.

In some ways as we share Christ, and the life and hope we have in him with people, it has its ups and downs. Yet it is always the grace of Christ that is sufficient for us. That is true whether we live here, or where you live. The verse I close with is my prayer for each of you.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (NIV)

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Love In Christ,

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