



# Mark and Hannah

Jenna, Josiah, and Jessie

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Church Planters to Boulder, CO

## DEC-JAN MINISTRY REPORT

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Dear Praying and Financial Partners,

It was four years ago in January 2020 when we began deputation to raise support for the planting of Boulder Valley Baptist Church. There were many churches who promised support for one, two, or three years, and yet, the vast majority of you have continued to support beyond that initial commitment. For that, we give thanks to God always for you! Planting a church in a place like Boulder comes with the patient sowing of the Gospel seed in hardened soil. We are so thankful for what the Lord has done, but we understand there is still much work to be done. However, I am thankful we are not engaged in this work alone. We have your prayers and support, we have a core of faithful people who are engaged in the work, we have mighty God and a powerful Gospel to collaborate with us! So "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9)

In December, we had a wonderful month of ministry including our annual Christmas Chili Cook-off, our Christmas Eve Candlelight service, and our New Years Eve Celebration. It was a joy to see many enjoying fellowship with their church family, and engaging in ministry and outreach. In spite of the cold weather leading up to Christmas weekend, we had passed out over 1,000 Gospel invites, only to find out that the church we rent from decided to have a last minute candlelight service. So we needed to change locations and print new invitations, but we were able to get out another 1,000 the week before. We ended up having a few guests there and are praying for the Lord to work in their hearts.

One of the men's names was Max, who was invited by a lady in our church. He went to college at CU back in the 70s, but moved back about five years ago. He said had all but given up on finding a church in Boulder that would stand for the truth, but he was grateful to learn about our church. Please pray for Max's spiritual growth.

These last couple of months have also been challenging for our church from a standpoint of physical health. One of our first members, Linda, was diagnosed with cancer. Larry fractured a vertebra in his lower back, which required surgery. Josh has had two toes amputated. Beverly is finishing up a round of cancer treatments. Heather found out she had a metal allergy, had a tooth extracted, and requires some costly dental treatments. Then just yesterday, my son Josiah fell off a trampoline and fractured his elbow. Through it all the Lord has been growing me as I've been learning to pastor people through some difficult health issues. Please pray for the recovery and spiritual encouragement of these who are dealing with physical struggles.

In the last month we remained in contact with some prospects we have been sharing the Gospel with and inviting to church. Tracey who came a while back, has been expressing a desire to come to church and work through some of the doubts and struggles she has been dealing with. Mez, who deals with anxiety with the unfamiliar, is planning to come to a game night at our house on Friday with her two kids, Ava and Roger. We are praying this connects her with people from our church, and that she will be more encouraged to attend a service soon. One of the waiters at our restaurant, Derek, also opened up last week and shared that he went to church until he was 15. He said he hasn't really been back since, but said it is something he should consider. Please pray for the Lord to open Derek's heart to us and the Gospel.

With every week that goes by when we do not see someone saved, my heart is grieved and overwhelmed by the tremendous need in our city. Please pray for the seeds of the Gospel to latch hold in the hearts of our city. We trust that as we continue to plant seeds, we will one day reap a harvest of souls to glory of our Savior, Jesus.

For Souls in Boulder,

Mark, Hannah, Jenna, Josiah, and Jessie Martinez

### Prayer Highlights

#### Salvation

Kokila  
Lynsey  
Norma

Sam  
Tracy  
Derek

Hector  
Mezh

#### Discipleship

Beverly

John

Emilie

#### Baptism/Membership

David  
Janie  
George

Heather  
Terry  
Jim

Ryan  
Sunshine  
Natalie

#### Recent Visitors

Jenna

Max

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