

Good News Reflections

February 17, 2024

We can indeed trust God!



Dear Praying Friends,

On December 1st, we had the privilege of ministering with the children at ***Cedar Ridge Baptist Church***, in Knoxville, TN. As you can see from the pictures, we had a lot of fun! We focused on the greatest Gift of all – the Gift of Jesus!



Jingle Bell Race



Don't Eat the Snowman!



Unwrap the Present



Human Snowman Contest



On December 3rd, we were at ***White Oak Baptist Church***, in Dayton, TN for their Thanksgiving/Christmas celebration.

We so appreciate the prayers and support of our dear friends at ***White Oak!*** Rachel had the opportunity to share about her trip to Israel, and sang a special

before the message.





We were finally able to be at ***Rising Fawn Baptist Church***, in Rising Fawn, GA, on January 24th. This meeting had to be rescheduled twice, because of Susan's health.

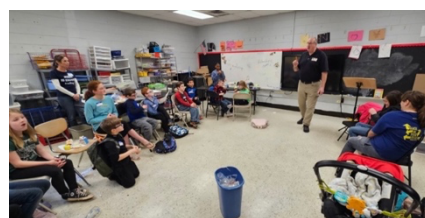
There was a good group of young people (*and adults*) – and several responded during the invitation. Two of them came for Salvation, but one of them was afraid to pray with the worker. On our way home, we received this message: *"Kota got saved after he got home. He was ready, but was afraid to pray in front of me."* Praise God for continuing to work in his heart! We are also thankful for a young man from our Church, Jonrobert, who came to help with loading and unloading our equipment. He was such a blessing!



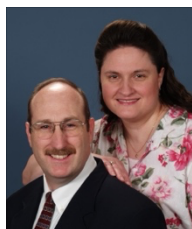
We are grateful that God continues to give ministry opportunities. While we are home during the winter, Tim has been able to minister with



Good News Clubs in the public school. He also preaches at ***Athens Place*** (a local nursing home), and fills-in occasionally for Sunday school at our Church.



Next month, Tim will be preaching a Children's Revival at ***Kerwin Baptist Church***, in Kernersville, NC. Scott Pauley will be the special speaker for the adult Revival. I (*Susan*) would ***LOVE*** to be able to go, but my health is not doing well right now. I'm so thankful I was able to go to the above one-day meetings.

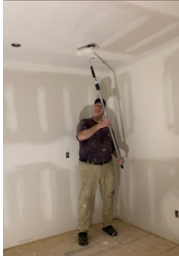


We thoroughly ***enjoy*** getting to minister as a team, and look forward to many more years of ministry together. Please pray with us that God will give wisdom in my treatments. Several tests and scans have been done recently, and we'll give more of an update in our next e-mail.

Home Update

We want to brag on God for a bit!

In our last update, we shared that a friend from GA called to ask if we had our paint yet. When I told him we didn't, he said, "My company has an account at Sherwin Williams - get everything you need - and put it on **MY** account!" **We are so overwhelmed by God's goodness to us!** He has provided for every drop of paint (as well as all of the supplies)!



Tim has spent a LOT of time painting over the last few weeks - it's exciting to finally have the walls and ceilings completed!

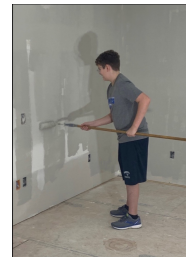


Some friends came to lend a hand and we are so thankful for their help! We have had to fight back the tears while working on the house – God is so **Good!**

Jim Henegar



Mike Valles



Matt and Bentlee Sneed



A craftsman and a dear lady at our Church have been building the cabinets for our new home. They have done a **beautiful** job!

Cindy Cronquist →

The kitchen cabinets are built, but we had to let them know that we needed to wait to finish the rest of the cabinets (for the bathrooms and laundry room), because we were at the end of our funds. We don't want to stop, but we also know that God's timing is important.



Within an hour of talking with him, a friend called to let us know she was sending us \$5,000.00. She is praying that others will join her and match her gift.

Another friend, who is a longtime supporter of our ministry, sent \$1,000.00 in memory of her dear husband during his birth month - February. The love of so many family and friends is humbling. We are **thankful** we didn't have to stop building. We now have the funds to purchase the wood to finish all of the cabinets, as well as build the window casings. We can't wait to get all of them painted and in place! **We are so thankful for God's continued provision!**

Another project we have been praying about is finally coming together. We have needed to dig trenches for the electric and water lines that go to the

house. A new member of our Church has a backhoe, and he has offered to dig the trenches for us. **What a blessing!** And the above funds will cover the conduit, wire, and water pipes that go in the underground trenches.



← 39 bales of insulation for the attic

And then – a family in our Church (*who is also building a house*) let us know that they will be out of town for several days next week. They want to send **their crew** to work on **OUR** house while they are gone. He said, "*They are fast workers, so have a long list of things for them to do!*" They will be able to paint and install the cabinets, build and paint the window casings, as well as blow-in the insulation in the attic. **What an unexpected blessing!**

Our hearts are **overwhelmed** by God's goodness to us, and by the sacrificial giving of dear friends! It is so encouraging to watch God's continued provision for the building of our home. We pray that our journey will encourage you in your faith as well. We can indeed trust God to provide for our needs, no matter how big or small.

Prayer Requests for our Home – funds for:

- Flooring
- Interior doors, baseboards, and crown molding
- Central Heat and Air
- Electrical (*breakers, plugs, lights, and switches*)
- Counter Tops and appliances
- Sinks, shower and tub tiling, and plumbing fixtures



Prayer Requests for our Family and Ministry:

- Susan's health – wisdom, direction, and healing
- Tim, as he ministers at home and in other Churches
- Rachel, as she student teaches at *Fairview Christian Academy*
- Finances during this time of the year

We are grateful to have family and friends who support us through their faithful prayers! What a **treasure** your friendship is to us! Thank you for your encouragement!

Reaching Families for Him,

Tim, Susan, & Rachel ☺

Tim, Susan, and Rachel Vermaas