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Missions Bulletin

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Greetings from Mormon Country!

By the grace of God it has been a busy and productive summer. More than 150 short term young people added legs (in more ways than one) to a variety of outreaches. A nice bonus was discovering that one of the adult sponsors had been with us as a collegiate missionary apprentice in 1976. Literally thousands of homes were visited, boosting local church and Back Yard Bible Club attendances. In addition to door to door, city park outreach provided another array of community contacts. The chief of police as well as an excellent turnout of officers and their families were present for a law enforcement appreciation picnic, complete with a brief gospel message.

By the grace of God we are thrilled to report a recent adult conversion and two baptisms. Praise the Lord that a good number of LDS people were present for the baptisms. This could have been their first time to hear a clear presentation of the Biblical gospel. Please pray for the seed of the Word to germinate in their hearts.

By the grace of God several area churches have invited me to minister, filling almost every Sunday with preaching/teaching assignments. In one of these congregations it is my privilege to systematically mentor their young associate pastor, a recent seminary graduate. What a joy!

By His grace God is sustaining me in my new life as a cancer patient. Hormone therapy has gone well with minimal side effects. The second and third phases of treatment are about to happen. On August 23 I am scheduled to be surgically implanted with radioactive pellets. Sometime in September the beam therapy (targeted external radiation) begins, a series of twenty five 15 minute sessions spread out over five weeks. I have four prayer requests about all of this: 1) that I will be a good testimony and able to minister throughout the course of treatment, 2) the effectiveness of the treatment, 3) protection from collateral damage, and 4) the financial component. God rules!

*To the praise of the glory of His grace,
Lloyd and Marty Larkin*