

End of Summer 2009 Report

Dear Supporters,

Sorry about not reporting more promptly. It has been a great summer. VBS was great in early June. The numbers were down, but the quality of the students and program was up. Thanks to Trinity URC, the Hooyers, and the Godfreys! July brought an unexpected joy for Jaci and I as I was given an opportunity to preach at the new URC church plant in Kauai, Hawaii. In August I was given a second service at the prison in Susanville. I now lead the services on the 2nd Saturday and the 4th Sunday evening each month. I have been able to recruit three men from the church to go along on the Sunday evenings. In September Jaci and I put on a Luau for the Rotary Club of Weed where I presently serve as president and for the Church. Great food, fellowship, and fun!

The attendance has been down during the summer months, but the people tell me that they are growing spiritually. Six adults are ready to meet with the board and profess their faith, and join the church, two older couples and two widows. There is one other couple that feels they need more instruction before they join. Release time Bible Classes have begun again with the students of Big Springs Elementary School. There too the enrollment numbers are down at the school and also at our classes.

The economic downturn has hurt the community with more unemployment and social dysfunction. The church has 2 unemployed breadwinners and our offerings have suffered some.

In June we were able to complete our new drive-up covered entry way and finish the landscaping project. I also started a new part time job as a Rehabilitation Specialist with Remi-Vista in May. I work with teenage boys who have various diagnoses from Siskiyou County Behavior Health. My present client has Asbergers, a form of Autism. Most of our clients have ADHD and some form of social dysfunction.

Jaci and I have been able to see all three of our children and their families this summer. Oh how the 8 grandchildren are growing and changing. It has been a great summer and has flown by rapidly. Jaci has started her women's Bible study again on a weekday morning and Adult Sunday School is going well.

Prayer Needs:

We need more people to serve and especially young families with children.

We need more spiritual men so we can have elders and deacons.

We need to impact our community more for Christ during this economic downturn, taking advantage of the times.