

# THE BECKLEYS IN PAYSON, ARIZONA

April 2020 Report

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Brethren and friends,

## THE RIM COUNTRY CHURCH

We continue to be blessed with none of the active members of the church getting infected with the coronavirus. We continue to have the opportunity to assemble on Sunday mornings without any interference (keeping social distancing). Our mid-week study has not resumed yet and things are rather quiet.

Sermons preached in April have been: Being Faithful in Times of Crisis, Overcoming Doubt, Darkness in Contrast to Light, and What Do People Expect from Christianity? Our Sunday morning Bible class has been focused on the virtues of 2 Pet 1:7-8. We have looked with a bird's eye view at each of these qualities we are to have and develop. It has been very interesting.

Ed Christian who has been in a rehabilitation center since his stroke has gone down hill. With the shutdown and lockdown of the facility, he has had no therapy or visitation from family so he no longer recognizes them. Six patients there have the virus. Family is now limited to one visit a day for 20 minutes with PPE on. His wife Nina wanted to bring him home and let hospice care for him, but Payson doesn't have 24 hour care. Keep Ed and Nina in your prayers.

## THE HOUSE AND MOVE, FINALLY!

The purchase of our house closed on April 28 after an emergency postponement due to the loan official's son being taken to the hospital with Covid-19. She had been working from her home but could not finalized the sale on time due to this event.

On April 29-30th, the senior population of the congregation helped us move into the house we bought. This is because the youngest in the congregation is in his early 60's. We had furniture and goods stored in three different locations and the brethren came to help with pickup trucks and trailers. Here were men in their 60's and 70's trying to move heavy furniture around. One of the brethren was able-bodied and I hired a young man. These two did most of the heavy work, but the boxes of books were heavy enough for the rest of us. By the time lunch time came and with the heat building up, we were all beat down and called it a day, although only half of the goods were moved. The next day, the same men came, but this time their wives also came and helped Joanne. Right when we thought we were finished, a phone call came which gave us access to the third location. Moving things was not as bad as trying to get everything through the doors. Off came the frig door handles, apart came the desk in 3 pieces, and a two seat sofa had to be turned on end to get it to its destination. One brother commented, "We're going to have you preach here a long time because we don't want to move this furniture again." Of course he was joking, but with a grain of truth in it.

There is no way to thank these brothers for the job they did. They were invaluable. We could not find anyone to help us move except the one young man. You would think that with so many people being out of work due to the virus that there would be a surplus of people wanting to work.

This does not mean that we are settled in. We still have several boxes that need to be opened and put in their proper places. My study looks like a warehouse more than a study, but I am managing to get this report out. Some of the bookcases and a cabinet have to be repaired from the move before books can be put up. Thanks for understanding the delay in this report.

Come see us if you are in the neighborhood, but wait until we get the guest bed put together!

**AFRICA -**

South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique continue to be in a lockdown phase with some essential trips allowed. Keep them in your prayers as their people face very difficult times.

**Finances:**

I am so very grateful for the extended help from the Huffman church in Birmingham AL. and Southside church in Somerset KY. during the first part of this year. Thank you for your help.

correction: I corrected March 2020 for the Huffman church.

<i>Regular SUPPORT for: dates are usually deposit dates</i>	<i>Feb 2020 money, date, ck#</i>	<i>Mar 2020 money, date, ck#</i>	<i>April 2020 money, date, ck#</i>
<i>Huffman, Birmingham, Al</i>	200            24 #?	0	0
<i>Southside, Somerset, Ky</i>	255            07#	255    4/03 ck#500368	0
<i>Oaks -West, Burnet, Tx</i>	200            21#?	200            20 ck# ?	200            20 ck# ?
<i>Eastside, Baytown, TX</i>	100            07#?	300            4/03 ck# 7885	300            5/04 ck#7895
<i>Annandale, VA</i>	←for 3 mos.	←for 3 mos.	1500 for 3 mos. 10 ck#5819
<i>Southside, Sulphur Springs Tx</i>	←for yr =500/mo.	←for yr =500/mo.	←for yr =500/mo.
<i>anonymous #5:</i>	100            29#	100            30#?	100            27#?
<i>Rim Country church</i>	2000            24	2000            29ck#	2000            26ck#260

Thanks for your prayers and help.  
Dave and Joanne Beckley