

August 2026

## Adjusting to August

Psa 71:8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day.

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers, the month of August is almost over and it's been a long hot one to say the least.

We're still here at New Horizon Baptist in Ward, Arkansas continuing to work on the new school building and gymnasium. As we mentioned in our previous letter, we were pushing hard to finish up the second floor classrooms. It was without a doubt a hard push that required many 10 hour days and Saturday work as well. We were not alone in the effort though. Many volunteers the last two weeks came in to help, and on Saturdays the Pastor called for Church workdays to push it forward too. I think we had nearly 25 people come the first Saturday all moving furniture and desks out of the gym onto the second floor, helping hang doors and putting in flooring. It truly was a sight to see.

It's amazing what God's people can do when they put their hearts into it. God blessed the effort, and the school opened with the second floor ready, for the most part anyway! It took another week and a half of our people coming in early before classes started to finish up the smaller details, like ac grills, rubber baseboard, and a host of little finishing touches. We didn't mind though, and the students didn't seem to notice the difference.

Since the upstairs was finished and our next job was not quite ready yet, we went ahead and moved down to the first floor to continue work on the prophet chambers, the kitchen, and classrooms. Though all the rough plumbing was completed downstairs, and we had finished the septic and water service, we still had gas pipe to run, about half of the building to wire, and start the sheetrock work where we could. We have high hopes to complete the rough in work and finish one of the prophets chambers before moving on to Paragould for our next work.

The Lord has seen fit to keep us here most of the summer and we're thankful we were able to get this work accomplished before school started. However, the greatest accomplishment was just a few days ago. As we mentioned before, most of the students here are not church kids, but the school allows them the opportunity to teach and preach the Gospel to these children and by God's grace one young lady trusted Christ as her savior! Praise the Lord this is what it's all about!

On a more personal note, August has turned out to be quite challenging and a tremendous blessing as well. My wife was able to come back to me for the past few weeks, and we were able to take a few days to visit my daughter in Texas. Her father is not improving, but she was able to secure some extra help with nursing and hospice, along with a camera system so that she could monitor him and help out from here. It's not a permanent solution, and she will have to return soon, but we're thankful for the time together.

Please continue to pray for her family as they face the months ahead. Please pray for us as we will be moving to Paragould in the very near future. Please pray for the upcoming missions conference in October that we plan on attending as well.

Thank you as always for your continued support and prayers!



### Prayer Requests

Comfort for Father-in-Law

Safety at work

Wife's health and care



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