

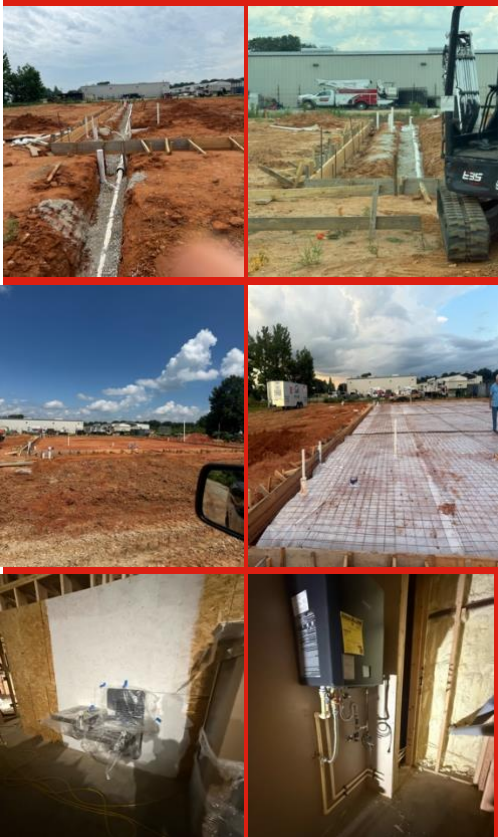


Prayer Requests

Comfort for Father-in-Law

Safety at work

Wife's health and care



Missionary Builders

July 2026

Piping hot July

Psa 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation *is* from him.

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers: well July was a very big month for our country as we celebrated 250 years! Here in Arkansas we celebrated as well as I'm pretty sure it reached 250° daily! OK that may be a bit of an exaggeration but it sure did get hot this July as we began our month with Pastor Stacy Prater here in Paragould.

As I mentioned in our previous letter, we had just moved into Paragould and we're about to begin the slab work for their new Church building. What a wonderful blessing for them to be able to see this slab work go in as they've been saving and waiting for God to allow them to start to build.

This is not an extremely large building as it's only 50' x 82' however, it gives them a great number of amenities that most of us take for granted. Like a restroom you could actually turn around in or central heat and air for comfort, Sunday school classrooms that are bigger than your average closet, floors that are level and the possibility for future expansion!

Sounds great, doesn't it? But it's not been without it's difficulty's so far. The standing joke at the coffee house is; this Church needs to build on a yearly basis as this, build has seen rain almost daily through the month of July. The farmers are ecstatic, but it's played havoc trying to get the plumbing in the slab. But God is good! We would put it in, bed it in stone, then pump it out the next morning and by noon it was so hot, the ground was back dry. By the end of the first two weeks, the slab was ready for concrete and we were ready to move back to Ward Arkansas to the school we were attempting to get finished before the new year begins.

So by the middle of July, we headed back at New Horizon Baptist, striving diligently to get the upper floor ready for classes. We only have 10 days into the month of August to get this completed far enough to allow the children to use the classrooms. Thankfully, we were joined by Bob Williamson out of Union City Baptist Temple, and the men and women here at new Horizon. have been stepping up as well. Even so without God's help all our efforts would be in vain. And help he has! As a septic tank company says they will donate their labor to get the sewer installed, and over 3600 ft.² of carpet was donated, along with about \$400 worth of gas pipe, even down to a box of staples that Home Depot reduced the price on so drastically they nearly gave it to us! Please keep us in your prayers as the next 10 days will be a hard push.

On a more personal note, hopefully my wife will be back with me soon for a short while, as she will be taking a break while her sister takes care of her dad. Thank you for all the prayers for her family as they continue to struggle with her dad's Parkinson's and dementia. As many of you I'm sure have been through this. It doesn't seem to get any easier as time goes on, but God's grace is always there! I personally am looking forward to having her home if only for a short while. However, our dog Lily will likely be even more excited than me!

Thank you again for your continued prayer and support. We cannot do it without you.

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