

Rick Barton Ministries

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"ANSWERED PRAYERS"

Janie pulled out a list in the restaurant. On it were prayer requests from our newsletters over the past year. "Well," she asked, "what happened?" So often we ask for prayer and then forget to thank God and report to you when they're answered. Do you remember when Jesus answered the prayers of 10 lepers and only one returned to thank Him? (Luke 17:11-19). We do not ever want to seem ungrateful. Your prayers undergird all that we do. So please receive our huge THANK YOU!!!

Many years ago, Ed Yates, a wonderful prayer warrior, challenged us to list specific prayer requests in our newsletters. "I pray over your requests each month," he said, "and I don't want vague ones." Of course, Janie and Ed were both right. Many of you pray for our specific requests and you deserve to know the answers! At the end of this newsletter we list some "Answered Prayers".

June Happenings: At the end of May we preached and sang with the Pitkin CO Community Church family (5/31) and then shared with the church gathered in Tin Cup CO (June 7th). What a blessing it is to worship with these summer-only churches each year! (One of the advantages of holding our services on Saturday nights is the opportunity to serve other churches on Sundays!) We travelled to Esterbrook Community Church in Wyoming (June 20) to share on "Buckboard Sunday". This is an annual gathering where we arrive at the church building by horse drawn wagon. Folks come from all over WY and it's a great day of worship, music and food in the most beautiful setting! I first shared with this wonderful group of believers during a fire assignment in 1999.

I Am The Most Fortunate Man in the World! 55 years ago on June 6, Melva and I were married in a beautiful meadow near Granby CO. I could never have dreamed what a wonderful wife, mother, and helpmate she would be. We have served Jesus as a team around the country and even internationally. I praise the Father who brought me the perfect helpmate!

Upcoming: Please pray for us as we share:

July 9-12: Cattlemen's Days rodeo chaplain and our 45th annual Cowboy Church Gunnison CO
July 20-29: Family Reunion on Melva's home island of Kauai
August 6-7: RBM Board of Directors Meeting-Colorado Springs CO
August 25: Knee Replacement Vail CO
September 6: Tin Cup CO Community Church
September 27: Pitkin CO Community Church

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<u>First Responder New Testaments and Devotionals:</u> This month we were able to send Firefighter New Testaments to Texas, North Carolina, and Florida! Your prayers and support make this possible.

<u>Finances</u>: We thank God daily for each of you who invest in God's work through us! As the cost of New Testaments, devotionals, and day to day expenses increase, we see His all-sufficient grace.
***As you requested, online giving is now available through our website, rickbartonministries.org.**

<u>Answered Prayers!</u> Please forgive us for not giving you a praise report sooner!

1. ***How is last summer's seminary intern Dalton Stuart doing?*** **Dalton is now the pastor of Durant Chapel Baptist Church in Bay Minette AL. and loving it!**
2. ***How is Melva's CPAP adjustment and shoulder/neck pain doing?*** **The Lord has wonderfully allowed her to sleep through most nights, and her neck is 90% better!**
3. ***Rick's planter faucitis and possible knee replacement decision?*** **The planter faucitis has responded to treatment and is doing much better. I met with a knee surgeon at the Steadman Clinic in Vail and he confirmed I need a replacement. It's scheduled for August 25th. Dr. Cafferky is a Christian and a US Ski Team surgeon!**
4. ***Other medical prayers:*** **Rick had a lipoma removed from his shoulder and it feels great. Melva is over her persistent colds. She still has some arthritic soreness in one leg/hip.**
5. ***Owen P. medical issues?*** **Owen still travels to Children's Hospital/Denver but is walking well.**
6. ***How is the "Senior Service Team doing?*** **After a good start it's struggling. The folks helping us have moved. The seniors are still willing to serve but we need those who can serve them.**
7. ***How is Rich and Shelba's eye glass ministry going?*** **It's going great visiting prisons and providing the gift of sight and Jesus!**
8. ***Prayers for the anointing of the Holy Spirit.*** **We've seen a wonderful anointing as we share!**

"On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, <u>as you help us</u> by your prayers..." (2 Corinthians 1:10-11)

<u>Prayer Requests:</u>

1. **For the anointing of the Holy Spirit as we share Jesus and His love.**
2. **For the two new believers I have the pleasure of discipling.**
3. **For God to use every fire, police, cowboy, and motorcycle New Testament and devotional.**
4. **For workers to be raised up to lead men's, women's, and senior's ministries.**

<u>By His Grace and to His Glory</u>! Rick and Melva

Rick + Melva



Arriving on Buckboard Sunday



The View from the Sanctuary



The Largest Church in Esterbrook