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## H.I. S. Ministries April Newsletter, covering March 2012

Just a week ago we finished our *Understanding Mormonism* class at the **First Southern Baptist Church** in Salt Lake City. Our oldest daughter, Kristiina, and her husband, Joe, are members of this church. We were very happy to come to know their pastor and fellow church members better. We sensed their love for each other and for the Lord. They demonstrated their love for the Lord and for the lost by their faithful class attendance every Sunday night. We pray that they will be abundantly blessed for their efforts as they reach out to their LDS neighbors, friends and relatives with good news of Jesus Christ.

Spring is a time of hope and a new life. For us as born-again believers in Jesus Christ, this is a time of renewal of our determination to live for Him, to glorify Him through our lives and be eager to share Him with those who do not **yet** know Him. Our lives can take on a new dimension if we truly recognize Him and promise to serve Him with all that we are and have, no matter what the cost. We hope and pray that this season, from Palm Sunday (4/1/12) and Resurrection Day (4/8/12) to the Day of Pentecost (5/27/12) recorded in Acts 2:1-4, will fill us all with **a desire to be faithful to Him till the end and share the Good News with the lost.**

Many of us have LDS friends and relatives. Our heart's desire is that they be saved (Romans 10:1-4, 17) and be awaiting with us for Jesus' coming, which could be at any time, "***For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with the shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.***" (1 Thess. 4:16-18.) These words are indeed comforting to all who know Him personally! By searching the scriptures, we come closer to Him – that is why He said, "***Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.***" (John 5:39.)

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan (we celebrate as Palm Sunday), our Lord rode into Jerusalem on a donkey fulfilling Zechariah's prophesy, written over 500 years before. "***Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.***" (Zech. 9:9.) **This was the very day predicted by Daniel** (Dan. 9:24-26) as the day that the Messiah will be presented to Israel, and then "***cut off, but not for Himself, but for His people.*** This "***presentation day***" was exactly **173,880 days** after Artaxerxes Longimanus had (on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 445 BC) given a commandment to "***restore and build Jerusalem***" - recorded by Daniel. (Studying the scriptures carefully we can see how literally and exactly biblical prophecies are fulfilled.)

From the New Testament we read that people had many times wanted to declare Jesus as their Messiah-King, but He always, **before this very day**, had said "***my time has not yet come***", but on this day **He not only allowed it, He arranged it** (see Matt. 26:17-18). **This was four days before the Passover, which was the set day of selecting the Passover Lamb** (according to Ex. 12:1-6), **to be kept four days before it was to be killed on Passover, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan.** On that day, 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, we call "***Palm Sunday***", Jesus, our Passover Lamb, "***the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world***" (John 1:29),

allowed Himself to be hailed as their King, fulfilling Psalm 118:26 and Daniel 9:25-26. When multitudes saw Him, ***“they cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”*** (Matt. 21:9.) Pharisees commanded Jesus to rebuke the people for declaring Him as their King, but Jesus answered them, ***“if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. ...He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, if thou hast known, even thou, at least this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thy eyes.”*** (Luke 19:39-42.) They did not know what the scriptures had foretold about “this thy day”! **All scriptures were written about Him** (John 5:39; Luke 24:25-27, 44) **and if they had known their Old Testament scriptures, they would have been able to recognize Him when he came.** But they (as a nation) did not recognize Him as their awaited Messiah! But in the scriptures we see ***His Virgin Birth*** (Isa. 7:14), ***His place of birth*** (Bethlehem, Micah 5:2), ***His Davidic lineage*** (1. Sam.13:14; Acts 13:22-23), ***His betrayal for 30 pieces of silver*** (Zech. 11:12-13) and many more details prophesied, all recorded in the Old Testament, even hundreds of years before. As a matter of fact, **the Bible records over 300 prophecies that were fulfilled in Jesus’ earthly life.** One of these prophecies that we’d like to focus on at this Passover/Easter is that , ***“He made His grave with the wicked (plural word in Hebrew), and with the rich (singular) in His death.”*** (Isaiah 53:9.) He was crucified with between transgressors, one on each side of Him, and His body was laid in a tomb that was hewn out of rock for Joseph of Arimathea, a rich disciple of Jesus who gave his tomb for Jesus’ burial place. [Quoting Chuck Missler, who smiled and said, ***“Why not, it was only for the week end! ☺***] Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus prepared Jesus’ body for burial. (John 19:38-40.) **But the grave could not hold Him. HE IS RISEN!**

**Preaching the gospel, as we all are commanded to do, means teaching who Jesus is, “God with us”** (Matt. 1:23), **and that He died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the third day, according to the scriptures.** (1 Cor. 15:1-4.) His sacrifice brought forgiveness and eternal salvation to all who accept Him as their Savior and Lord. (John 1:12; 8:24.) We are accustomed to calling this celebration ***“Easter”***. This word appears only once in the King James Version of the Bible, in Acts 12:4. It is actually a *mistranslation* or *misinterpretation* of a sort of the Greek word, *“pascha”* that means ***Passover, which is a Jewish Feast. Easter is a festival or a feast of the Christian church that commemorates the resurrection of Christ, in place of the Passover,*** which is celebrated at this time of the year, according to the Jewish calendar, on the first Sunday following the full moon. If the full moon falls on Sunday, Passover is celebrated a week later. (The time of Jewish *Passover* or Christian *Easter* falls between March 22 and April 25.) Thus ***Easter*** replaced the ***Jewish Passover*** (*“pascha”*) **among those who had accepted Jesus as their Messiah and Savior.**

The trouble with the timing of ***Easter***, until about 8<sup>th</sup> century, was caused primarily by the fact that the Jews observed a calendar based on lunar months. ***Passover*** was celebrated on the ***14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan***, and it was not therefore tied to any day of the week. The first dispute was whether Christians should celebrate this festival on a weekday or the following Sunday. Eusebius (4<sup>th</sup> century) in his ecclesiastical history describes, ***“The Christian communities of all Asia [i.e. the Roman province, so-called] thought, according to a very old tradition, that the feast of Savior’s pascha ought to be kept on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the moon, on which Jews were ordered to sacrifice the lamb, and that therefore on whatever day of the week this might fall...But the churches in the rest of the world were not accustomed to observe this practice: in virtue of an apostolic tradition they followed the custom now in force and considered that no other day was right...but that of our Savior’s resurrection [which was Sunday, the first day of the week] ...”*** Every Sunday was then called a ***“little Easter”***.

***Passover*** is the basis for our ***Easter***, but ***“Easter”***, by that name, was originally a pagan festival honoring ***Eostre***, a Teutonic goddess of light, spring and fertility, celebrated around the same time as *Passover*, but ***Easter***, celebrated by pagans, was focused on spring at the time of the *vernal equinox* (when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are equal in length). **We, as Christians, do not identify or have anything at all to do with pagan festivals**, but we do need to know, if asked, where some of these names came from and why. **We need to remember that we should not celebrate Easter with fertility symbols of eggs and Easter-bunnies as unbelievers do, but we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord that**

**took place at this time of the year!**

In Jewish homes, all over the world, *Passover* is still celebrated, which they also call the *Festival of Redemption*. They observe the *Feast of Unleavened Bread* at that time also. **They eat only unleavened bread during the entire Passover week. Passover is the most sacred event in Judaism** and stands as the cornerstone of Israel's identity and purpose. **The Passover Lamb** is the symbol of God's deliverance of the Jewish people from bondage in Egypt. They also partook of bitter herbs, symbolic of bitterness of their bondage, and **unleavened bread**, that symbolized hurriedness of their flight, and **also their need to purge sin from their lives**. Exodus 12:15 explains that there **must not be leaven (yeast)** found in their homes during the **entire Passover week**.

God uses everyday items, like bread and leaven/yeast, to teach us His truth. **Leaven**, yeast (in Hebrew 'homez') **is used throughout the Bible as a symbol of sin**. Leaven is sour, and like sin, it "*sours*" life. **Leaven changes that which was before unleavened; it puffs up and corrupts**. Just like putting a rotten apple into a barrel of good apples spoils the rest of them, but we cannot make a barrel of rotten apples good by putting a fresh apple in it. **That is how it is with sin, it contaminates what it touches, and it has to be thrown out**. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "**Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**" (1 Cor. 5:6.) Sin does the same thing, it makes us puffed up and self-centered, and the *sin of pride* causes us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to, while **adding no substance at all**. Jesus warned against the "*leaven of Pharisees and of Sadducees*" (Matt 16:11-12), which was their hypocrisy and malice. Just as a small amount of yeast puffs the bread-dough up, and as the dough rises, it does not have any more weight or substance than unleavened dough, it just takes more room. In order to understand this symbolism better we need to be aware how yeast/leaven works. My grandmother in Finland used to make sour-dough rye bread weekly. Each time she saved a small part of the dough, with its original culture of leaven, and when it was put into a new patch of dough, it *leavened*, "*corrupted*" it, and the fresh dough *puffed up*. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians was to "**purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.**" (1 Cor. 5:7.) Jews had to clean their entire homes and "**purge out**" all leaven, which is symbolic of sin, before they were allowed to celebrate the *Passover*. We must likewise purge out all that is not good in our lives, examine our hearts, so that we too can truly celebrate Easter wholeheartedly and meditate in the meaning of *the Gospel* (1 Cor. 15:1-4), **which is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus**.

During the Passover Celebration with His disciples Jesus instituted *communion of bread and wine as a remembrance of Him*. (See Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:23-26.)

**Just as death passed over all Hebrew homes in Egypt that had blood of the lamb brushed on their doorposts, so we also will be saved from eternal death by the Blood of the Lamb. Unleavened bread (bread without leaven) that we take as communion bread symbolizes sinless body of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, broken and sacrificed on the Cross of Calvary for you and me. Red wine or red grape juice we take as communion, symbolizes His blood, that cleanses us from all sin.**

(1 Cor. 11:23-29; 1 John 1:7.)

As Mormons, we did not even have that correct! The Mormon Church uses as their "sacrament" puffed up "*Wonder bread*", made with yeast that is a symbol of sin, and thus that bread could not symbolize sinless body of Jesus, and they take water that could not symbolize the blood of Christ. LDS "sacrament" can be symbolic only of "*another Jesus*", and "*watered-down*" "*another gospel*", that Paul warned about in 1 Cor. 11:4. While we were blinded in the bondage of Mormonism, we did not even notice how "non-symbolic" this Mormon-"sacrament" of leavened, puffed up bread and water really was!

And because it is routinely given every Sunday, its frequency makes it even less meaningful.

**As we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and our salvation through our faith in His finished work, let us not forget that He is coming soon. As His first coming was foretold of in the scriptures, so is His second coming. We must not be ignorant and be taken by surprise, but we must be ready, expecting Him to come at any time. When He comes first for His Bride, the Church, saved by His grace through faith, He meets us in the air, (1 Thess. 4:13-18), and afterwards He will come as a Judge of the unbelieving world. Our prayer is that many more will come to know Him now when His love and mercy is offered to all who would believe. (Acts 4:12.)**



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**From our mailbox:**

An LDS man sent some questions that obviously have bothered him.

[My answers below each of his questions.]

*1. To be a true apostle of Christ, must he have been with Jesus in person?*

**Answer:** All Twelve Apostles were eye-witnesses of Christ's ministry. The word "apostle" is translated from a Greek word "*apostolos*", which means *an ambassador sent [to represent Christ]*. Luke 1:2 and 2 Peter 1:16 confirm that apostles were *eye-witnesses* of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the New Testament this word is used of those who were the "sent ones" as ambassadors of Christ, excepting in 2 Cor. 11:13, where a word in Greek is "*pseudapostolos*", meaning pretenders, false apostles or false teachers. The word *apostle* is a New Testament word, and was not known in the Old Testament time, before Christ and His mission. The Book of Mormon proves to be not an ancient scripture but a 19<sup>th</sup> century production of Joseph Smith for it speaks of *twelve apostles of The Lamb (Christ)* from the beginning of the BoM (1 Ne. 14:20, in 600-592 B.C.) and also about *Christians* (i.e. followers of Christ) hundreds of years before there was Christ. (*Christ* comes from a Greek word *Christos*, not known during the Old Testament times.)

*2. If one truly asks God for an answer to a prayer, can Satan intercede and give an answer?*

**Answer:** I do not know if you are a "*temple-Mormon*" and know what goes on in LDS temples, but if you are, then you'd know that in LDS temples Adam's prayer is answered by Lucifer, who says that he is the god of this world. Since Lucifer answers Adam's prayer in a temple, the holiest place in Mormonism, that should answer this question for you that Satan/Lucifer can answer prayers. The Bible warns us about spiritual deceptions, and commands us *to test the spirits* (1 John 4:1) that can give "*good feelings*" or testimonies of something that is actually false. We must test all teachings by the Word of God that was given to us by God (2 Tim. 3:16) so that we could *know what the doctrine is*, and how to correct those who have gone astray. (2 Tim. 2:15.) If Mormons would *test all things* (1Thess. 5:21), including their "*testimonies*", by the Bible, they would know that the Holy Spirit would not give them assurances that Mormonism is true for Mormonism teaches of another Jesus (a brother of Lucifer), that God was once a man, and that men can become gods, when God of the Bible says that Jesus is I AM (God), that God is not a man, and men will not become gods after Him. (John 1:1,14; 8:24; Isaiah 43:10; 44:6; Ps. 90:2; Numbers 23:19; Hosea 11:9.)

*3. Do you have to be baptized to be saved? Isn't Mark 16:16 saying that salvation requires baptism?*

**Answer:** Mark 16:16 says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he who believeth not shall be damned." It is "*not believing*" that causes damnation. It is believers (saved ones) that are baptized. Romans 6:3-4 explains why we are baptized. "*Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life.*" When we are baptized, we identify ourselves with Jesus Christ and His death in our behalf, and demonstrate that we believe that He died for our sins, was buried and rose again on the third day. That is the Gospel declared in 1 Cor. 15:1-4. The Bible clearly teaches that it is the blood of Jesus, shed in our behalf, that saves, not water baptism. (See 1 John 1:7; Romans 10:9-10.) Salvation is a gift of God (Eph. 2:8-9) – no works, not even baptism, can be added to what Jesus has done for us. Faith in Jesus alone is the way to salvation (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). Jesus was asked what works we must do to be saved? Jesus answered that question, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He has sent." (John 6:29.)

*4. If we are saved through grace alone, why does the Bible command us to do His commandments?*

**Answer:** The Bible says that if we love Him, we keep His commandments! Keeping commandments does not save, but keeping them proves that we love Him and that our faith in Him is real, from our heart, not just words we say. (Romans 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-9.) Jesus condensed all commandments

into just two: *Love the Lord God and love our neighbor.* (Matt. 22:37-40.)

Even in our human families, children show their love and respect to their parents by obeying them, for loving parents give children rules to obey for their best. Likewise God has given us commandments because He loves us and desires the best for us.

5. *If Jesus is God, as you say, how can He increase in wisdom and stature?* (Luke 2:52)

Answer: Jesus is 100% God and 100% a man. As God, He could not increase in wisdom and knowledge, but let us not forget that *He became a man*, and as a man He had to grow in His humanity just as we do, for He had been made “*in the likeness of men*”. (Phil. 1:7.) He was fully a representation of mankind and “*increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.*”

6. *If your name is written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, can it be taken out if you stray away from Him ? Also what about Hebr. 6:4-6 and 12:15?*

Answer: The Bible teaches that when we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:8-9), *we are born by the Spirit of God*, and we have “*become sons of God*” (John 1:2-13). We cannot be “*unborn*” from our Spirit birth any more than we can be *unborn* from our physical birth. The Lord has also said that *He will never leave us nor forsake us. It is not a conditional promise!* Jesus said that *He will give us eternal life* and we, who have received it, *will never perish or be lost again.* (John 10:28-30.) If “*eternal life*” could be lost, then it would not have been “*eternal life*” at all. The moment we are born again, our names are written *in the Lamb’s Book of Life*, and our names will stay there forever. - - You asked about Hebrews 12:15, that refers to “*fall short of grace*”(NKJV). It simply means that some may come close to becoming truly born again Christians, but they too, just like king Agrippa, who said to Paul, “*Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian*” (Acts 26:28) have *fallen short of accepting the grace of God by faith*. The same could be said of any goal we fall short of reaching – *being close* or “*almost there*” is not the same as being truly born again. In other words, those who “*fall short of grace*” had never truly been born again; they had not accepted the grace of God. - - Hebrews 6:4-6 is one of the most misunderstood passages in the New Testament. We all need to inspect this carefully, and not jump to conclusions before considering the meaning. The main question from this to most seems to be: Can a born-again believer lose his salvation? V.6 says, “*IF they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance.*” Note: it does not say when they shall fall away, but IF they shall fall away. IF they could fall away, then they could not be saved again, because it would prove that Jesus’ work on the cross was not enough to keep them saved, and He would have to be crucified again for one to be saved again! Christ purchased salvation for us at a price we could never pay, and He GAVE that salvation to us as His GIFT (Eph. 2:8-9). He will never take His Gift from us. He is the one who keeps us saved! John 10:28-30 says that we are held in the handclasp of both the Father and the Son, and thus we will never perish! If that was not true, then He, Jesus, *would be put to open shame* for promising something that either was not so, or He could not do. This statement in Hebr. 6, “*IF they shall fall away*” is hypothetical – something that could never happen. Verse 9s ends with an assuring word, “*BUT, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.*” This obviously means that “*falling away*” does not accompany true salvation – God’s promises are “*better*”.

7. *Does “endure to the end” (Matt. 24:13-14) mean believe to the end?*

Answer: Matt. 24 is Jesus’ prophecy about the end times. And “*then shall the end come*” which in this context means “*the end of the age*”. Jesus revealed to His disciples what will take place before the very end of the age.

1. The destruction of the Temple (verses 1-2).
2. The Signs of the End Times and the End of the Age (verses 3-14).
3. The Great Tribulation (verses 15-28).
4. The Coming of the Son of Man (verses 29-31).
5. The Parable of the Fig Tree (verses 29-35).

6. No One Knows the Day or Hour (verses 36-44).

7. The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant (verses 45-51).

This was written to Israel, not to the church, which will not be on earth during the 7-year Tribulation period, also called “the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jer. 30:7).

8. *If God the Father and Jesus are the same being, why does Christ make such a point over and over again distinguishing the two as separate beings? Example: Jesus is praying to the Father.*

**Answer:** As finite beings, we have a hard time describing and understanding an infinite God. But as we read and study the Word of God, **we come to the conclusion that there is only one God, and that this One God consists of Three Eternal Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, for that is what the Bible says!** Hebrews 11:6 says, **“Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”** **God, the author of His Word, asks that we believe what the Bible says about Him.** It should not be hard at all for we have ample proof that **the Bible is true and that it is the Word of God.** It is **“history written in advance”**. The Triune God of the Bible by His nature is Spirit, not a man. (John 4:24; Hosea 11:9; Numbers 23:19.) Jesus is the Second Person of Triune God. *He is God, who became a man* as John 1:1, 14 and Matt. 1:23 say. He **“was made in the likeness of men”** (Phil. 2:7), even though He was and is eternal God. (Rev. 1:8.) **Three Persons in the Godhead are One God (Trinity) – not three separate Gods.** There is only one God, *even the devils believe that and tremble.* (James 2:19.) **The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have always existed as One God.** (Ps. 90:2; 1 John 5:7.) They have always communed/talked with one another. Jesus, who is fully God, became fully a man. **He is 100% God and 100% man.** Of course He talked/prayed to the Father. Colossians 2:9 says, **“For in Him (Jesus) dwelleth ALL the fullness of the Godhead BODILY”**. The **“Godhead”** consists of three eternal Persons – *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*. **“Dwelleth”** means that all attributes and the essence of Deity were in Christ; **not just divinity but Deity; not Godlike, but God; not a nature like God’s, but a nature the same as God’s.** **“Bodily”** means that incarnation was real and physical. Our Lord Jesus Christ was one Person with two natures: He is the God-man. Paul (in his letter to Colossians) declares the Deity and humanity of Jesus in corporeal form. (Col. 1:15-16; 2:9.) I hope this helps. If you have more questions or want more clarifications, please write again. With best wishes, Rauni

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**A Former-LDS man wrote:**

*“Hello Rauni, I want to start by thanking you and Dennis for the wonderful work you are doing, as it has made an impact on me personally. I had been reading testimonies and stories on ex-mormon.org when I came across your story and link to hismin web site. I was very excited to read what you had found and presented very effectively. I am an ex-Mormon, converted to Mormonism several years ago. I have stopped church-going 6 months ago, and after exhaustive research to support my belief that I was doing the right thing, I submitted my letter to church offices in SLC to have my name removed from their records. When I made my decision to leave the church, I had read NO anti-Mormon literature. I made up my mind after reading Church’s own literature. Wow, saying the church is true is absolutely insane. Nothing could be further from the truth. However, my problem is that my wife is very active and fully believing in the church, along with our sons and daughter, who just finished her first year at BYU. After finding your site, I am totally convinced my wife has no idea what the church believes, or what doctrine truly is. She is completely convinced of the “truth” of the OFFICIAL story as told by the church today, i.e. pictures of JS kneeling in a grove, reading gold plate at a table, being baptized by John the Baptist, pictures of Jesus with Indians in front of Meso-American temples, and all the BOM artwork. She believes it all, but Not a single word of it is true. I know my wife believes in the virgin birth of Christ, for she has no idea what BY said about Adam being God, and god physically going to Mary to procreate. She does not even want to see that Mormon Doctrine also teaches; that it was “god” who came to Mary and physically conceived Jesus. My wife does NOT WANT TO HEAR IT. She enjoys the social aspect very much and all her friends in the RS are just super great. I need to get her to read the entire page you present on your website, and all else what the missionaries won’t tell you. We live on shaky ground now, and I try not to interfere with her church activities, because she gets very defensive and even mean about my “anti-Mormon stance”. However, I just love not being associated with that cult anymore. I did fine without it before we joined...now I just wanted to say ‘thank you’. ” (I answered him, but have not heard back yet.)*



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**We have so much to be thankful for.** An LDS couple, that less than 2 months ago accepted the Lord and were born again, have grown in the Lord faster than we have ever seen anyone do. They are so excited about truth of the Bible. In this short time they have already studied (I mean **really studied**, using Chuck Missler's CDs) **the Gospel of John, Book of Daniel, Galatians** and now **the Book of Revelation!** The Lord must have a very special plan for them. We are asking that you'd pray for them daily, for they have active adult LDS sons that are not taking their parents departure from the Mormon Church well. Jesus said that belief in Him will cause division, even in a family. (Matt. 10:32-39.) We are praying that all of their children, with their spouses, will open their minds and hearts to receive Jesus of the Bible.

There are many other LDS people that we are working with. The realization that Mormonism is not truth can cause incredible pain and even fear. There is so much at stake – many of them stand to lose their family, friends and even jobs, and in some cases that could cause total financial collapse. We can identify with that, and we hope that they too will come to see that in this world we will have trouble (John 16:33), but the Lord will see us through it all, if we just trust in Him. Jesus' prayer for His disciples (John 17:6-26) was His prayer also for all of us who have come to believe in Him (v.20) through the Word of God and through those who present His truth to us. The Lord Jesus and our life with Him here and in eternity to come is worth everything that we may have to give up in this world, whatever that might be.

We are so thankful that the Lord has blessed us through many of you – through your prayers and your giving hearts. Because of your help, we have been able to continue in our ministry – and accept invitations to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and information we have collected over these many, many years. This month Dennis will be going to Kansas City, Missouri for a few days to minister there, while I continue our work here, answering emails and phone calls etc. Next month we will be going to teach in Kennewick, Washington. To make this trip possible and less costly, we are going to pull our trailer behind Dennis' truck. That saves in hotel and restaurant costs, and it will be like "going camping" ☺, which we like to do during summer time.

Please pray with us for health blessings for Claudia, Debbie, Dick, Dale, Heber, Joe, Max and Merridy. There are many others who need prayer for various needs and trials in their lives, and we just ask you pray for them too. The Lord knows who they are and what their needs are. He is good and loving. He will answer our prayers when we ask according to His will. (1 John 5:14-15.)

Keep the SON in your eyes,

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**Scriptures to ponder:**

*"Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart."* (Jer. 14:14)

*"...the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led by them are destroyed."* (Isa. 9:15b-16.)

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