

# DODSON DIGEST

Church Planting in Utah with Biblical Ministries Worldwide

Psalm 36:5 says " **Your lovingkindness, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**" Aren't you thankful for the Lord's lovingkindness and faithfulness to us? We are so thankful that He has faithfully continued to guide us each step of our church planting ministry here in Utah.

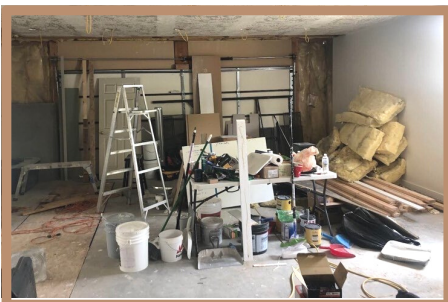
As some of you know, the city of Highland where our church is located, has an ordinance requiring churches to meet only in residential zones. While our church saves money and looks for property of its own, we are meeting in our "garage sanctuary." We finally finished most of the indoor work and have been enjoying the space for services and Bible studies. Many of you have prayed for us during this unique and challenging endeavor, and we greatly appreciate your prayers! Some of you also generously gave time and funds to help finish projects. **We cannot begin to thank you enough for your generosity and prayers as we work to finish this space and make it work well for our church family.**

We got most of the indoor church projects completed just in time to begin fall ministries. **God has graciously added a few more families with teens to our church, and we have started a youth ministry.** Besides the new youth ministry, we also have two weekly small group Bible studies, and we are thankful that many families engaged and growing in these ministries. **Would you also please pray with us for continued progress with our unsaved neighbors?** We have had a few exciting conversations recently but are praying that God will do much more with these relationships.

The Lord was gracious to bring our family through a unique health challenge recently. The last week of September, our 8 year old son Adam kept complaining of a bad headache. He had no other symptoms, but after a few days the headache was only worsening, so we decided to take him to the hospital to make sure he was okay. He was diagnosed with a severe sinus infection and ear infection on the right side of his head, and was sent home with antibiotics. But the next morning he wasn't able to move the right side of his face, so we went back to the hospital. It took a few different doctors and a painful time of waiting, but we finally figured out that he had Bells Palsy; the nerves on the right side of his face were temporarily paralyzed from the severity of his infections. We decided on an emergency ear tube placement surgery to help alleviate the pressure on his facial nerve. **We are very thankful and relieved to see that he now has no more facial paralysis symptoms.**

**Thank you for continuing to pray as we do our best to juggle church ministry, family and homeschooling, as well as ongoing church work projects.** We still have a ways to go in completing the half-bath near the sanctuary; it has been difficult to find time for work projects recently. **We greatly appreciate your prayers that the Lord would continue to give us wisdom and endurance as we serve Him.**

For His Glory,  
Chris and Katie Dodson



**Garage Sanctuary  
"Before & After" Photos**

