

McLellan Family Prayer Letter

The McLellan Family is serving in Lind, WA under the leadership of



To our Faithful Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

Happy Fall to everyone! The leaves are changing color here in Lind and the temperatures are dropping. As I write this month I would like to help you gauge the spiritual temperature here at Lind Community Church and the town of Lind in general. The primary purpose for this is to ask that you would join in our labors by praying for us and the ministry of the gospel here in Lind.

Since We Last Wrote

Since we last wrote we are very well settled into our new home and ministry here in Lind, WA. Currently within the church the only scheduled meetings are Sunday morning and recently we have started a home fellowship on Thursdays. On Sunday mornings we have been studying through the Letter of Galatians. Attendance has been fairly steady with a couple of new families beginning to attend.

Lind Community Church has a long history within the community having started in the early 1900's. It has endured many seasons of both fat and lean. Pryor to our arrival the church was unsure of its future. There are many folks here that have labored to keep the doors open and to maintain a presence in the community.

At the same time there are many who have served in leadership or have attended the church for decades who we fear do not know Jesus in a personal way. They have a "form of godliness" but have not been born again. This is a great burden to Christy and me. Please keep this reality in your prayers. We are praying that as the Word is preached faith will come (**Romans 10:17**).



Preach, Pray, Love, Stay

I was recently encouraged by another minister when they gave their personal recommendation in approach to church revitalization. Truly that is what the work here at Lind Community Church is. We are praying that over time that the church will once again be spiritually vital (*something necessary to give and sustain life*) to the people of Lind.

The way this minister encouraged that this can be accomplished is 1) Preach the Word. Keep the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ central to all we do 2) Pray. Pray for God's blessing and for the work of the Word and Holy Spirit in the lives of all we meet and minister to 3) Love the People. Develop relationships through loving the people with the hopes of winning a hearing with them 4) Stay. We are purposing more than before to take a long term approach to our current setting. Ministry takes time. We must be patient and not lose heart. Pray for us in this area.

Harvest Celebration

In an effort to reach out to the folks of Lind and to recognize God's grace in the recent wheat harvest, the church conducted a "Harvest Celebration" for all who would come. We based this time on **Jeremiah 5:24** "*Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.*"

So we invited all who labored so hard on the harvest as well as the rest of the community to come and celebrate with a free BBQ meal, music, and games. We ended up mostly neighborhood children. But there were some other folks that attended and we had a good time getting to know them as well. We hope this will be something to build on in the future.



Christy's Corner

"But that you also may know my affairs and how I am doing..." Ephesians 6:21b

We are now officially in the fall season! And it's beautiful. I help out in the Kindergarten class all day on Wednesdays. It has been such a blessing to not only feel useful, but to be a part of so many little ones lives. The kids are doing very well in public school. In fact, Timothy even won "Student of the Month" for the first month. Which I am told is a very high honor.

We go to "Broadcast" on Wed. nights, twice a month. It is a Bible-based kids club, where they read Scripture, memorize Bible verses, younger kids do a craft, and the older kids work on building a coaster car!

4-H is coming up too, so we will get the girls involved with that, and Tim will be doing Boys Scouts.

We have been able to host family and friends here in this home, and we praise God for the space it allows. Once we had 7 adults and 3 kids overnight with plenty of room!!

I started attending a Bible study in the next town over and it has been a blessing. It's different though, because I have been facilitating the women's Bible studies and the children's programs for the last few years, so it's strange to be the one attending and not in charge.

Two upcoming events, that we pray will have great outreach opportunities are 1) We will be having an all-community soup supper and auction. This is an annual event that has gone on for many years, it is a highly anticipated event, but there never has been any gospel. We're hoping to hand out tracts and bring the gospel into their homes this year!

We will have a Thanksgiving Dinner, free to all, which WILL have a service. There are three churches in town, all three get together to put this on. Jeremy will be doing the service.

It seems almost daily someone is dropping off some harvest food or another on our doorstep, which has been such a treat! God has given us enough potatoes, apples, and much more to last us through the winter! It truly is fun to live in a rural area like this. We love the golden wheat mixed with the green corn... the old brick buildings, white steeple church, and the grain elevators.

In Sunday school, we have steadily had 12 or so kids. It has been such a blessing to teach them and see them learn. We will be doing something new to me this Christmas...bells! We will be having the kids do a Bell Choir for our Christmas performance. So I get to learn right along with them!

We are so thankful for your prayers and your support. I am encouraged that the Lord will be doing great things here in Lind.

Please pray for ...

- Wisdom and patience as we minister in Lind, WA.
- Our home fellowship to be fruitful and beneficial to those who attend
- That the Word of God may run swiftly through Lind, that God would open the hearts of the people to heed His Word (*2 Thessalonians 3:1, Acts 16:14*)
- A young family that recently has begun attending Lind CC. Pray for their salvation.
- The ministry of Village Missions. Praise God, eight new couples were accepted recently to begin raising support and to be placed on a field.

If you would like to receive our updates in the future, please send a simple email to pastor.jeremy@hotmail.com from the address where you would like to receive the updates with the words "send me updates" in the subject line.

To see some pictures and get more family updates, go to www.fivemclellans.blogspot.com. Also, we would love to hear from you, and how the Lord Jesus is working in your lives. Please feel free to call or write!

In the Love of Jesus,



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