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ONE HEART AT A TIME

Mitch's Newsletter

What's Happening Now

Right now, I am back in Utah after a crazy summer. I am dating now and am excited to see what God does with that. Also, I am looking for a new job. The reason I need a higher paying job is to really start saving and preparing for the future. I need a new apartment so I can use my house to minister to people. As God provides a Church planting team, I am sure that I need more finances. I am curious and praying to see how that will happen. One of the potential team members is Isaac Greenwood. He is a guy a met on the Camping team. I had the honor to do his sister's wedding (my first wedding). He has a real heart for the LDS. I also am confident that there will be others God calls to serve with me in Saratoga Springs. I am getting involved in a young adult group, meeting with pastors, and doing different phone ministries. I also get the opportunity to go to

a local football game with a pastor in Saratoga. God has been good to me keeping me busy with his work as I look for a job.

What's Old

I finished Camping Team. The team served six camps in Idaho, Montana, and Utah. It was a super busy summer. Camping Team really encouraged me to get more involved in teaching youth, and discipling college students. God really confirmed my call to Utah this summer. I went on a fishing trip with my dad, uncle, and brother after that. I had a really good summer filled with adventure, lives changed, and learning more who God is.



I took the Camping Team on a LDS Temple Tour.



Isaac and I at a waterfall in Montana.



A picture of the camping team and some other camp staff.

What's the plan?

After being a camp counselor. I presented a Utah Church planting missions trip for students to participate in. It is a spring break ministry trip with two pastors, and Frontier School of the Bible students. I have 12 students signed up to go on this trip. I am excited to see what God does with it. The plan is to be prepared hopefully for a Bible study in the community around September of 2024. I am thinking of working for a construction company or for Costco (these are the two places I sent applications for). I want to use my job as a witness to the lost where I live.



Going to the China Buffet with my friends. Two of the guys I am with, have an interest in Church planting.



A cool lake I hiked too with my friends.



My dad and I fishing in Colorado.



What God's Been Teaching Me

If I am honest, life has been very difficult for me spiritually. I sometimes lose focus of who God is. I was spiritually attacked as soon as I arrived in Utah. I am currently starting a book on self- control as we live in a self-indulgent society. I have been walking step by step through God's Word as I wait for His plan. I am not very patient when it comes to waiting for a team. I know that it is God growing and humbling me as His grace is sufficient for any thorn in the flesh I face. I am in constant prayer for my dating relationship and ministry opportunities as I work in Utah. God has been so good, and patient with me as I grow in knowing His character.



My Dad & Brother with Me



A picture of Saratoga Springs High School

Prayer

- For my unsaved friends: Spencer, Adrion, and AJ.
- For the job God would want me to have.
- That I would continually stay in the Word.
- That my identity would be in Christ and not living the "American Dream".
- For "The Team" to be used of God in the different church plants.
- Prayer for connections in Utah.
- For financial support as I am in desperate need of support.
- For wisdom as I find a team.
- For my fight to be pure with my eyes, speech, and heart.
- For my many meetings with God's people.
- For the new long-distance relationship, I am in.

HOW TO SUPPORT FINANCIALLY?

Why Financial Support?

In short, working in Utah part time does not pay the bills. God has blessed me with a healthy body to work to supply the financial needs, but I would rather use that time to build relationships and show people who God is. I really look at finances like Paul does. (Philippians 4: 11-13 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.) I am still learning how to be content, but God's provision has always been just right for me. If you would like to bless me through prayer or finances, I would appreciate both. I am in need of more finances, as living in Utah is not getting any cheaper.

TO SUPPORT ONLINE

Go to <u>this link</u>* then click on the green "Support the Saratoga Project" button. It will take you to my profile where you can

give.

Thank You!

Honestly, I have really appreciated all the prayers and giving. I have been encouraged by the people who I found out are on their knees praying or are giving me little gifts to encourage me. God has used you and if you ever want to talk my number is (989)-948-2939.

How much?

My goal is to reach at least \$1500 a month. Right now, I am sitting at \$350 a month.

TO SUPPORT VIA CHECK

Address the checks to Tentmakers Bible Mission. Do not address checks to me because if you do you will not get a tax deduction. Under the memo section write the **Saratoga Project**. You can put my name on a sticky note, but please do not write it on the check. Also please do not send cash.

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