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Going to the other side of our country for Christ

*Matthew 14:22
And straightway
Jesus constrained his
disciples to get into a
ship, and to go
before him unto the
other side while he
sent the multitudes
away.*



JULY AND AUGUST 2024 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends.

We are currently at 71% of our needed support.

In the last two months we have driven nearly 6,000 miles and been in meetings in Georgia, Virginia, Illinois, North Carolina, and South Carolina. I am certain many people in the world wonder why we do what we do. There are times we have a conversation at a barbershop or restaurant, or people will see the kids on a school day and ask, or "so do you homeschool the kids?" Naturally the fact that we travel alot comes up at this point and people inevitably will ask, "so what do you do that you travel so much?" This of course give us the opportunity to tell them what God has called us to do. Sometimes, we will have someone seem excited or interested, while most look as us a little curiously and want to change the subject or they walk away.

So, why do we travel thousands of miles each month? Why do we live in a camper? Why do we do what we do? I believe Tracy put it best the day we found out that the Ponderay/Sandpoint area is known to many in the area as "Little San Francisco" because of the lifestyle led by many of the people there. God had just showed us the day before that it was that area where He would have us to start the first church in Idaho. We were having lunch with a Pastor 1.5 hours away when he told us of this. As we left his house I asked her, "so what do you think now that we found that out?" Her response was, "Well, it sounds to me like they need a preacher!"

This is why we and other missionaries on deputation travel, call pastors to book meetings, and long for the day that we hit 100% of our needed support so we can move to the place God has called us! **Romans 10:14** *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?* There are people dying and going to hell! There are people who need God! These people NEED TO HEAR the truth that Jesus saves!

That is why the endless hours of phone calls trying to book a meeting and praying for support. That is why the countless miles, numerous states, and for us selling our house and living in a camper. The next verse goes on to say **Romans 10:15** *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

I know that this is not your "typical" prayer letter. However, this is what God has placed in my heart for this prayer letter. It isn't a sob story or a pity party. It is simply me pouring out my heart and asking you to pray with us that God would help us to quickly finish raising our support so we can get to the people He has called us to be a preacher to!

Would you please join me in praying, not just for our family, but for all the missionaries who are on deputation? I can tell from experience that the hours of calling, miles of driving, and days where you wake up and truly try to remember which state/city you slept in last night can get long! I can also tell you that doing all of that *IN THE WILL OF GOD* is our greatest privilege. But, our hearts desire is to get to the people God has called us reach, because we realize – **HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER?**

Thankful To Be His Servants,
The Ballew Family

Caleb, Tracy, Alex, Isaiah, Elijah, and Mattie
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