



The Ballews

Missionaries to Idaho

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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.*



MAY AND JUNE 2025 Prayer Letter

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

The songwriter said, "It's been a long journey, but I have been blessed!" That is how our family feels right now. Deputation was a very long journey, with many setbacks and unforeseen struggles, but as we look back over the last four years, we must say with hands raised to Heaven that we have truly been blessed! I will not try to recount the struggles, but I will say that I am thankful that God was faithful through each one.

The last few months have been extremely busy. We finished our last deputation meeting on Sunday, April 27th, and loaded the moving truck on Friday, May 2nd. On Sunday, May 4th, we had a send-off service at our home church, and left Virginia on Tuesday, May 6th. Over 2,500 miles and 37 hours of driving later, we pulled into Idaho on Monday, May 12th. Since then, we have been busy settling into Idaho, getting to know the Ponderay/Sandpoint area better, and preparing for the first service of Lighthouse Baptist Church on Sunday, July 13th.

The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful house to rent, and we are getting used to being in a house instead of a camper for the first time in four years. What a joy that has been! Going from a 300-square-foot camper with six people in it to an actual house is a true blessing!

Please continue to pray with us and for us as we endeavor to reach Idaho with the Gospel, beginning here in Ponderay. God has blessed us, and we have already been able to start a weekly discipleship meeting with a young couple who plan to attend the church. There are several others that we have talked to who seem interested in coming as well.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in helping us reach Idaho by partnering with us in prayer and/or support. Without you, we could not do what God has called us to do. Thank you to all the churches that allowed us to use your hookups as we spent deputation living in our camper. Additionally, we would like to thank those who assisted us in loading the moving truck in Virginia and unloading it in Idaho.

HELP US PRAY:

- LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH AS WE START
- FOR NEW CONVERTS
- WISDOM IN PREACHING AND DISCIPLESHIP
- THE PEOPLE OF SANDPOINT/PONDERAY

Thankful To Be His Servants,
The Ballew Family

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