

the Pannell Family

Missionaries to the Upper Midwest

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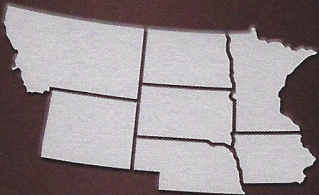
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If there has ever been a time when we need more Bible preaching churches in America, it is now. As I ponder the events that have occurred in America over the past couple of days, weeks, months, and years, my heart is broken for the sin that we allow, promote and boast about; for the corruption in our government systems; for the physical destruction of our country. I am shocked, disheartened, and outraged at the way we are ridiculed for our patriotism and Christianity. Never in my lifetime would I have expected for our country to look the way it does today.

I served 6 years in the military as well as a couple years as a local police officer. This experience helped me develop a deeper love for the United States of America and everything our constitution stands for. When the Lord directed me away from the military and law enforcement, I didn't understand why. I was providing for my family while living my dream and serving my community. It seemed like the Lord gave me my desires and then turned around and took them away. Now I realize he had a perfect plan and today I can say that I am grateful for the mission field that the Lord has called me to. I'm thankful to not only be able to serve in the Lord's army but to be serving in this country that I love so much.

These last couple months have probably been the most difficult months since we started deputation, financially speaking. With COVID-19 and the chaos of the presidential election, we have not been able to be in the number of churches that we would have needed to in order to Supplement our income and to complete deputation within our goal. Due to the uncertainty and confusion of this year's events, pastors are understandably not scheduling missionaries. Many pastors are canceling meetings due to sickness and most likely some are waiting to see how the election turns out. Our deputation experience has certainly been uncharted territory and we are figuring things out as we go: the Lord has been faithful to provide everything we need in this uncertain time.

Truthfully, I don't know how much longer we have in America to enjoy the religious freedom that we have grown accustomed to and taken for granted. We can already see certain states where overreaching government is penalizing churches for having church services. This persecution is something I cannot believe is happening here in America.

Only the Lord knows the future, but the instability of our nation (and the erosion of our God given rights we hold so dear) has become abundantly clear. I feel an urgency now more than ever to get the gospel out, to get to work in the field the Lord has called us to, and to see more missionaries being sent out across America. We haven't lost hope: Even if our freedom gets ripped from us it will not stop us from serving the Lord!

"Let us go into the next towns that I may preach there also, for therefore came I forth" Mark 1:38 We need to preach in the next towns: that is how the west will be won to Christ, one town at a time.

Since we have been on deputation we have been in around 140 different churches. 36 of those churches have partnered with us to support our family in reaching America, which puts us at 33% of our needed support. If your church supports our family we are so very thankful that you have partnered with us to get the gospel to the Upper Midwest and reach the United States. If you do not currently support us, would you please prayerfully consider supporting us in reaching the next town?

Your Missionary,
Scott Pannell