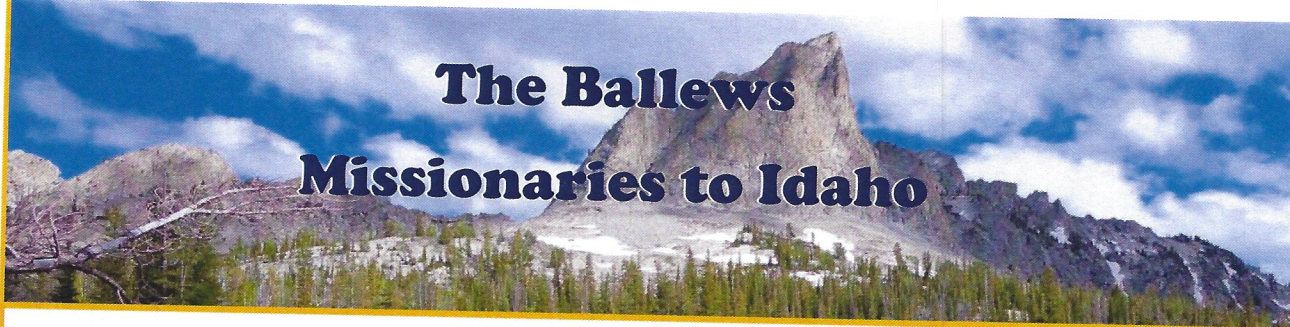




The Ballews Missionaries to Idaho



March and April Prayer Letter

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

MINISTRY

The last two months have once again been very busy, and we praise the Lord for that fact! The beginning of March saw us on the road headed to meetings in Kansas and Texas. The Lord blessed us with protection as we traveled as well as new support! April brought us back to Virginia for a few weeks with several meetings and new support as well.

We have had a few vehicle issues. The Yukon that we bought to replace the Suburban when it was totaled in January had some air conditioner and electrical problems while we were in Kansas. We got the truck out of the shop after having the head machined because the valves were bad, as well as having to replace the fuel injectors. We made one trip to Tennessee, and the throwout bearing went out. It messed the pressure plate of the clutch up which resulted in having to replace the clutch. When the mechanic got into the clutch job he discovered that there was work needing to be done on the transmission as well. All told between the two vehicles we have spent in the neighborhood of \$15,000 in the last 3 months.

We are preparing to head west to Idaho in just a few days. We will be in Utah for a Missions Conference the 4th week of May, and then into Idaho beginning May 27th. We will be in southern Idaho for about a week seeing several towns that need the Gospel, then we will travel to northern Idaho for the month of June and a couple weeks of July seeing many towns that have no Bible preaching Baptist Churches within an hour of them. Would you please join us in praying for traveling mercies and that God will draw our hearts to the town He has for us in Idaho? The population of Idaho has gone from 1.83 million people when we surrendered to missions in January of 2021 to now right at 2 million people. For those 2 million people there are only about 26 good, Bible preaching Baptist churches! That is 74,074 people per church!!!! Idaho desperately needs the Gospel!!!!

FAMILY

My shoulder is healing well. It has been about 3 months since my surgery. There are times that it will still bother me, but it is much better than before. The doctor has released me from care with instructions of some physical therapy to do at home.

We are winding up school on schedule. Mattie will be graduating Kindergarten this year. She and the boys have worked hard all year to finish on time in spite of all the traveling and adapting to living in the camper full-time. We are very proud of them, and Tracy is very thankful to just be Mom and not a teacher for a couple of months.

Thankful To Be His Servants,
The Ballew Family
Caleb, Tracy, Alex, Isaiah, Elijah, and Mattie
Going to the other side of our country for Christ
Matthew 14:22

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*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.*

