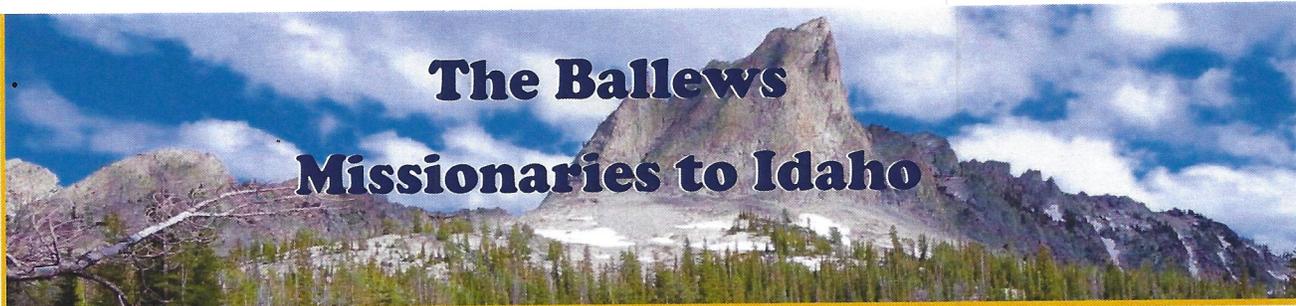




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May and June Prayer Letter

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Philippians 1:3-5, "3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

If it were not for "your fellowship in the Gospel," we as Missionaries could not do what God has called us to do. I believe that as Paul and Timothy wrote to the Christians in Philippi, they were writing to a group of people who regularly prayed for them, and as verse 3 states they regularly prayed for. This "fellowship in the Gospel" was both in prayer, as well as in financial support; *Philippians 4:15-18* reminded Paul that he was not alone in reaching people with the Gospel of Christ. It made him thankful for those who partnered with him. It is with that same spirit that I say THANK YOU to all of you who faithfully support us through prayer and giving!

MINISTRY

May and June have seen us traveling over 7,000 miles. We have been in meetings in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah, Idaho, and Washington. God has blessed this time with new supporting churches, and much traveling mercies.

We have a few more days left here in north Idaho, then we will begin our journey back to Virginia for our home church's 2022 Family Camp. This will be about 2,500 miles of driving with a Sunday in Montana and then the USA Northwest Orientation with Macedonia World Baptist Missions in Buffalo, Wyoming. Prayerfully, we should be back in Virginia by July 22 – 23, and ready for some much-needed time with our home church.

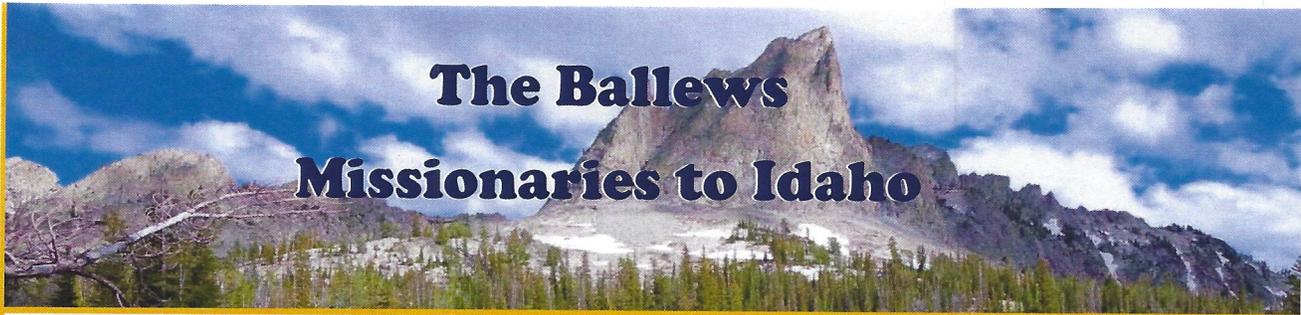
HELP US PRAY

- Pray for the people of Ponderay, Idaho and that we can quickly raise our support to get there and preach the Gospel to them.
- As fuel costs continue to rise so does every aspect of life and ministry. Help us pray that God will continue to supply the needs as He has been so faithful to do thus far, and I am certain, that He will continue to.
- We need an enclosed 10 ft. trailer. With the record high fuel prices, we are trying to cut back even more on pulling the camper. We normally try to park in one location for 3 – 4 weeks and have meetings within a 3 – 4 hour drive of that location. We would love to be able to reach out further without moving the camper, but with a family of 6, we just don't have the room to put everything we would need to do this in the Yukon.

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SPECIAL UPDATE

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Ezekiel 3:15-17, "15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days. 16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me."

Greetings from Idaho. The survey trip portion of our trip out west began as we drove into Idaho from Utah on May 28th. At that time, we had just finished Vision Week with Mt. Logan Baptist Church in Logan, UT. One of the things I had asked Pastor Kirkman and the people to help me pray about was wisdom for what town in Idaho the Lord would have us to start in. Many of you have also been praying with us for guidance in this matter.

I am excited to report to you that God has settled in our heart that Ponderay is the town that He has for us to plant our first church in. Ponderay is a town of 1,200 people on the banks of Lake Pend Oreille (this is a French word that is pronounced Ponderay). It is located about 60 miles south of the United States and the Canadian border in Bonner County. Bonner County has approximately 50,000 people and only one Bible preaching Baptist Church in Clark Fork. The neighboring city of Sandpoint is the county seat and has approximately 10,000 people.

We have spent several days in Ponderay and the surrounding area and talked with several Pastors here that know the town. I am learning more and more that there are challenges to be faced in this area, but as we have "sat where they sat" for a short time, we **know** this is where God has called us, and that He has, "made us a watchman" to town of Ponderay. Please continue to pray for us and with us as we now have a specific place in Idaho that desperately needs the Gospel and that God would quickly get us to the field where we can reach this town for Him!

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