

July and August 2022 Update

First, I would like to thank all of you who pray for us, financially support us and give us sweet gifts along the way. We began July off by going to Tennessee, Kentucky and Oklahoma where we had scheduled meetings prior to our northwest orientation in Wyoming. We really enjoyed being around other families who are either on deputation or already serving in the northwest part of the United States. The classes we attended really encouraged us all as a family. The boys even got to do fun things like go bowling and hiking for the first time with other missionary kids. The northwest orientation ended on a very sweet note for us as Jay was able to lead one of his friends to the Lord. On July 15th we made our way to Wallace, ID where we planned to stay for two weeks. Our plan was to look for a home. Unfortunately, as soon as we arrived, we were hit at a high rate of speed by a drunk driver. This really proved to me that this community truly needs a true gospel witness. We were all physically hurt, but God seen fit to spare our lives.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.

We wholeheartedly believe that what happened to us in Idaho, the devil meant for bad, but God opened doors that I don't believe anyone could have opened themselves. To some it may seem crazy for me to say how blessed we were to go through what we did, but it sparked a fire inside of each of us that no one can put out. We have a bigger burden for the area than we ever have had. We may have lost a lot of material things, but having our burdens for Wallace become so fresh and so real is worth it all. If you would help us pray for Jaydee, the man who hit us on July 15th, we would greatly appreciate it. I would also like to thank all of the families and churches who helped us through this difficult time. We finished July off by traveling to Virgina for a Missions conference where our souls were greatly lifted. Dr. Caudill preached tremendous and encouraging messages about missions. We may have been knocked around a bit by the wreck, but Dr. Caudill's messages helped pull us back together and refueled us for the rest of our deputation journey. I am so thankful for our Mission Board and everyone involved in taking care of us when we cannot take care of ourselves.

In August we were blessed to be able to continue deputation and meet all prior obligations, meetings and start homeschooling for the 2022-2023 school year. We have seen our doctors and are continuing to receive care as we try to get physically healthy again. We also were able to finish the testing required at the beginning of each year. Our schedule has been full and we are so thankful to be able to share our burden with new churches each week. In the past two months we were able to be in 31 meetings, we saw 1 saved, and we have gained support. We even had some support double in the month of August. God has been so gracious to us and I wanted to simply thank all of you for everything you do for us.

May God Richly Bless Each of you,

Bro. Ray Godfrey and family

Psalm 119:173 Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy precepts.