

# the Godfrey family



## Missionaries to IDAHO

Ray, Dawn,  
Jay, and Timothy



May and June 2023 Update

Greetings Churches, Pastors, supporting friends and family,

In May, we completed deputation. We are more excited than ever. Our house went under contract after just 2 weeks on the market. We successfully completed our departure interview with Macedonia, which was required to cover financial well being and talk about the importance of continued health care and future planning with our home church, the making of wills and what to expect as we arrived on the field. We had a few final meetings, family gatherings and had an ice cream celebration with a supporting church. May was bitter sweet as we knew the final chapter of deputation and our life in South Carolina were both coming to an end.

Deputation built our family in many ways. At times, it felt hard, and we wanted to quit, but God was always there to encourage us with His word and remind us that we are a family that thrives on truth and the belief that what we start we try our best to finish. Without God and His people, we know we could never have completed this part of the ministry God had for us.

In June, I was ordained at our home church of Bethany Baptist Church. We had family and friends that meant a lot to us come and support us at my ordination. The following week we began to pack our moving truck and headed off to close on our home in South Carolina. Selling our home in South Carolina gave us one more reason not to turn back. We had several ask us why we would sell our home, and we had to explain to them that Idaho was our new home and God would provide what we would need there just like he did in South Carolina. God did not disappoint. We were able to secure an apartment, and the date it was expected to be ready came sooner than planned. It took us 6 days to cross the country with our vehicle and the moving truck. Dawn even lead one of the workers at the front desk of one of the hotels we stayed at to the Lord. We successfully made the cross country trip and arrived in Idaho safely on June 16th.

The first day we arrived we began to unload and a pastor and his family and one of the youth in his church came to help us off load some of the truck. His church even did a food box drive for us and collected some staple items including fresh meat from a farmer for us to get started off with here in Idaho. We quickly found that our apartment wouldn't hold my office items or my love for books so we began a search for a storage unit. God was gracious to provide one right by our apartment complex. I desired to have one close so that when I study I would have quick and easy access to my books or whatever else we may store in the unit. God always provides exactly what we need!

After sorting and unpacking some in the first week here, I was asked to preach at Vacation Bible School for the same pastor who helped us unload our truck. We were blessed with this wonderful opportunity to begin ministering in Idaho right away. After a week of Vacation Bible School, Dawn and I personally had the opportunity to lead 4 children to the Lord, 3 being out of Wallace! God has already begun a work here, and we are looking forward to seeing what He has for us in the coming months.

For the next couple weeks and months we will be working on moving everything into Idaho. We have licenses, registrations, insurances, and banks to name a few things that must get done before we can seek a place to meet. We have officially decided to name the church Silver Valley Baptist Church and are excited to see how God will provide and work everything out for us to start this new chapter. Dawn has also been busy preparing the boys for home school by getting records and needed items that Idaho requires to register them to home school here. We are so glad we are here, but now that we are here, the hard work to begin a church has begun. We have already been talking to various people in the community who are excited to begin meeting as soon as we get settled. Please help us pray we can find a place and begin meeting soon.

Thank you all for your support, and God bless,

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Psalm 119:173

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