

July and August 2023

Dear Churches and Supporting friends,

The past two months have been great! God has worked in so many places in our lives and the ministry. We have been able to get most of our legal documents, licenses, and various other things in order to begin focusing more on living here in the Silver Valley of Idaho. Everything has been unpacked and organized. Adjusting to life off the road was a challenge, but we have all done well.

Since our last prayer letter, I have been able to visit a few churches in Idaho and Washington. I also had the opportunity to go to the local preachers' meeting here in the area and met various pastors from the northwest parts of Idaho. The preachers' meeting was an encouragement to me as I have stressed over a building and getting the church off the ground since we crossed the state line in June. We have visited the hotels in the valley and inquired about renting conference rooms to no avail. I have also called several storefronts, but it seems that once they find out what we want to rent the buildings for, they suddenly are no longer interested in renting. I began to pray and seek guidance from the Lord, my pastor, and other pastors as to what to do. Through the various pastors and the nudging of the Lord, I was reminded again that nothing will happen when or how I think it should, but all things will happen in God's time.

Since coming to the realization that it may take quite some time to purchase a building or land to build on, we have begun to meet in our apartment as a family. God has honored our commitment to serve Him and has given us our first visitors. We have a family of three attending our midweek services. We have had three missionary families visit with us.

One of these families brought us three thousand John and Romans booklets along with bags to create door hangers with. We also had a supporting church ship us two large boxes of personal sized Bibles to begin to give to those in need of one. It has been a blessing to see God provide so much for us to begin canvassing the valley with.

We are all back in the groove of school and schedules again. Dawn has been able to see the regular doctors here and is still awaiting a visit with the cardiologist, but overall, she is doing very well. The boys are doing good as well, and I am thankful we are finally settling in. It has been a real blessing to see all that God has brought us through, and we are excited to see what God is going to do next.

Thank you all for your love, prayers and financial support.

Bro. Ray Godfrey Psalm 119:173