



# The Ballews

## Missionaries to Idaho

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### Going to the other side of our country for Christ

*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.*



## JULY AND AUGUST 2023 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

**2 Corinthians 1:8-9**, "8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that ***we were pressed out of measure***, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead." Sometimes it seems we need to be reminded that God is in control and that you can always trust Him.

In our last prayer letter, we told you about being in the Pacific Northwest. We had planned to be back in the East by this point, but God had other plans. We made it to Buffalo, WY at the end of August, and our truck broke down on us. We have been here since that time, almost a month now, waiting on the repairs to be done. Lord willing, they will be in the next couple of days. I'm not comparing vehicle trouble to what Paul was writing about in the verses above, but sometimes we all feel "pressed out of measure" when we face things in this life. I am so thankful to know that in those times, just as Paul wrote, "we should not trust in ourselves, but in God..." Thank God for His faithfulness and provision!

### MINISTRY

We have driven over 4,500 miles with meetings in Idaho, Washington, and Montana. The Lord has continued to bless with more new promised support. The situation with the truck has caused us to have to reschedule/miss some meetings. Please help us pray that when the truck is fixed, we can quickly get back to normal with the meetings. Due to the uncertainty with the time frame for the mechanic, I have had to "plan ahead" if you will in rescheduling some of those meetings and will have some dates to fill on short notice.

### FAMILY

As with all families with school age children, we have school back up and running. It has made the beginning of the year a little easier with not moving every couple of weeks because of the truck situation, but we definitely look forward to having the truck fixed so we can get back on the road.

### HELP US PRAY

- For new support and to get to the field quickly
- For the people of Ponderay
- The school year will go smooth

Thankful To Be His Servants,

### The Ballew Family

Caleb, Tracy, Alex, Isaiah, Elijah, and Mattie  
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