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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.



## The Ballews

# Missionaries to Idaho

### **NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2023 PRAYER LETTER**

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your prayers and support throughout 2023. As we go forward into 2024, we look forward to seeing what God is going to do with us and with each of you as well!

#### **MINISTRY**

These have been the lightest travel months since the beginning of deputation, with only about 3,500 miles traveled. We had meetings in New Mexico, Texas, and Oklahoma. As most of you know, we have been dealing with vehicle troubles since August. The truck was in the shop again in Del Rio, Texas, and it took about three weeks to complete the work there due to the wait time for getting parts and Thanksgiving falling in that time frame as well. During that time, I was able to rent a car and go to other scheduled meetings in Texas.

We were also privileged on three occasions to be able to go into the neighborhoods of Del Rio with the people of Amistad Baptist Church on church visitation. It was a joy to watch as our children excitedly hung the door hangers and talked with other children inviting them to church with us. At a restaurant, Elijah invited a gentleman to visit Amistad Baptist Church with us, and we were honored to have him visit the church that night. Thank the Lord that our children are willing to share the Gospel and be involved in God's work!

The Lord allowed us to get the truck back in time to be able to make the remainder of our meetings to close out the year. We are so thankful for the year of meetings that God has allowed us to be a part of and for every person along this journey that we have met.

### **FAMILY**

While on the way home to spend Christmas with our family, we hit a pothole VERY hard which damaged our truck and camper. The insurance company has totaled the camper, and we are currently working through the settlement process. Our home church has allowed us to stay in the prophet's chamber as we continue to travel to our scheduled meetings.

I want to thank the Lord for his healing touch as I have fully recovered from the appendix surgery that I mentioned in our last prayer letter.

Tracy and the kids are working on school and look forward to having a camper back so they can have their regular school setup once again.

### **HELP US PRAY**

- For new support and to get to the field quickly
- For the people of Ponderay and the surrounding area
- For the insurance to handle the camper situation quickly

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Caleb's new phone number is 208-603-0043.

Thankful To Be His Servants,

### The Ballew Family

Caleb, Tracy, Alex, Isaiah, Elijah, and Mattie Going to the other side of our country for Christ Matthew 14:22