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## PRAYERS

### PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- Traveling Mercies
- Quick Deputation
- National "Timothy"
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Dear Praying Saints,

This summer has been really busy, but lots of fun at the same time. July was lots of traveling. I took my oldest son with me and in 10 days we put on 2000 miles through Oregon Idaho and Montana. We had great meetings along with a week long VBS/"old fashioned" tent revival meeting. I had never personally been to an old fashion tent revival meeting before, and it was really fun! It was preached by a southern preacher and that was the style of the whole thing... I love good ol' southern preaching. One of the dinners was even a "trash can soup" meal; which was everything you could think of, boiled in a metal trash can and then thrown on to a table to pick what you want :)

After those meetings, I spent a week at a youth bible camp with my kids in western Washington. With all those miles, everyday filled with meetings, and then a week of youth camp we were plum wore out.

As I said in my last letter, my wife and kids took a break from the road, so we all joined up again after the youth camp, spent a little time together and with our family in the area, and hit the road again. We had some meetings in California, Idaho, and currently in Montana. With the driving, meetings, taking care of normal life stuff, and still squeezing in our family tract passing and evangelism it has been really busy. We also have had some fun with seeing new sites that we've never seen before, but it has been exhausting.

We will be in Montana until mid-September, then we head south to Texas where we are currently booked solid with meetings until January 1st. I started booking meetings for next year and after receiving counsel from other missionaries, I started reaching up north into Michigan and Ohio, and the Lord has already been blessing those efforts. It looks like we will be seeing that area of the USA starting next year.

A HUGE praise to God, after only 10 months of full time deputation, the Lord has us at a solid 40%....Praise God!! As most people know, the average deputation time for missionaries these days is up to 3 years (ugh.) We are almost halfway there before a year, and I pray it keeps going that way.

Some other praises these last couple of months is definitely the safety and provision in travels (over 6000 miles in one month), the 4 churches that have taken us on in 4 weeks, and other random things such as: our youngest son got to celebrate his 6th birthday with old friends from our home church that just happened to be in the same area of Idaho as us, a good and FREE homeschool curriculum that only requires laptops, seeing the Lord answer our prayer and meet our expensive traveling needs through random individuals and pastors, and many, many others things.

As far as spiritual matters goes, in our mission field that is around us everyday, it has been very cold without seeing a soul receive Christ. We have seen some individuals at random churches get saved, HALLEJUAH!; but out and about, we have seen nothing. It seems like the age we're in it takes an investment of time and patience to reach somebody for Christ. As Paul told Timothy in II Tim 4:2 "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all **longsuffering** and doctrine." We're at a time in this world that takes the longsuffering of continuing to preach the Word, and continuing to preach the Word, and continuing to preach the Word before an individual makes the decision to accept Christ and leave the world. I had a pastor tell me that back in the 70's and 80's they were bringing the nets up full every week, but not these days. But don't let any of that discourage you, just keep on planting seeds like Paul; 1 Cor 3:6-8 "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." Keep plowing, planting, and watering Saints; and pray that God will give the increase!!!

God bless-

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