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On Mission with God and for God



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Summer at the Coeur d'Alene City Park

WE'VE MOVED

Our new address is
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This summer our friends, and supporters, Dennis & Pam Ponsness, made a house available for us to rent at half the cost of our previous rental. God then lead us to a new fellowship just a block away, Maple Street Community Church. We were once again reminded, God has plans and is always at work in unfolding those plans. We are excited about what the Lord is doing at Maple Street Community Church as we strive to reach our neighborhood with a new vigor. Pray the Lord's leading as I am hopeful to reach kids in the neighborhood. Our church is launching a "Neighborhood Initiative" to reach those near us for the Gospel of Christ.

MARK'S NOTES FROM THE NORTHWEST

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Angela and I want to thank you for your support through prayer and finance. We are very grateful to God for all of you and are continually encouraged by you. This morning as I started writing this newsletter, I took a glance at how the Apostle Paul ended some of his epistles. This is how he ended his letter to the Ephesians, *"Peace be to the brothers and sisters and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible."* (Ephesians 6:23-24) Only those, "born from above" fully appreciate the divine grace given by God the Father through His Son. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can experience true peace, faith, and love. Just read Romans 5. Only because of what God has done are we able to go into the world which is against our Lord, (Psalm 2 and Acts 4) who offers true peace, faith, love and hope. As a believer, I have true hope which can be defined simply as a "confident expectation." I am confident in the works of Christ - His death, burial, resurrection, and His return. While at North Idaho College, I get to work alongside an on-campus student-led Christian club, "Campus Alive in Christ." What a joy it is to work with these young believers. Each Monday from 11:00 - 2:00, we set up the sketchboard and have a table offering Gospel tracts, Bibles, and other Christian materials. Items on the table include wrist bands. One of the words on the bands is "HOPE." I'm amazed at how many of the students stop to pick up things from table. As they pick up the bands, they read the words, sometimes out loud, and as they read the word, "HOPE" I ask them, "Do you have hope?", which leads to a conversation about Jesus. One day, a group of four students stopped by to look through the materials on the table, and one of them did just that. When I asked, "Do you have hope?", she had a puzzled look, and answered, "I hope so." I then asked, "What, or who, is your hope in?" "Myself" was her answer, which is a common one. Long story short, we had a great conversation about how we, and the people around us, are limited, but Jesus, the Christ, is unlimited and offers a depth of hope that only He can give. The hope that is in the Gospel of Christ (Colossians 1:23). Throughout the conversation, the other three students remained silent, yet when they left, all of them took tracts and materials, including a Bible.

Fellow saints, listen to what the Lord says in 1 Peter:

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience. 1 Peter 3:14-16(a)

Earlier, I made reference to Psalm 2 and Acts 4. I encourage you to read these passages, for the world is against the Lord; who He is, His Word, and what He offers, yet we see in Acts 4:29 that the church prayed for boldness to speak His word. Let us pray for one another that we would have boldness to speak the truth of the Gospel, offering hope that is only found in Christ.

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31



Students at ALACCA Evangelism Training

Arless reading Mark 14-16 out loud at the Spokane Transit Center



Newest Ministry Partners



The Gospel In Action

I ask that you pray for Arless, who stopped to solve the Riddle while I was at the Spokane Transit Station. When we got to the part of the Riddle where I ask, "Where will you end up when you die?" Arless got a downcast look but answered, "Heaven." I asked him, "Why do you think you'll go to heaven?" And Arless answered, "Because Jesus died for my sins." Arless gave the right answer, but there seemed something out of place

for Arless. A lengthy conversation and sharing of Scripture ensued, till, finally, I questioned Arless point blank on some issues, and yes, Arless had fallen into sin that was seriously affecting his relationship with Christ. We prayed and read Scripture together. Pray Arless will repent and forsake his sin, continuing in a peaceful walk with Christ.

Looking To The New Year

I am always looking for ways to draw people in order to share the Gospel. This year, I am working with our mules, Parker and Briscoe, to enable us to take them to community events to help draw attention to the sketchboard, which I hope to be able to hang off Parker, our big mule. My plan is to be able to do the Gospel presentation on the sketchboard while it's hanging on him! In addition, there are plenty of parades where we can use both mules displaying Scripture on their packs. Again this year, I ended up with an opportunity to preach for a Cowboy Church at Mule Mania in Dayton, WA. As happened at a previous mule event in 2015, the scheduled preacher didn't show and the request went out, "Is there anyone who would like to share?" I was better prepared this time with object lessons and a quick answer of, "Yes, I can share a little." Let me know if you would like to partner with us to bring Parker and Briscoe to an event or parade near you.

I will be continuing in my weekly ministry activities at North Idaho College, Spokane Community College, and Spokane Transit Center, as well as other ministry with the Union Gospel Mission, presenting at Missions Conferences, providing Evangelism Training, and sharing the Gospel at local events in the area.

The summer ministry in the Coeur d'Alene City park has really grown over the past three years. We could use some help during the summer, particularly around the Fourth of July. Please consider a mission trip this summer for yourself, family, and/or church group.

Updates

God was so gracious in providing a way for us to visit Bailey while she was serving in Ireland. It was a delight to see the country and meet those with whom she was ministering.

Angela continues at her job working for the State of Washington. She was able to make a change in her position, which has been a blessing. Pray for her as her work place is definitely a mission field. We praise God for the provision of this job.

Bailey is back home now and is starting school in January at North Idaho College in the Certified Medical

Assisting Program. She so appreciates all your support and prayers for her time in Ireland, and now as she continues to seek what the Lord has for her.

Dirk continues to grow his clientele and keep busy as a hairstylist in Seattle.

The Lord blessed our hunting season by providing two deer, (Bailey getting her largest yet), and an elk. Plus our friends donated ½ pig to us so our freezer is FULL!

And generous donors made it possible to get a new motor for the ministry Suburban.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth." Isaiah 12:3-5



Our neighbors, Bob and Helen share the Good News with the neighborhood.



As OAC missionaries, we depend on God's provision. Our support is currently averaging 40 - 50%. We ask that after supporting your local church you would prayerfully consider giving to God's work through this ministry. We welcome your partnership in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your tax-deductible gift can be given online at www.oacusa.org or by mail to OAC PO Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. THANK YOU!!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36