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We Depend on You

God works through His people to help those who serve in ministry. For those of you who support us financially we are grateful. It means so much that you have joined us in this great venture of faith.

For those of you who support us in prayer, my heart filled thanks that you have “got our back.” You help by praying for protection in travels and souls in the Name of Jesus. I am seeing fruit from the ministry to juveniles and will let you know about a surprise when it finally happens. (I’ll be really astounded with you, too!)

Recent Developments

With the grandkids here, I thought it best to let you know that John’s 5 are doing well and that Melissa’s 1 is growing and playing football.

While we took a little time off, it was wonderful to see the kids growing and each developing their individual character and

personality. John’s kids are home schooled and even the little ones are active learners.



Area Coordinator

Kathy and I decided to head over the North Cascades Pass for a get away. I had the privilege of sharing with a church in Yakima on a Sunday morning then we headed to Dryden, hoping to touch base with my cousin. After a night in Wenatchee, we headed through Chelan to Twisp where we stayed the night. After looking around Winthrop we ventured over the pass for the first time. It reminded us of a long White Pass.

We then began to connect with AMF workers in Rockport, Sedro-Woolley, Ferndale, Port Angeles, and Mattlock over two days. The third day we had lunch with some new Korean friends in the Puyallup area. They are applying to AMF to be church missionaries. We had time with 13 of the 32 missionaries we have care for. Soon I will share with a new Area Coordinator about 16 of those to lighten the load and be more effective in encouraging each of the 32. It was a great time to encourage and to be encouraged.

Thinking Ahead

As I minister as chaplain at Naselle, I am finding it necessary to park our RV in the area to cut down on the fuel costs. I am in the youth camp usually Friday and Saturday, and the round trip of 150 miles will result in about \$20 fuel savings a week. That applied to the space rental will only cost a difference of about \$30 per month. I think that is worth it. I tend to get very tired driving home on Saturday evening after a 12 to 13 hour work day. The three hours tacked on for driving make it very long day!

This is part of **praying** for wisdom in ministry. Using our resources to be the most effective in work on the field the LORD has allowed us to serve on.

Naselle Notes

I love working with juveniles in a correctional facility. I have been with AMF for 25 years and have many opportunities to share the grace of God with inmates from very dysfunctional backgrounds.

One case in point, "T" was raised in a divorced home where her "step dad" began sexually abusing her at the age of 5 and continued to do so till she was removed from the home at the age of 7. She went to live with an aunt in Florida. At 12 she hit the streets and soon became an addict to "meth," and shortly after, cocaine. In order to support her habit, she turned to prostitution at the age of 16 and lived in that lifestyle until arrested at age 17 and sent to juvenile corrections. Now near 18, she has some tattoos and cannot

remember when her "friends" put them on her. She wears long sleeve tops. She is seeing that the LORD Jesus is her only hope of change. She is making decisions not to return her home where she knows too many people and subject to falling back into the old lifestyle. I have encouraged her get her education and work with youths who have similar backgrounds.

As chaplain, I also referred her to a woman volunteer counselor who comes to the facility. This believing lady has been delivered from a similar background and can assist her in her transition out of the abusive lifestyle.

Training in view

Early September finds me in training for the "trauma of terrorism" through the fire district. This allows me to be prepared to go to any incident that is involved in a terrorist strike. With the continual threat to our Nation, it is important to be prepared. As chaplain, I may be called on to help personnel through the trauma. Please **pray** I will be useful in times of need.

Praying for us

1. Personal **prayer** and study
2. **Pray** for wisdom in ministry
3. Pray for souls for the King
4. **Prayer** partners to join us
5. Good health to minister well
6. Naselle Youth and staff
7. Wisdom to assist other missionaries as area coordinator.
 - Travel safety
 - Good ideas to help