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Naselle Notes

I take written prayer requests from residents at the camp to pray about the next week. Most are prayers for families or friends. Some as young as 15 are concerned for unborn kids from girlfriends or their "son" or "daughter" they may have never seen. They ask for safety for the child and that the "mom" will stay off of drugs. You can see the impact of sin in these requests clearly.

Recently, One resident wrote the following: "Pray for help in my sinning." Now that was a hoot! I know what he meant, but it didn't quite come across as it should have.

There are some great highlights from residents like the 18 year old who was released. She walked into the local bank and proclaimed loudly; "I just got released from the Youth Camp and I want to cash my check."

Most of the residents leave with good goals, pray they succeed.

Area Notes

I was able to spend a day at the Clark County Fair in a booth set up by Rob Sisson, one of our missionaries. We had several people stop by who were interested in ministry opportunities. There were a lot more who were oblivious. There were even some hecklers to the "gospel" booth next door to the AMF booth.

From that fair have come several good contacts. That includes one contact that I was able to make with a believer who invited me to the Wahkiakum County Fair where I spent a few hours and was able to pass out gospel witness coins. I even left some to hand out over the weekend. Pray for many positive responses from all these contacts.

Things to Pray about

1. AMF's leadership transitions
Executive Director selection.
2. Naselle Youth Camp for guest speakers and wisdom to work as part of the staff team.
3. Wisdom with finances to handle the increase in travel costs.
4. Wisdom to see where to start new ministries closer to home.
5. Personal study and prayer
6. Recruiting new missionaries to win souls.
7. That all things done would focus people on Jesus and His work not the people doing the ministry.

Western Washington

As Area Coordinator, I have the privilege of working with several who are making an impact on their areas for Jesus Christ.

Duane Stixrud is serving in the area of Concrete, Washington and is planting a church in the "Birdsview" area. They have been meeting in the local fire hall, but the room is so small that with over 30, there is standing room only. And they don't even have enough chairs. I believe they could reach 200 by Christmas if they can get the room!

They do have the possibility of renting a building owned by the school district that will require much updating to comply with the "Americans with Disabilities Act." They are hoping to gain approval to use the facility very soon. That is another prayer request.

Rex Beresford is Pastoring the Boistfort Community Church and has been very active in the lives of many people from the area as a result of the flood in the valley that had over 8 feet of water in some areas. The area is slowly getting back to "normal" what ever that is. The church was spared and water just reached the door sill at the parsonage. They did have to replace insulation in the crawl space.

Fred Karlson is pastoring the Woodland Chapel in the Bellingham area and they could use your prayers for more to attend. They have a brick building and could move into the unfinished upstairs if there

could be increased attendance and that they could outreach into the area surrounding the chapel. Their current attendance hovers around 15 for worship and study.

Rob Sisson is the area missionary in Clark County and is focusing on ministering to seniors in retirement facilities. He is also working to reach some of the left behind communities within the area. The population of Clark County is a big challenge. He could also use your prayers.

Bob Thompson is pastoring Columbia Ridge Baptist Church and is seeing some increases in attendance in the Mill Plain area. The church has recently had the roof redone and is improving landscaping to make the church more welcoming.

Col. John Pettit is chaplain at Fort Lewis near Tacoma. His responsibilities are the spiritual care of soldiers and to handle the details of family care and funerals for the soldiers who have given their lives to promote the freedom we all enjoy. He could use your prayer for handling the added stress his role presents.

There are several others who are retired that I have the privilege to assist. Please pray for wisdom.

Upcoming Surgery

On Sept 22, I am having hand surgery for Carpel Tunnel Syndrome. It won't put me completely out of commission, but I will be limited in my use of the right hand some. Pray for quick healing. Thanks for reading.