

January- February 2025

Dear Pastors and praying friends,

***“2Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:”***

God so knows the end from the beginning. I had written last month about nearly selling our house and at the last minute the sale was stopped. The time we would have moved would have been quite miserable. We had a lot of snow and -35 temperature during later January and February. We are so glad we did not have to move in that cold. We have decided to stay where we are for now. We still have four at home and the house is not too big, yet, especially when our married kids come home for a visit.

The cold presented a new and unexpected opportunity. Our town opened a warming center for the homeless and transients passing through. Yes, our little town has the big city problem of homelessness. We also have people who live in their cars. Often, I see them parked across from my shop at the rest area. I volunteered to work at the shelter. They let me put out our tracts and John and Romans. They gave me liberty to share the Gospel, which I did even with our mayor. I had a good conversation with her. I am praying for the Lord to work with the seed that was sown during this time.

The young couple from Valier, who has been visiting our church, had a new little baby boy in February. Our families took food down for them the first week after the baby was born. It was good to see the church do this. We also had our Valentine couples' dinner, with our guest speaker Bro. Derksen from Butte. The church is still small, yet the Lord is working.

We visited Browning on the reservation in February and met with a couple of people. We are praying that the Lord will give us a place to start Bible studies and a church. This, my friends, is going to take prayer. We have natives come to our church on occasion, but they are very inconsistent. It takes always being ready and on alert to have an influence. I saw Tom the other day at the store. He had not been to church since the chili cookoff. With such inconsistency in church attendance, and the fact phone numbers are changed frequently, I have to take the opportunity to talk to people when it comes. I went over and found he was walking back home with groceries, so I gave him a ride and talked to him about the Lord. Things like this are nearly daily occurrences. Trying to keep people coming to church in these later days is like trying to round up cats. I pray that the Holy Spirit will work and convict individuals.

Early March, we had a meeting in Clark Fork, Idaho. This is the beginning of trying to raise more support. We had a great meeting. It has been a long time since we have been out on deputation. It is so hard to leave the work here.

We ask that you pray for the Word of the Lord to have free course and pray as we seek to expand the work here. Also, we ask that you would pray for our parents as they are having some health issues. My parents are on the mend, but Tina's parents need to make some decisions soon. I would ask that you pray for my shop, my landlord is having health issues, and I can see changes coming concerning the shop building. We certainly covet your prayers.

In His Service,

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