

# **Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys**

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**Greetings from the Northwest,**

Glad to be writing this letter to you after some months since our last letter. The summer is always a very busy time up here and I seem to forget everything until it starts to slow down a bit. I'm sure you know exactly what I mean.

## **The Retracing.....**

I always hate retracing but sometimes it happens. We had mentioned things were well on it's way, but then, it will also come to a standstill. We had a young man doing so well in being discipled and then the devil began to disturb his marriage to the point that he fell back into his old habits of the bottle. I tried to work with him again, but he was determined that his past was too hard to deal with and so he and his wife got out of church.

It's hard when we lose people like these who others are watching closely and when they fall, they seem to lose ground as well.....But the Lord still has the people out there that will hear the gospel as we continue to knock the doors in Portland.

Just the other day, after a full day of being busy, we went to a late evening meal at a restaurant and there we were able to visit with eleven Natives in that one place. It is the Lord's way of telling us not to lose heart.

## **The Re-focus.....**

We have not focused in on the Natives yet, because we were trying to reach all of this neighboring community. For a while we did see several groups of people, but since it dwindled down in attendance, we are going to focus on the natives again.

I told my wife the other day that I had never had so much trouble with people who are so demanding but return so little.

## **The Resources.....**

We do want to thank you for doing all you do to help us in this ministry where the Lord has placed us. We have seen several people come to Christ and we give the Lord all the glory. The worth of a soul is demonstrated in your giving to missions and your sacrifices to the great commission.

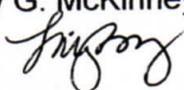
I just want to thank the Lord for Pastor Lockard and The VBS program at Calvary Baptist Church in Palestine, Tx., for helping us to purchase Bibles for the 3 Reservations around us.

The monthly support, the prayers, and the special things you do from your churches are what demonstrates the worth of a soul !

Please continue to pray for us and for the building needs. We are needing to add a restroom and to paint the interior. We just completed a roof repair and will probably have to replace some sheetrock in the foyer where it was leaking.

But the work goes on and Jesus is coming back sooner than we think.....Amen!!!

In The Grace of Our Lord,  
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