

Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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Halito Friends,

Here we are in the early fall, and it still seems like the middle of summer or at least it feels like it. All the wildfires surrounding us have made it hard to breath and the smoke is thick everywhere. We are on the Warm Springs Reservation, and we have gone through our wild fire in July. I told someone (a tourist) the other day that those were smoke signals from the Indians, and it was all small talk, but there is coming a day of real fire...and the only evacuation was faith in the Lord Jesus Christ...he walked off.

In July... we had our VBS from 1st to 5th grade because of worker shortage, but we averaged around 57 daily and had 1 saved. On the last day, we had a program at noon and saw parents fill the auditorium. It is a start for the next VBS and to expand the age groups so we can die trying...amen?

In August... we were able to see the work in Portland take on new leadership. We started that church 8 years ago but now Dan and Donna Lindsay have taken over the work. They will do a good work there, and you pray for them that they keep their zeal for this area.

Here in Warm Springs, we just did our first Rodeo Funeral!...Stanley "Buck" Smith passed away at 79 years old, and he was a real Indian Cowboy. We have no buildings to carry a crowd like that so the Rodeo grounds was filled with a good 450 people. When the horse riders came in with the horse with no rider, it was an emotional picture. I preached with all my ability trusting the Lord to reach into the hearts of the people and He did. I had two other Baptist Preachers helping me and there was a consistency in the messages that only the Lord could have done. Bucks favorite verse was John 3:16, so the message was clear in sharing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are still reaping the after effects of that Rodeo Funeral...and it works for us in the exposure of the Warm Springs Baptist Church since we are fairly new here! Praise The Lord for all the opportunities he gives us!

In September... school has begun and we would like to start a bus ministry. There are so many children we could work with but the reservation is spread so far from the church and would do well bringing in some bus kids. (preferably a van in good condition since we have hills and mountains to drive through)

Pray for the new converts to grow and follow in baptism and to be sensitive to the Spirit of God

Pray for the Glendoveer Baptist Church in Portland to continue strong

Pray for ministry needs

Pray for another good second car (We gave the Dodge truck to a Missionary in need, the Sonata engine starting knocking and the oldsmobile has left me stranded a couple of times.)

May the Lord Bless,



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