

Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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Dear Friends,

The new year has a way of throwing us off as it brings a change from the very first day we write the date on any document. My wife got a good laugh from it, so I told her that I was still living in the past and not completely ready for the new year, but it was really because I forgot we had jumped into 2025. My son-in-law just had his 50th birthday, and that change comes every year. We don't seem to forget age change, it comes with the new year. I texted him to remind him that time does not stop, so enjoy the day and look forward to the years granted from the Lord.

So, let me take you back to December 2024 and give you one blessing that really stood out as a reminder of the needs of people. Regina had to go to the Mall to get her phone repaired and I waited in the hall in a comfy chair. Beside me sat a man about my age, decked out in a Seattle Seahawks Christmas shirt, so I used that as a conversation piece and the next thing you know, Terry trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of his sins. (I John 4:1-4) There are a lot of Terry's in the NW, you ought to come here and help us reach them!!

As far as 2025, it is a fresh start of everything, especially in the Lord's work. A lot of things may get old to you but not in the Lord's doing. I visited a man in the hospital, who is dying of bone cancer, and with only a promise of a few days. His family is concerned for him and his knowing the Lord, but he again, said, "not yet". Those are the words we cannot ever get used to, and the heaviness it leaves in your heart. Please pray for Rueben....

Continue to pray for the work on the Puyallup and the Colville Reservations. These are 250 miles apart and the road weariness can get to you if not planned right. We got word that a couple from our home church (Trinity BC in Grand Prairie, TX) will be coming up to help us in the work....Praise the Lord !!!

In the Tacoma church, we have 3 young men in their early twenties who are willing to do door knocking and soul winning. I will be spending much time in preparing them. (This is called "on the job training".) We have a young lady learning piano music, and 4 young ladies working in the children's department. The young men are taking on responsibilities to help further the Gospel.

Sounds like the old is out and the new (young) is in. Salvation has a way of doing that to Natives when they get saved....

Thank you for all your help to this ministry in the NorthwestAnd keep praying, because it "availeth much"....(James 4:16)

The Lord is Able,

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