

Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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DEAR PASTORS AND FRIENDS,

So far, the year is looking right but it seems to be slipping away fast. The month of December always slows things down because of the attention we spend with family and friends everywhere and the work of the ministry. I know you all go through the same busyness during that time. It sure was a good year leading into December. We were able to have several Christmas box give aways to four Native groups because of the First Nations Ministry. One was the Colville Tribe, Spokane Tribe, Puyallup Tribe and a downtown Tacoma ministry to the natives. It was a tremendous blessing to give gifts out, with Bibles and tracts to the natives and to see the thankful smiles of appreciation!

January opens with a return to only one mission work, and the load is less to carry. I do thank the Lord for the helpers in the Tacoma church, like Mike Sims, a member of the church who took on the preaching responsibilities when we were not there. My two grandsons; Isaac and Caleb Mckinney were able to oversee the operation of the church. They lead our church visitation program on Saturday and about anything else they are asked to do. Keep these guys in your prayers....and Issac is ready to take the bus ministry but we do not have a bus yet for this work. The first bus we got will be going to the Nespelem Mission, but we are still working on some small details to get it final. It will end up with Brother Spencer Johnson on the Colville Reservation.

Please keep praying for the souls that need to be reached on this reservation and this city of Tacoma. We have about 6 people that will be baptized this month and ready for discipleship class. Just want to "Thank You" for praying for my family, as we celebrated the life and homegoing of our sister Pamela. She was a blessing to us and to the community of Broken Bow and the Choctaw Nation Tribe. The funeral was Christ honoring and comforting to our hearts as Pastor Danny Harris (Victory Baptist Church in Tahina, OK) lifted up the name of Jesus Christ.

Pray for us, Regina and I are seeking the Lord's will. Until then, we are praying for the next Pastor to take this work in Tacoma. Also pray for our health, I have some nerve issues and Regina is feeling more of the bone aches.

We still need more funding to raise for the van in Tacoma. We have about \$2,000 and need to raise another \$8,000. We have a bus driver ready to start the bus ministry, and he is excited about it which helps. Also, any help you may have for Camps and VBS this summer will be appreciated!

Because He Lives,


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