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On Mission With God and For God

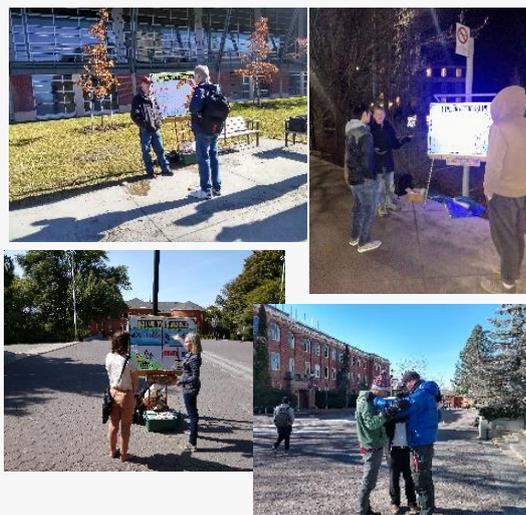
Spring 2020 NEWS

INLAND NORTHWEST MINISTRY

Reaching Northern Idaho & Eastern Washington with the Gospel of Jesus Christ



The **University of Idaho** (U of I) and **Washington State University** (WSU) have become a large part of the ministry as the Lord continually opens doors to speak the Gospel to the lost, encourage Christian students, and provide opportunity for discipleship and evangelism training. I look forward to getting back on all the campuses next fall.



MINISTRY UPDATE

Ministry to colleges and other evangelistic opportunities was business as usual through mid-March when the response to COVID-19 began to take effect. On-campus outreach came to a halt, 5 scheduled speaking engagements were cancelled, and Evangelism training was postponed, but there is much to report up to that point.

BUS STATION MINISTRY

Dennis Kukuruzza has kept the bus station ministry in Spokane going. I supplied him with some new riddles that brought more conversations, and we have a gracious donor who supplies Subway cards so that we are able to buy lunch for some of those who are in need of a meal. Pray for this ministry and for some decisions that need to be made concerning the future of the ministry. Pray for Dennis' health and to bring another helper. Pray too for Paul M. and Kirk H. as they have moved on to sharing God's word at area assisted living facilities.

NEWS FROM AN OPEN-AIR EVANGELIST AT HOME

Here in the Inland Northwest, as in most of the rest of the nation, we are under a "Stay-at-Home Order." So, what does an Open-Air Evangelist do when he has to stay home? • Write a Newsletter • Make phone contact with volunteers, family, friends, college students, etc. • Study and Sermon Prep • Prayer Time (Warning: If I know you or you are on one of my many lists, I'm praying for you 😊) • Get projects done around the house and property • Mule training • Give you reading assignments – look for these throughout the newsletter in ***(bold italics)***. These days are "tough" to be sure, and yes, I have moments of anxiousness, worry for family and friends, frustration with the world, and even sometimes anger. But God... ***(Romans 5:8-11)***

I rejoice in salvation, peace, and joy that only come through Christ; thus, I can live in ***(Philippians 4:4-7)***. I encourage you to read carefully all of ***(Philippians 4)***. My "happiness", which admittedly is based on circumstances and attitudes, can be fleeting, whereas ***spiritual joy*** is a gift of God, based in a confident expectation, biblical hope, grace, and the holy sovereign will of God, for believers in the Gospel. I by no means know what tomorrow holds, or even the rest of this day, but my prayer is for the sufficiency found in God's grace. ***(Psalm 4)***

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

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Union Gospel Mission & Mending Fences

UGM is an integral part of the ministry as we get to do a Chapel service where we see the fruits of biblical teaching and God's love, through God's transforming power of the Gospel. Amazingly, we get to re-connect with the men who have gone through the program at UGM when involved in other ministries around the Spokane area. Mending Fences is a great church sharing the love of Jesus in downtown Spokane. I have had the privilege of ministering with them, and it is yet another place you can see God at work in people's lives, including some of the men I have met at UGM. Please be in prayer for both these ministries.



Mark & Parker getting ready
for ministry

SUPPORT NEEDS

As missionaries, we depend on God's provision. Our support over the last year has been well below 50%. While God has blessed with Angela's job, we need to get to 50%. We ask that after supporting your local church you would prayerfully consider giving to God's work through this ministry. We welcome your partnership in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your tax-deductible gift can be given online at oacgive.org or by mail to OAC PO Box D, Nazareth, PA 18064. Thank You!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

As you read this brief update, realize there are many hours of prayer, preparation, and planning that go into this ministry. Please remember Angela, me, and the volunteers who assist us in the spreading of the Gospel, in your prayers. And be in prayer for all the students I get to speak with, that they may come to the knowledge of the truth.

NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE

As last fall progressed, I continued working with Campus Alive in Christ (CAIC) a Christian club at North Idaho College (NIC). Each Monday we set up an information table with Bibles, books, and tracts, along with a riddle on the sketchboard. Praise the Lord for the students, faculty and staff that have kept this ministry going. Next fall marks 6 years I have been involved with CAIC. Each week there are students, Christian and non-Christian, stopping by to ask questions, debate, get materials, and 7-10 people show up for a student-led Bible study on Fridays at lunch time. Please pray for the continued strengthening of this outreach.

A SHORT WORD ABOUT THE WORD ...

Do you have a biblical worldview? I recently read a short article on one of my newsfeeds that quoted a Barna poll that shows 7 out of 10 Americans consider themselves to be Christian, yet just 6% of those actually possess a biblical worldview. When I read that I did a quick Google search which showed 4-17% hold a biblical worldview. While many claim to be a Christian, few truly hold a biblical worldview. I observe this in people I meet while out doing ministry. A worldview is a personal collection of ideas and beliefs through which all of life is perceived and lived. A biblical worldview would be defined by **2 Timothy 3:15-16 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness**, The truth of the Bible, faith in Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, leads to salvation. A biblical worldview holds much deeper meaning than just holding to Judeo Christian practices and beliefs. Try as hard as you might to follow all the commands, you still fall short. **Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Titus 3:3-7)**. A biblical worldview holds to what the Bible says about God, man, creation, sin, salvation and many other topics. If in your reading of Scripture you come across something you don't understand or can't get your mind around, that means you probably need to study and pray more. Some of my best Bible study has come when I had to wrestle over a passage. I certainly didn't throw out the whole book because I didn't understand a word or a topic, I continued to study. Because of my biblical worldview I have a foundation to stand on and a standard greater than me to live by. Because of a biblical worldview I have a hope well beyond the suffering, chaotic world I see around me. Because of my biblical worldview, I get to have an influence, small by our standards it may be, on the world around me. Because of my biblical worldview I'm not dependent on temporal things for happiness and contentment. This can be a tough one to live; only in the power of the Holy Spirit does this happen. In closing, because of Christ and what He has done in me, I love and enjoy His word, and while I celebrate His resurrection, I look forward to the resurrection I have because of Him. **(Romans 4:25, 1 Corinthians 15:54-58)**.

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.
Revelation 21:1(a), 4*