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On Mission with God and for God



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MARK'S NOTES FROM THE NORTHWEST

Hello from North Idaho!

Saying it has been a busy year is an understatement. Life with its joys and sadness, and ministry with its pleasures and pressures, have rolled through these last many months.

College outreach has continued, with North Idaho College (NIC) continuing to be a great outreach and encouragement. I am an "Advisor" to an on campus, student-led, Christian club, Campus Alive in Christ. Mondays we set up a table offering free Christian materials, with the sketchboard nearby. This is a great time of sharing the Gospel, counseling students, and fellowship with Christian students.

Other campus outreaches include Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls Community College, Eastern Washington University and this semester I am adding outreaches at the University of Idaho and Washington State University. Pray for wisdom and grace as we open up ministry at these major universities.

I get to speak at the Union Gospel Mission in Spokane every other month. This is a great ministry, seeing new converts and the Lord restoring lives. God is a God of restoration and life.

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 1 John 5:4

Pray for Dennis Kukuruza and Paul Malinauskas, as they are ministry partners who have taken charge of the Spokane Transit Center ministry on Wednesdays. This has freed me up for more college ministry and occasional ministry at the Spokane County Courthouse.

Coeur d'Alene City Park and community events continue as, once again, weekends were busy at the park, reaching hundreds with the Gospel. I was also involved in local community events where people were very open to hearing and discussing the Gospel. In these environments people tend to be more relaxed, less stressed, and willing to talk. Not that we don't get some opposition, but less than on college campuses, for example. I do enjoy a good debate occasionally. Those keep me studying and preparing.

Ministry goes beyond the streets, highways, and byways. Angela and I are members of Maple Street Community Church, a small congregation of believers in Hayden, Idaho. We have been attending there now for about two years. Angela has Operation Christmas Child up and going, praying to pack 250 shoe boxes this year. I was asked, and appointed, as an elder in the church. Being an elder brings a welcomed level of accountability and humbleness needed in my day-to-day walk with our Lord. Pray for me and the four other elders, Jack, Ernie, Jim and Nathan, as we shepherd the flock God has given us.

I was the speaker at Cocolalla Bible Camp two consecutive weeks with well over 300 in attendance over the two weeks. Cocolalla is a great, biblically-based camp where campers learned about two kingdoms based on Colossians 1:13-14.

And, once again, I was able to be in Albion, WA for VBS. The mules came along and helped. The highlight was the teens that were trained and conducted most of the kids' program. Praise for the energy of the young!



Parker, My Ministry Partner at Albion VBS

WE'VE MOVED

Our new address is

464 Watt Hill Lane, Plummer, ID 83851

The Lord has been so gracious to allow us to find and purchase an incredible place. We have a wonderful house with ten acres, on top of a mountain, with a view of the valley.

NEW COLLEGES ON THE HORIZON

The move has put us right between Coeur d'Alene, Spokane, Moscow, and Pullman which allows for me to start going to the University of Idaho and Washington State University.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14



Isaiah, one of the teens, teaching a lesson at the Albion VBS.

I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

Job 42:2

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for Me?

Jeremiah 32:37

On the boardwalk at Ocean City, Maryland



Prayer In Action

• Doug, our long time friend, was diagnosed about twelve years ago with PSC a rare disease of the liver. Doug, after lots of testing and protocols, is now on the liver transplant list. He has asked me to be his primary caregiver once the transplant happens. At this point it's simply a waiting game, day by day. Your prayers would certainly be appreciated. I invite anyone who is interested in more information about the process, how this will affect ministry, etc. to call or email me

(phone preferred, as those who know me, know I talk much better than I type.)

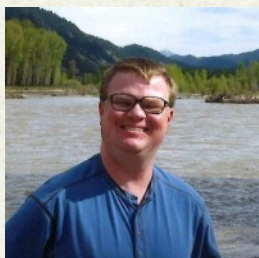
• George and Diane Hippe are close friends, and ministry partners. Diane has been battling a very long term illness. Please pray for her recovery, and strength for George as he cares for her. George runs Eagle Summit Ministries. We have been praying about how we might partner in ministry and assist one another.

The Gospel In Action

Ocean City, Maryland, isn't that a long ways from the Northwest? Yes it is! I was able to go back east to spend time open-air preaching with my friends, Mark Johnson and Joe Toy. There were eleven of us men doing ministry. Some of us open-air preached using the sketchboard, some passed out Gospel tracts, some held signs. This was my "mission trip." I have wanted to do this for a few years but schedules and finances just didn't allow. Finally this was the year to "GO." I got to preach several times, counsel with many, and it was wonderful! I also had an opportunity to try something new - I held a sign that captures people's attention so that they will approach you to have a dialogue. (See the photo above.) One sign intrigued me so I gave it a try. The sign read, "Atheism Is A Temporary Condition." I took the sign, praying as I went down the boardwalk a ways and stood. For an hour I stood holding the sign. Some people smiled, some sneered, some ... A pleasant surprise was the number of Christians who stopped to encourage me, thank me, and some to pray with me - praise the Lord. After an hour I headed back to use the sketchboard to preach. Sticking my sign board under my arm I began to work my way through the crowds, when I heard someone yell, "Hey, I'm an atheist, what do you mean?" I approached the young man and found myself facing not one, but four atheists, with a fifth soon to join after the debate began. It was a good debate lasting 30-40 minutes. We made our points, the Lord helped me remember and quote Scripture, and while we were strident in our respective arguments everyone remained civil. The young men actually accepted some Gospel tracts, while we agreed to disagree. We all shook hands and four of them left, but one stayed behind, Jacob. He said, "You know I don't think it's by chance we met today." Jacob went on to explain that he had lost his keys, wallet, and phone, and was waiting on someone to pick him up. At that point he had been stuck in Ocean City for about eight hours, but expected his ride soon. I asked if there was any way I could help. He said that throughout the day he had met three other Christians, on three separate occasion, all who were very helpful. I don't remember exactly how Jacob said it, but he indicated he had not ever talked to that many Christians, especially in one day. He related how they had said much of what he heard me saying, and that he was really thinking about all he had heard. Jacob took some info from me and website references to study more. Pray Jacob comes to the knowledge of the Truth (1 Timothy 2:4) and thank the Lord things don't happen by chance.

Family Updates

This past spring, after a long illness, Collin, my brother was promoted to heaven on March 24th. Collin was 45 years old. This has left a void in our lives, and particularly in the lives of my parents. Please pray for my mom and dad (Carolyn & Arthur) as they grieve the loss of their son. Collin's favorite song (aside from anything Garth Brooks wrote) was, *Victory In Jesus*, and he is experiencing that victory now.



Bailey is busy ministering with Africa Inland Mission in a small village in Kenya. She is helping homeschool the children of one of the couples on the team there. She is also continuing her coursework online with The Master's University. She appreciates all your prayers and financial support.

Angela works for the Council on Quality and Leadership. She is able to work from home, although she does travel quite a bit around the country, as well as internationally. We praise God for the provision of this job.

Dirk continues to enjoy success as a hairstylist in Seattle. Stop in at *Glam and Tonics* to see him if you're ever in Seattle .

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:57

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For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36