

THE KENNEDYS

On Mission With God and For God

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Reaching North Central Idaho & Eastern Washington with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. Colossians 4:5-6

One more year is coming to a close. Wow! They seem to go by faster every year. 2023 has certainly been a full year. As always, we strive to make the best use of time for the cause of Christ. Here's a brief overview of where lives were impacted by the Gospel of Christ.

College Campus

January – May and early fall were spent on the campuses of **North Idaho College (NIC)**, **Washington State University (WSU)**, **University of Idaho (UI)**, and **Lewis Clark State College (LCSC)**. I continue to be an advisor to Campus Alive in Christ, an on-campus club at **NIC**. **WSU** and **UI** are always great outreaches as the size of the campuses provide many opportunities to share the Gospel with a wide variety of students. I am especially encouraged with the development of ministry at **LCSC**. Relationships with students and even a couple of the faculty have begun to grow and so I am concentrating my efforts here.

Community Events

Because almost all of the neighboring towns have some sort of an annual event, summer was packed with community outreaches. When those happen, I get to work with local churches and engage the public using my sketch board to present the gospel. For some of these events, I take Jesse, Angela's mule, which is always great for ministry! I have yet to have anyone turn down a Gospel tract when I'm on a mule and Jesse makes a good conversation starter. We did outreach this year in **Whitebird, Culdesac, Craigmont, Kamiah, Kooskia, Grangeville, Stites, and Winchester**. We are hoping to add a few more to the list in 2024.

Kids

In the spring I got to work with **Winchester Community Church** conducting an after-school Kids Bible Club. The school bus stop is across the street from the church so when the kids got off the bus, they could come right over to the church for Bible Club. This made for a great opportunity for the Gospel, and to serve the local community. Bailey joined us a few times to help and it was great fun to work alongside my daughter.

I had the privilege to serve as chapel speaker at **Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp** for 200+ campers (11-12 years-old) and staff in July. We were blessed with a great week of camp ministry and good weather. Chapel times are held morning and evening outside, my favorite place. There was great participation from campers, several professions of faith, and renewed walks with Christ.

Yakama Indian Reservation

In May, Tom Fox, (OAC Personnel/Development Director) and I headed over to the Yakama Indian Reservation to introduce the ministry and train some folks in the use of the sketch board. This is the fruit of prayer and time spent at the **Indian Bible College (IBC)** in Flagstaff a couple of years ago. One of the students from **IBC** is back on the Yakama reservation and now serves through **Sacred Road Ministries**, (sacredroadministries.org). What a great connection the Lord has put together, as **Sacred Road** is beginning to work with the Nez Perce tribe, which is just down the road from me. My hope is for future work with local Nez Perce members, as well as a trip or two back over to the Yakama Reservation.

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. Revelation 14:6



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Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Other Ministry Activities/Partnerships

God provides plenty of opportunities for His Gospel to be shared and spoken to a lost world along with discipleship and training of fellow believers. A few examples include:

- Being a chapel speaker at Union Gospel Mission in Spokane, Washington
- Serving as a board member of Eagle Summit Ministry
- Participating in neighborhood outreaches with Mending Fences in Spokane
- Providing pulpit supply all around the Inland Northwest

Ministry Is A Team Effort

For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:9

This year marked the passing of two co-laborers in the work. **Ernie Bentz** went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2023. Ernie leaves behind Rosie, his beloved wife along with many family and friends. Pray for Rosie as she walks through this time of life. Ernie and I served as elders together at Maple Street Community Church when we lived in North Idaho. Ernie always had great wisdom to bring to his position as elder. Ernie and Rosie were gracious to be one of my host homes when I would be back working in North Idaho.

Sam Perkins, Pastor of Kamiah Bible Church passed away suddenly October 19, 2023, Pray for Joy, his precious wife, as I know she misses Sam so very much. Sam and Joy were special in our lives. When Angela and I became directors at ALACCA Bible Camp, Sam and Joy showed up one day, introduced themselves, prayed with us, and offered their friendship as we took on the new position. Later, Bailey attended school at Kamiah Bible Academy where Sam and Joy served. Sam was a great friend and brother in Christ.

Family Ministry Team

Bailey is serving with the **Serge Mission Board** (serge.org) in Uganda. We praise the Lord for her faithfulness and ask for your prayers. Angela continues to work part time and God has been gracious as always to provide for our needs.

I have had a pause in ministry activities as I had a total knee replacement on October 25th. This is a result of an injury that occurred back in 2020 while doing some parttime work for Idaho State Parks. Since it was a work-related injury, the state has paid for all of the medical bills which is such a blessing. While there have been a few setbacks, my rehab is coming along, and I am making good progress. Colleges are out for their winter breaks and I'm looking forward to being back in full swing on college campuses in the New Year. I praise God for Angela who has truly been my nurse, helper, driver, and the one who has kept me on track through this time. What a gift to have such a wonderful wife.

Prayer Requests

Please be in prayer for my faithfulness, upcoming ministry, ministry partnerships, college and community outreach, new ministry development, and ongoing discipleship opportunities.



Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3

As missionaries, we depend on God's provision. 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!!**