

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

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose. Isaiah 46:9-10

Wow! 2025 is already well underway. While we don't know all that's ahead, those who know Christ can take solace in knowing the One who does know what's ahead. Isaiah 50:7 is part of the third of four Servant Songs in Isaiah. The Servant Songs prophetically describe the service, suffering, and exaltation of the "servant of the Lord," the Messiah, identified in the New Testament as Jesus the Christ.

But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and know that I shall not be put to shame. Isaiah 50:7

As verse 7 says, "I have set my face." We see similar language in Luke 9:51; Jesus is focused on the task before Him. Regardless of opposition and obstacles, He continues on His mission that was "set" before the foundation of the world. (Reference Ephesians 1:4, John 17, 1 Corinthians 2:7, 1 Peter 1:19-20). His purpose – go to the cross, die, and rise again on the third day to save sinners. Jesus knew exactly what was ahead, thus He "set His face" to go.

I don't know what's ahead in 2025, but I can say as Isaiah 50:7 says, "The Lord God helps me," even if I stumble or falter, therefore "I have set my face."

What's Been Happening Since Our Last Newsletter

The end of July found me at Kooskia Days for a few hours of outreach. Then I loaded up and headed for Dusty, WA where Country Bible Church put me up in their B&B, "The Parsonage" for the night. It is a great place to get some peace and quiet while preparing to fill the pulpit Sunday morning. Country Bible Church along with two other churches in the area sponsor a time at the Lacrosse City Park to hear from missionaries about the work they do. I was able to present the work OAC does in the US and around the world. Using the sketchboard and object lessons, I demonstrated the Gospel message. Afterward was a picnic and great fellowship with folks asking lots of questions and sharing a little of their lives.

August

As I have done the last few years, I traveled to Moscow, ID to train interns of Tiny Heartbeat Ministries (<https://www.tinyheartbeatministries.com/>), a pro-life ministry standing up for the preborn and their mothers. The interns spend a few days with me learning to use the sketchboard and object lessons to add to their toolbox for their outreach efforts.

End of Summer

My last outreach of the summer was Labor Day Weekend at Kamiah BBQ Days. We had a busy day of meeting and talking to people. I was thankful to Tom Raichart, a fellow member of my church for his help. Tom does a great job of engaging folks with the Gospel.



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For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:5-7



Back To College

Mid-August marked the beginning of College Outreach. Once again, I was on LCSC (Lewis Clark State College), U of I (University of Idaho), WSU (Washington State University), and NIC (North Idaho College) consistently, with occasional trips to EWU (Eastern Washington University) and SCC (Spokane Community College). I'm grateful to Larry McGrew for his partnership in spreading the gospel on the WSU campus. I also got to join up with Kenan Luder of Tiny Heartbeats to do evangelistic outreaches on campus. We had a great time Halloween night on Greek Row at WSU. Pray for us as we engage the students, answering their questions and objections. These dialogues are what leads to pointing young people to Christ.

Bus Station

In 2013 when Angela and I moved to North Idaho, one of the ministries we started was at the Spokane Transit center (bus station) in downtown Spokane. Through our time I had faithful help there. When we moved back to North Central Idaho in 2021, our good friends Kirk Hartman and Paul Malinauskas, kept the bus station ministry going, sharing the Gospel and counseling with folks every Wednesday. I got to join up with them this fall for a great time of ministry. Thanks to these faithful men.

OAC Director's Conference

As director of the Inland NW branch of OAC, I attended the OAC Director's conference in Tampa, Florida. It was a great time to meet with other directors from around the country to pray, share ideas, and worship together. A couple of board members, Hugh Holmes and Greg Hunter, also joined the group. I appreciate them, their input and oversight of OACUSA. A special treat was to see and hear from David Wilson, past OAC International President. David has preached the Gospel in many countries and been used by God to start OAC branches around the world. A highlight was when all of us got to go to the University of South Florida to do open air ministry. There's nothing like having 14 evangelists on one campus! A great time to represent our Savior, Jesus.

Wrapping Up 2024

Christmas Mule Ministry and Christmas Outreach at Locomotive Park in Lewiston, ID topped off the year. Per usual, riding Jessie through Grangeville handing out Christmas tracts is a great way to meet people and spread some Christmas cheer.

Locomotive Park is a park decorated with over a million lights bringing thousands of visitors to see them during the holidays. This is some of the best evening ministry of the season. I was able to share Jesus with hundreds of people using my sketchboard and black light to attract a crowd. What a blessing!

Onto 2025

I started out 2025 with a trip to visit my parents in Texas. Please pray for their health. And I'm back on campus. Pray for me as I prepare for the year ahead.

Angela has officially retired from her VP position, although she will be staying on with her company helping with a bit of training. She's excited to be able to devote more time to ministry at our church. Her spring will be filled with baby chicks and working in the garden.

Dirk continues to live and work in Seattle.

Bailey is wrapping up her time in Kenya, returning to the states mid-March. Pray she finishes well, for her transition back to life in the US, and for wisdom and discernment regarding next steps.



Thank you for your support and prayers!

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