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Matthew 14:22
*And straightway Jesus
constrained his
disciples to get into a
ship, and to go before
him unto the other
side while he sent the
multitudes away.*



JULY AND AUGUST 2025 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

As I am sure you can understand, the past two months have been exciting times for our family and the ministry as we have started the Lighthouse Baptist Church in Ponderay, ID. We moved into our house at the end of June, and then the first service for the church was July 13th. We did not have any visitors from the area on that first service; however, we did have a dear lady from one of our supporting churches who was in the area and made a special point to be with us! What an encouragement it was to walk into the conference room where we have service and to see her already there! Since that time, we have had several visitors from the area, and a few are coming regularly.

In August, one of our supporting churches, Fellowship Baptist Church of Oakton, VA, and Pastor Chris Mann brought a group of 13 out to help us canvas Ponderay and Sandpoint. They were here for a week, and in that time, we were able to put out over 5,000 door hangers and pass out a large number of invitation cards! As a result of these efforts, I have received multiple phone calls and emails, and we have seen some first-time visitors.

School is off to a good start for Tracy and the kids. We are using a new curriculum this year, which means there's a learning curve, but we will get it figured out soon enough.

Please continue to pray with us and for us as we try to reach Ponderay, Sandpoint, and the surrounding area with the Gospel. As we expected, now that we are actually here, we are learning about new (to us) places/communities that are very close to us that we can reach into and witness and invite people to church. Winter is fast approaching here in north Idaho, and from what I have been told, people tend to "hunker down and ride out the winter" starting in the next few weeks. That doesn't mean we quit trying to reach them, it just means we have to learn how to continue reaching some of the more remote areas even in the winter.

HELP US PRAY:

- **LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH**
- **SOULS TO BE SAVED**
- **MY TRUCK; I WAS DRIVING DOWN THE ROAD AND IT JERKED, LOST POWER, AND STARTED MAKING A HORRIBLE GRINDING/SQUEALING NOISE, AND THEN THE ENGINE STOPPED. WE DON'T KNOW HOW EXPENSIVE IT IS GOING TO BE TO GET IT FIXED YET.**
- **TRACY AND THE KIDS IN SCHOOL**

Thankful To Be His Servants,
The Ballew Family

Caleb, Tracy, Alex, Isaiah, Elijah, and Mattie
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