

# Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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Dear Friends,

Here we are in the Spring and looking forward to a good summer and a good year. We are already preparing for the Lord's blessing in the rest of the days ahead.

**The Warm Springs Baptist Church** is off to a great start, in that, it is seeing several people come to the Lord in salvation and some join in the fellowship as members and some waiting to be baptized. This past Sunday, we did see over 50 in attendance. The Reservation is really hit with poverty, and there are no jobs in this area. The drugs epidemic is at an all time high with meth at the top. They just voted to grow Cannabis to help with the economic shortage. We really need your prayers for the Lord to take a hold of this area in the matters of a "spiritual awakening".

**The Church in Portland** seems to be dropping some, but we keep knocking the doors to keep others coming. We are still seeing visitors and that is always encouraging. We do have some here that need to be baptized as well, so we are excited about that. My wife and I go from Portland to Warm Springs (94 miles) on Friday to Sunday afternoon and then go back to Portland for the evening services, and back to Warm Springs for Wednesday services. Bro. John Bloom and Bro. Lewis Kyle hold the Portland church on Sunday Mornings. They are a great help until we can get someone permanently.

We are already thinking about a new mission work somewhere in the central Oregon area with some small communities within this reservation of Warm Springs. There are a couple of places within 20 miles that really need mission works. Pray for the Simnasho and Madras area.

**Our Transportation** need has been met, and we are now driving a newer vehicle that is reliable enough to make it around Mt. Hood with no problems. It is a 2014 GMC (4x4) and it really is a blessing. The 92 Oldsmobile is right at 200,000 miles (came from First Nations ministry in Portland); 1996 Ram truck has 341,000 (given by Calvary Baptist in Palestine, TX); and the Sonata has 318,000 (given by Open Door Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, TX. We praise the Lord for those vehicles because they were all donated to us and it helped us not having a car payment, but now we are back in payments for the next 6 years. I just hope this truck last a while because it is the main source of our transportation at this time. On our way back to Portland the other day, my wife wanted to stop at Goodwill for a just a while, and a young man about 30 came over and was looking at the truck. I got out and talked to him about the Lord and he got saved....a ministry truck already!.....Pray for Daniel and his growth in Christ!

**Our Health** needs attention as we grow older. Regina just went through breast cancer test and a biopsy. Praise the Lord, it was benign! She may still need surgery, so keep her in prayer. My body is still healing and my sugar has been rising even though I have lost 32 lbs. in 3 years and watch what I eat. Thank the Lord for all those "light afflictions" we go through and that's why the thought of heaven is getting sweeter as the years go by.

Well, I need to close, but not until I "Thank You" for the extra offerings you gave to help us on

Lord's Blessing Upon You,

Larry and Regina McKinney

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March \_\_\_\_\_

Special \_\_\_\_\_

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Singing for the Lord

Ministry  
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Road to Warm Springs,  
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