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The Rotenberger's Newsletter

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Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus!

Well, 2021 has come and gone! Only our Lord knows what 2022 will hold for each one of us. As Sandy and I are working on our schedule for this year, it is filling up very quickly, and the year has just started. We never know from one month to another what might come up for us to do, but as Paul wrote to the Colossians: *“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”* Colossians 3:17 (NASB) After the past two years, it is hard to think to give thanks to God the Father. With all the pain, sorrow, and death, it is sometimes hard to stop and think about all the good things that happened. That is why we need to remember, whether during good times or bad times, to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, as Paul reminded the Colossians! So, as we start this next year, I pray that our goal would be to focus less on the troubles in this world and more on what we are saying to and doing for others, in the name of Jesus, remembering to give thanks to God for the opportunities to speak His true words and serve others, no matter what happens next!

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

Colossians 3:23
(NASB)



Sandy and Perry

Meet our friend, **Brenda Wood** (and the tiny house project)!



It has been our pleasure and honor to minister with Brenda for so many years! You may ask, who is Brenda? Well, Brenda has been a missionary serving our Lord at Old Faithful Christian Ranch part and full-time since 2011. She started as a camper, then came on staff as a game leader, followed by an Assistant Program Director, and finally the full-time Program Director for the past 10 years. Every year, campers look forward to seeing Brenda and the crazy program (cont. on page 2)

Meet Brenda Wood and the tiny house project! (cont.)

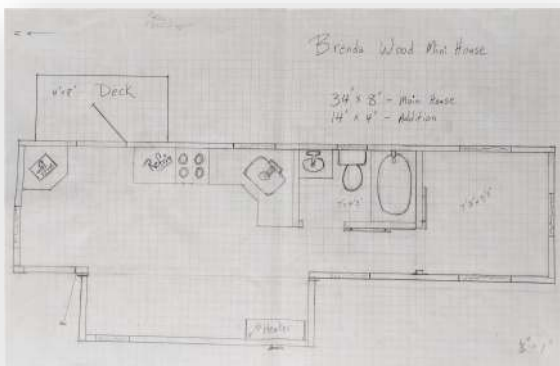
that she comes up with. Brenda is currently living in her family homestead which is mostly beyond repair. After her father suddenly passed away a few years ago, the upkeep of the house became very difficult. After talking to Brenda about her current house, I suggested that it might be better to build her a new house. She shared that all she needed for herself was a tiny house, so the planning started two years ago to make this happen. The plan was to start the construction last year, but with the lack of and price of materials, the decision was made to start building this summer. We spent last summer cleaning up the property and clearing a site for the future house. At this point, we will start building in June (or whenever the snow is gone). If you are interested in helping build this new home for Brenda or donating funds, please



Mission team from Teton Valley Bible Church

contact me by phone, text, or email (this information is found below).

Funds have been raised for this project, and a little over \$27,000 for materials out of the projected need, of about \$35,000 - \$40,000, has already been raised. Please be in prayer for this project that we can get Brenda situated in a home that she does not need to be concerned about so that she can continue to minister for our Lord. Thank you to all of you that have donated and helped with this project so far.



Floor plan for Brenda's tiny house

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;

Psalms 127:1a (NASB)

Ririe Chapel Remodel is Finished!



It only took about ten months, but the addition and remodel of Ririe Chapel is finished! The stairlifts are carrying those that need help up and down so they can hear the word of God in the sanctuary and enjoy the remodeled Fellowship Hall in the basement. Even though I spent a lot of time working on the project by myself, it could have never been done without the help of the sub-contractors and the volunteers that came whenever they were needed. What a blessing to get to know the people of this congregation better,



and those who worked alongside of me day after day for months, like Mike Carrier! Now, may the Lord continue to use this building, through the believers that fellowship there, to share God's Word to this community and throughout the area.

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Inkom Community Bible Church gets a new roof!

Please be in prayer with us:

For the churches all over the country that have been greatly impacted by events over the past two years. Pray for Christ's unity and love to abound.

For the total finances to be raised to purchase the materials to build Brenda's tiny house.

Praise the Lord with us:

That we are one year closer to Christ's return.

For how God is moving in a mighty way, even during these trying times that we are living in.

For the many people in various places we are blessed with to minister to and with.

After a wind storm blew more of the old shingles off the final one-third of the church roof that had not been re-covered with steel roofing, it was time to pull volunteers together to get the job done. I have done plenty of roofing over the years, but this roof really took me out of my comfort zone. Not only was it steep, it was also 37 feet above the parking lot at



Pastor James Peterson and myself starting to put on the steel roof

some parts. It surely increased my prayer life for the four days that it took to finish the roof. What a blessing it was to work with the volunteers from the church and others that helped!

To see that bright, white roof shining in the sunlight reminds me of how the congregation, that meets inside, are such a shining light for Jesus to the community around them.



If you are from the Southeast Idaho area, and you are traveling past Inkom on Highway 15, when you see that white roof right next to the highway, please remember to say a prayer for them.



Finished church roof



Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NASB)

Sandy's ministry goes on!

In addition to Sandy continuing to be my sidekick with ministries that are mentioned in this newsletter, she tries to share her heart and hands to people through visits, phone contacts, and physical assistance. She helped in Maleah's 5th grade public school classroom while Maleah was teaching and then with the substitute teacher after Maleah was on maternity leave. Sandy helped at Old Faithful Christian Ranch during their summer camp program. She continued as a chaplain for the local police departments but was not on duty for any emergency calls, but instead, did follow-up calls for people who were dealing with a loss.



Other ministries this year that I/we accomplished:

- Preached at eight different churches
- Drove bus for Old Faithful Christian Ranch into Yellowstone National Park two weekends during creation teaching weekends sponsored by Alpha Omega Institute
- Ministered to people in need in this area
- Hosted a Men's Retreat at OFCR in May for the men of the Watersprings Church of Idaho Falls
- Helped a little to work on one of the OFCR snowcats at Ken and Lori McCune's property as he was rebuilding it this past year
- Continued ministering to a long-time friend in jail

We are incredibly thankful for our prayer and financial supporters who help us do these things!

VBS in Downey, Idaho, was not derailed!

We had the pleasure of being able to minister with the gang from Marsh Valley Bible Church, the second week of June, with their Vacation Bible School. It was not on our schedule to be involved



with this VBS, but through the Lord's leading, we ended up being able to help. The theme for this VBS was a railroad theme, and I have some large trains that I offered for them to use. We found out that the pastor's son was in the hospital, in another state, in critical condition from an accident with a horse. Pastor Steve Millermon, and his wife Melissa, were traveling back and forth to take care of him but also try to prepare for the VBS. Instead of Pastor Steve being the Bible teacher, I was able to do that, and Sandy was one of the leaders. What a joy it was to share the Good News of Jesus

Christ with 30 - 40 children from Marsh Valley and the Inkom, Idaho, area! Sandy and I also enjoyed driving the church van from the Inkom Church to the VBS every morning. By the end of the week, many of the children shared of their love for Jesus. Praise our Lord!



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We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers;

1 Thessalonians 1:2 (NASB)