

# RETOOLING FOR CHRIST

The Rotenberger's Newsletter

Winter - 2025

## Why are we so slow in getting this done?

Well...after about a year and a half, we finally stopped long enough to send out another newsletter. :) As we have said so, so many times before, "We are the worst at keeping you wonderful, faithful supporters and prayer warriors informed on what our God is doing through us, year after year." As some have heard us say, "We are busier now than when we were ministering at Old Faithful Christian Ranch!" So, it is hard to stop and spend about two weeks in the office putting together each newsletter. ~~But~~ we feel it is really important to keep in touch with you all and update you on at least some of the things God has us doing for Him. If we shared everything, this newsletter would be many more pages, cost a lot to mail, and no one would take the time to read the whole thing. :) So, slow we are! But, we are so grateful that our Lord is not slow about His promise. *2 Peter 3:9 says: The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. (NASB)* I am always so grateful that God is a patient God! For there are so many more people that need to hear about Jesus and accept Him as their Lord and Savior! Here in Idaho is no different than where you are reading this newsletter, as many people are living for themselves and not for God. Where would we be, who are believers in Jesus Christ, if God would have chosen to send Jesus back, to gather up His believers, before we gave Him our lives? So, we all have busy schedules, especially during this time of year. But, we must remember that the time is short for His return. Let us spend more of our busy schedules sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ones who have not said "YES" to Jesus yet.

So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

Matthew 18:14 (NASB)



Sandy and Perry

## A Liaison Couple for Be One Together Ministries

In October 2023, we were asked to become one of the liaison couples of the ministry that we are part of, Be One Together. You might ask, "What is a liaison couple?" Well, we asked the same question. As the Lord blesses the ministry of Be One Together and more missionaries start serving God through it, all over the United States and the world, missionaries might feel like they are ministering on their own. As liaisons, we strive to help care for, support, encourage, pray for, and visit with (by zoom or in person) nine missionary couples/individuals that are serving our Lord across the United States. During our 6,000 mile visitation trip in the fall of 2024, we had the pleasure of visiting missionaries in person in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and later that fall, one in Wyoming and one in Idaho. This past February, during our Mexico Mission Trip (see page three for more details), we visited two more missionaries in Texas and one in Louisiana. We still have one more couple that we are looking forward to meeting in person in Oregon. Please be in prayer, not only for Sandy and I, but for all the missionaries serving with Be One Together that are listed at [beonetogther.com](http://beonetogther.com).

# VBS, Sharing the Gospel to Children! (and some adults)

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VBS (Vacation Bible School) is one of the best ways to introduce a child to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior, live a life filled with following Him, and be trained up in the way that they should go. The month of June, for us and many others, is usually filled with preparing and doing VBS. In June 2025, we were involved with two different programs. We are so grateful and thankful to the churches for the opportunities, and we praise the Lord for changed lives in the children.

## Inkom/Marsh Valley VBS

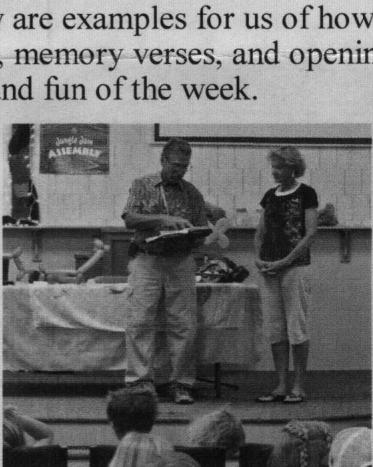
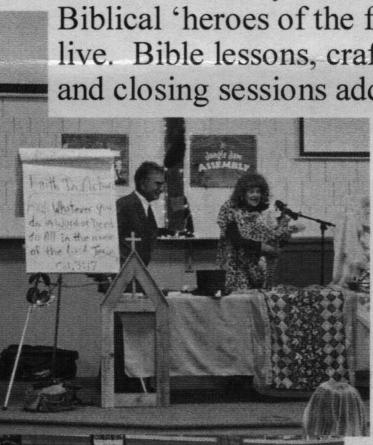
The first one was a combination of Marsh Valley Bible Church and Inkom Community Bible Church. I was asked to be the Bible teacher and Sandy to be the crafts/science teacher. We so enjoy sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ with the children that attend. This year's lessons were from Answers In Genesis, on Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection, with an Old West and train theme. As you can see, Sandy loves to dress up according to the lessons that she is teaching each day, and the children love it, too. The week was filled with Bible lessons,

crafts, science classes, games, snacks, memory verses, and opening and closing sessions. About 40 + children attended each day.



## Roberts VBS

The second one was at the Roberts Community Church. We were asked to share each day, during the opening session, about what a missionary is. We shared that missionaries are believers in Jesus Christ that do many different things as they teach, train, share, play, work, and live for God. By the end of the week, we taught the children that anyone that has given their life to Jesus is a missionary and should share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone around them. The lessons were on five different Biblical 'heroes of the faith' and that they are examples for us of how to live. Bible lessons, crafts, games, snacks, memory verses, and opening and closing sessions added to the theme and fun of the week.



Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NASB)

# Mexico Mission Trip With Netmenders Ministry 2025 Plus...

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## Please be in prayer with us:

For continued safety as we travel so much to minister and for the finances for it

For more Godly men to heed the call to be pastors in this area because there are currently some churches in need of a shepherd

## Praise the Lord with us:

That God provided us with a newer car that we can travel in for our many miles each year

For the ability and health to do the many things that God brings our way

For God's love and grace



Perry helping with ceiling



Festival at Monte Sinai

This past February included much more than Mexico: 4,679 miles, 30 days away from home, 17 different beds, eight days of ministering in Mexico, one day of flying to Indiana, five days of Biblical Counseling Training paid for by Be One Together for our benefit as a liaison couple of the ministry, one day of flying back to Texas, and seven days of visitation to Be One Together missionaries in Texas, one in Louisiana, and one YWAM missionary in Texas. I was asked to lead a team that worked at the Templo Monte Sinai Church in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. In 2024, we tore the old roof off and replaced it with a new roof, but the church needed a ceiling and insulation because of the intense heat in the summer. Some of the people from the church, and a team from Netmenders, hung the metal supports, sheetrock, insulation, and lights. By the end of the week, the church had a ceiling ready to be painted. As usual, the week was filled with many other projects worked on by Netmender volunteers in Texas and Mexico, including a festival and medical clinic for the people in the town that Sandy also helped at. This allows the people to see God's love in action at the churches. During the festival, a meal was served, food was handed out to take home, and games for all ages were played. At the clinic, people were prayed for and received free medical care. If this sounds like something that the Lord would have you do, there is still room for the 2026 Netmender's Mission trip. This year's trip is Feb. 1st - 7th. You can contact Sandy or myself for more information, and we can put you in contact with the leaders of the ministry. We would love to have you come and share the Good News of Jesus!



Sandy and some of the ladies

But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." Luke 18:16-17 (NASB)



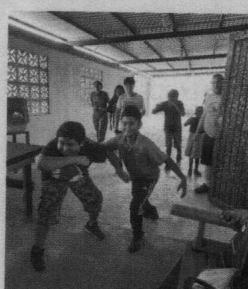
Packed up with supplies and tools and ready to leave



Progreso work team hanging new ceiling



New ceiling, insulation, and lights



Sandy ministers to the children

# Other Ministry Opportunities Since Our Last Newsletter

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In this newsletter, we focus a lot on the big projects that our Lord allows us to be part of, but there are so many other things that we have been blessed to be part of during this past year.

## The lighthouses are still shining!

We have ministered to, and alongside of, some small churches in very small towns. Some of these are the ONLY lighthouses shining (sharing) God's Word around them. If their light would go out, where would that community be? One of these churches is Marsh Valley Bible Church. They shine God's light in Downey, Idaho, with a population of 580 people. The church is presently without a pastor, but it is still growing in number and in strength in Christ. Our God is moving in a mighty way, and it does not take a lot of people, many staff, a big building, or a large budget, but just two or three gathering in His name.

## EX-PRISON MINISTRY

We are so happy to announce that our prison ministry has ended because our longtime friend is now out of prison and walking with our Lord and Savior. He is currently ministering to his parents by helping to take care of their day to day needs. We are so proud of him and looking forward to what God will continue to do in the rest of his life.

## And, there's more...

- ◊ Two weeks on staff at Old Faithful Christian Ranch
- ◊ Ministering to Seniors and work projects for other individuals
- ◊ One week mission trip in Lindale, TX
- ◊ Preached at eight different churches on 17 Sundays
- ◊ Replaced front doors on a church
- ◊ Women's ministries
- ◊ Officiated three funerals and one wedding
- ◊ Four day missionary conference, sponsored by our church, for the church's missionaries worldwide

## The Ashton Roof Project

After many years of needing to be replaced, the roof on Ron (Ziff) Ashton's house is on the schedule for spring 2026. Ron was a volunteer, and on staff, for many years at Old Faithful Christian Ranch. He is on full disability, has not been able to work since 2022, and needs our help. If you are interested in helping financially, please contact me, and I will direct you to the place to give a donation.



## We are all in this together!

We can NEVER say it enough, that without all of your help, financially and prayerfully, we would not have the ability to minister full-time as we do.

And...just a note. If you are wondering if we are looking to retire from being full-time missionaries, the answer is no, as long as God can continue to use us wherever He needs us.

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## **FROM THE SANDY SIDE**

God has been SO GOOD to give us His truths in the Bible! In John 21, Jesus appears to His disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias, and they are out fishing but not catching anything. Jesus told them to throw their net on the right-hand side of the boat to find some. They obeyed, and their net had so many fish that they were unable to haul it in! As you know from my past letters, we enjoy swimming in the ocean and seeing the fish when we snorkel. There are multitudes of them and are varied in color, shape, and size. We will be married 45 years in April, and in addition to our immediate and extended family, we have so, so many friends and have had so, so many adventures along the way, as we have obeyed His directions for us! This has been impressed upon me over and over this past year as I am reminded how incredibly blessed we are, abundantly and overflowing, with you as part of our lives!

### Some memories since our last newsletter:

July 2024 and 2025: trips to South Dakota, with a little extra family time, but to bring our grandsons back to Idaho for their age appropriate camp week at Old Faithful Christian Ranch, with us serving on staff those weeks enjoying chances to watch the boys in their camp activities and knowledge of them being taught God's Word (Perry officiated a memorial service for a dear mother of four former youth group members from Aberdeen, Idaho, between the 2025 camp weeks.)

Fall 2024: five week trip (approx. 24 different beds) visiting Be One Together's dedicated missionaries, visiting an Army Ranger friend (and his wife and family) who was in the youth group when Perry was the leader for a few years prior to 2000, Perry speaking at supporting churches in Pennsylvania, a 50 year youth group reunion, and visitation with family and friends

January 2025: four day trip to Pennsylvania for Perry to speak at a dear friend's memorial service, followed two weeks later by our four week road/airplane trip as mentioned in the ministry newsletter

April 2025: 16 year old birthday present fishing trip for our grandson, Colby, and his friend, to Florida to visit Perry's brother and our sister-in-law who were vacationing there with their boat

October 2025: trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in Kentucky with friends from Idaho, with a quick trip during that week to Idaho for Perry to speak at a memorial service with a sweet reunion of friends, then back to Kentucky

November 2025: memorable cruise with dear friends from our high school days, followed by a pastor/spouse retreat in Jackson, Wyoming, a week later

A wonderful chaplain opportunity for Sandy to help with 'Shop with a Cop'

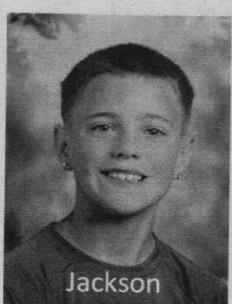
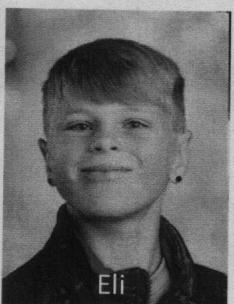
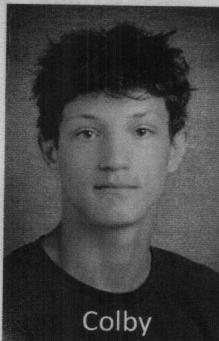
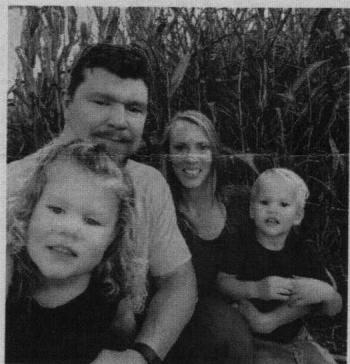
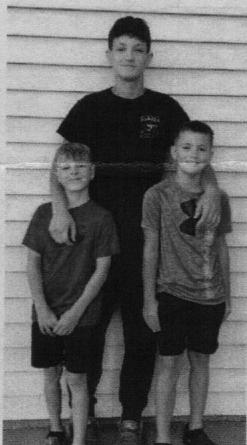
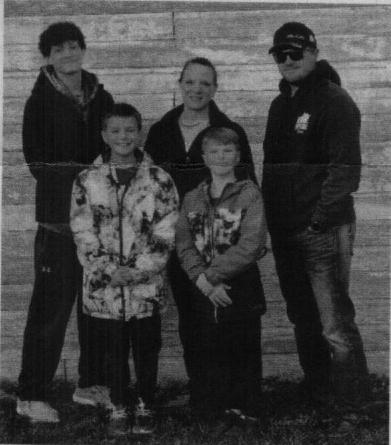
Many weddings, memorial services, and events at various churches which produce lasting relationships

### Family News:

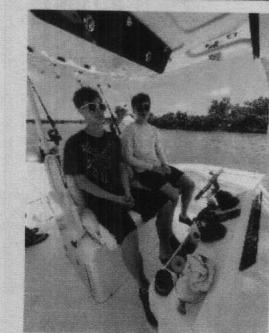
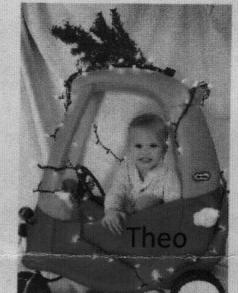
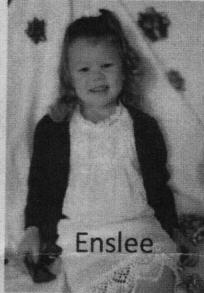
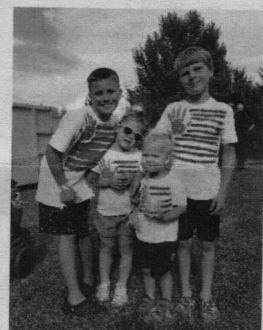
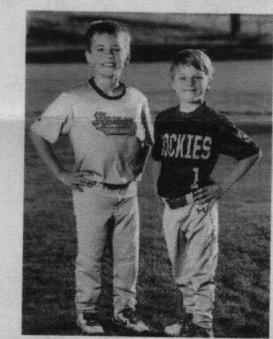
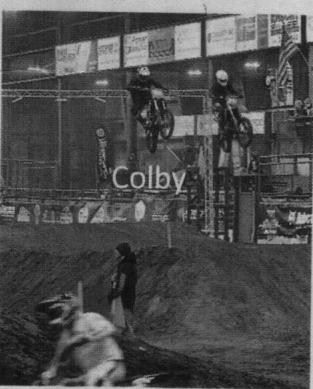
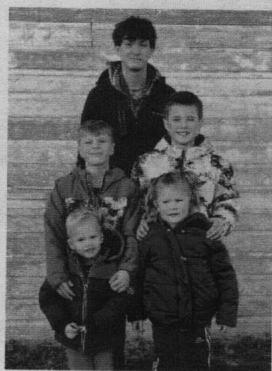
Tianna: completed 10 years of daycare in her home, working on health issues, oversees the ice hockey association, faithful fan for Tyler and their boys in all their activities / Tyler: pump truck driver and operator for a cement company, motocross racer, faithful fan for their boys in all their activities / Colby (age 17): 11<sup>th</sup> grade, shift manager at a pizza restaurant, motocross racer, avid snowboarder, respectful young man / Eli (age 10): 5<sup>th</sup> grade, motocross racer, bowler, ice hockey player, baseball player making the All-Star team, active and fun boy / Jackson (age 9): 4<sup>th</sup> grade, ice hockey player, baseball player, South Dakota bowler of the year, caring and helpful boy

Maleah: business from home called 'Today's Joy Décor' for selling crafts and doing craft parties, stay-at-home mom using her teaching degree with her children, great support for her husband / Aaron: dedicated police officer learning many skills and teaching other officers, family man / Enslee (age 4): happy and loving, wonderful big sister and helper for mom, loves to be outside and be at our house, enjoys learning and talking / Theo (age 2): happy and loving, mimics his sister, loves to be outside and be at our house, enjoys learning and speaking new words, loves trying different foods

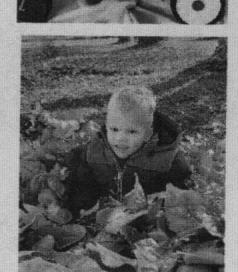
To you, our 'ocean' of family and friends, thank you so much for gracing us with your welcoming kindness, smiles, thoughtfulness, generosity, and love in so many ways! For the Christmas season and beyond, there is 'no greater love' than what David Meece's song shares about Jesus: "We are the reason that He gave His life. We are the reason that He suffered and died. To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give to show us the reason to live."



Colby



Grandsons learning to scuba dive



Moose on the loose in our yard

