

News from P. Nathan & Meagan Bath Field Director, Northwest Field: December 2022

Some Ministry Updates

The last time I sat down to write a letter was when we were hanging around home as Meagan recovered from her Cancer surgery. I was doing a lot of phone calls during that time. That was the end of June. A couple of weeks later I hit the road, and boy did things get busy!



Missionary Mark Miller sharing the morning devotion around the flag pole at Fir Point Bible Camp

I started with a trip to speak at Fir Point Bible Camp for their Jr. High week, followed immediately by a trip to a wedding for some extended family which included a visit from my brother Tony from Michigan. Then, a trip to a Memorial in Portland for one of our missionaries, Mark Helmberger, who died of Cancer. Then our family vacation, which was followed immediately by a trip of multiple visits and what we call "Area Fellowships" around Oregon and Washington with many of our missionaries. Our new National Director, Jerry lamurri had come to tour the northwest with me. That was a great time full of some really good contacts and also gave me a good chance to get to know our new boss as we traveled around together.



Our new National Director Jerry lamurri (left) with missionary Larry Bennett in front of the jail where Larry has a whole "pod" that he mentors in Christ and helps prepare them to re-enter society. Pray for Larry as his wife Kate is failing from Cancer & Dementia



My brother and I doing some sight-seeing in central Oregon before the wedding

Following that, things slowed down a little, but not much. We still had some ministry trips and lots of things happening. Then, in the midst of it all we got inundated with car repairs on 3 vehicles all at the same time. That took a lot of my time and finances. We also found ourselves kind of consumed with dealing with medical bills, mostly trying to get things straight with Doctor offices and reporting things to our Christian medical sharing program. I'm blown away by how something that should be so simple can become so complicated.

It's obvious to me that the evil one was trying to distract us, as at the same time as all of that was happening our missionaries were being hit on all kinds of fronts with spiritual attack which took on many forms. I wish I could share details, but just know that our people on the front lines of ministry need regular prayer! Several hard things were hitting our people and we did our best to love them, encourage them, help them, pray with them, counsel them, etc. I am honored to be in a position to try and help. I'm so thankful that our missionaries are not out there all alone. Thank you for your part in making it possible for us to minister to them.



Fall in NC was beautiful! This is Meagan & I with our missionaries Larry & Vonnie Pratt who have one of the most effective puppet ministries I have ever seen. They are truly gifted.

Our Fall schedule was nearly as busy as summer with several more ministry trips to visit and help our missionaries. The highlight of Fall was our annual national "Refresh" conference where all of our mission gathered together in North Carolina for a week. We capped that conference off by all of us Field Directors meeting with the Home Office staff to work on mission "business" and pray for our mission.

Prayer & Praise

- As I mention in the letter, I wish I could share details of some of the trials and spiritual battle attacks that our missionaries face on a regular basis. We need wisdom as we seek to counsel, encourage, help and pray for them. Ministry is not as easy as it might appear from the outside. Our missionaries are on the front lines of spiritual battle. Please pray with us for our missionaries.
- Please pray in particular for me to have wisdom as we help people through different conflicts. It seems like camps and families are hit especially hard with conflict. Pray for us as we do what we can to help.
- Please keep praying for Meagan. Pray for this upcoming appointment on the 28th. We hope and pray that they will find she is still all clear on the Cancer front.
- As you are aware, our ability to serve our missionaries relies on the donations of people who get behind us. As you might guess, inflation is an issue lately. If you would like to help, please visit this link: <https://infaith.org/nathan-meagan-bath>, or you can send checks to InFaith at the address listed below in the thick, dark line.





Jerry praying as we honored Jim & Chris Webb at our national Refresh Conference. Jim & Chris have retired after many years of faithful service. Jim did a variety of youth evangelism through camps, fairs, face painting, paintball events and more. Jim and Chris are only one of a few missionaries here in the northwest who have retired recently, but God in His faithfulness is raising up new missionaries as well.

As we have moved into the winter months things have finally normalized some...if "normal" is a thing. I have only had a couple of trips and have had more time visiting and praying with our people via the phone again. We continue to see our missionaries hit with trials, sicknesses, conflicts, etc. Please continue to pray as we seek to "shepherd the shepherds."



Here is one of our new couples, Wayne & Nicole Wrzesinski. Wayne is currently ministering through digital media and also hopes to expand that into more hands on youth mentorship.

Family Updates

On the home front, things are going well. Thank you for all the prayers for Meagan. She is continuing to heal up and she is slowly gaining strength back as time goes on. Of course, some things will never be quite the same and she is learning to adjust to the changes. Over-all though, she is doing really well. They will continue to check on her regularly to make sure the Cancer is not returning. Her next check-up is scheduled for December 28th. She is back into the full swing of helping to care for her Dad, cleaning houses, and of course, homeschooling John. She helps me too with thank you cards and she joins me on some of our trips, particularly ones where we have conferences and she can see several people at once. She also keeps in regular contact with the missionary wives via text to encourage and pray for them.



My Lovely Bride

John is doing well. He is growing and maturing all the time. Pray for him as he discerns his interests and tries to determine what he might do for the future. Although he still only has his permit, he is driving regularly now and doing really well at that. He still loves his music and practicing ukulele and guitar. He also loves to work on and ride bikes, and he loves to watch Forged in Fire and wants to begin learning more about forging. He is also very involved in ministry things through youth group, the Timothy Charge Program, camp and AWANA. He will be one of a select few going on our church's mission trip coming up this summer.



John and Mom

Sariah, Jeremiah and Anarion are doing great and we love having a grandbaby. Rachael and Parker are doing great as well and have recently bought, fixed up, and moved into their first home in Star, which is about 30 minutes from us.



Jeremiah, Sariah & Anarion



Meagan & I celebrated our 29th Anniversary on December 18th. We truly are more in love now than ever before.



29 Years!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Rachael & Parker & their new home