## Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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## **DECEMBER 2021 / JANUARY 2022**

Dear Friends,

It is always good to write a letter ending one year and entering a new year! We are thankful for the past year but can't imagine what the Lord has in store for the new year ahead of us. By Faith, we can expect a move of the Holy Spirit, more of God's work in us and a motivation to do the will of the Lord in reaching people for Christ.

In December....we were so busy helping in other areas of ministry that the month seemed to go by so fast. Our Church is in charge of the Warm Springs Reservation's "Tree Lighting Ceremony" that kicks off early December. This year, we got to give out the message of the Virgin Birth and sing christmas hymns. We also take part in the Angel Tree Ministries providing gifts to the families who have a loved one in the jail or someone in prison....always a blessing!

Then we were able to have a Community Christmas meal and had a drive by Christmas gift Giveaway. We kept back some of those gifts because we heard there were other works that needed help, so my wife and I traveled to Washington and shared gifts with the Colville Indian Reservation and the Tacoma Indian Baptist Church in Tacoma.

All this can be done because of the ministries that provide the gifts for us to bless others!

The First Nations Ministry in Portland, OR, and Sacred Road Ministry in Yakima, WA.

Somewhere in there, we got to attend our oldest granddaughter's graduation at the Washington State University in Pullman, WA.

We also managed to have our Christmas dinner with our Children and Grand children in Tacoma, WA, and then we hurried back to Warm Springs to enjoy a quiet day!

In January..... we are seeing a few strays coming back and a few kids returning. That will encourage the teachers and it surely did help the singing. The best part is when you still see the members inviting people to church. One of the men invited a co-worker and he came with a interest, not about church, or the singing, but about Jesus and Heaven.

He is from the seven feathers religion and asked about it and has been back the last three Sundays. Pray for William, he needs to be saved and he has a wife and two children and there is nothing more beautiful than when the Lord reaches a family!

We will be taking our Sunday night services to make it into a Message & Meal and using our men in bringing the messages. Pray for this new ministry and that God would bless it!

Keep Regina and me in your prayers, for our health to carry us through the year.

Keep Looking Up,

Larry G. McKinney