## Smoke Signals... From the McKinneys

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Since we left Madras, OR in June, we have traveled over 16,600 miles! What a joy and blessing to be able to give a report of our work among the Native American Indian tribes in Oregon and Washington state! We have been in 35 churches in Oklahoma and Texas.

A lot of friends and family think that we are on a long vacation, and we have to admit that we are able to see much of God's beautiful creation in our travels. We're thankful for the times of rest between appointments. We have been blessed to be able to stay in some nice, comfortable and modern Mission apartments. We try to use that time to catch up on correspondence, prayer letters and work reports.

We stayed in an old farmhouse in Smithville, OK while helping with work on the NaYimmi Baptist Church in Broken Bow, OK. This is the church that we were saved in, and the first work that God allowed us to establish as a church. We're thankful for Pastor Andy Ward, his wife and church family for being so faithful over the years. Please keep them in your prayers as they make some much needed improvements to the building.

Lord willing, we want to be back in the Northwest by Thanksgiving! Please pray to that end, because we do want to get back before Winter sets in.

We receive regular reports from the Warm Springs Baptist Church in Oregon. The church is doing good, and they have seen people saved in our absence. Keep them in prayer as they search for a Pastor to lead the church. Please keep the Rhoan family in your prayers in the loss of a grand daughter. She was our neighbor in Warm Springs, and we were saddened to hear of her passing.

We also have a praise to report. We have requested prayer for our niece, Ashley, in several of the churches, She received good news that she is Cancer Free since her last Chemo treatment! We give all the praise and glory to God for answered prayers! We ask that you continue to pray for our nieces, Camille, who has leukemia and Nicky, who has lymphoma. The Bible says, "The prayer of a righteous man (woman, boy or girl) availeth much!"

One highlight of our Furlough was a recent visit to Bible Way Baptist Church in Dalllas, TX. After an excellent Sunday School lesson by Pastor Smith's son and preaching by this missionary, God blessed during the invitation. One lady joined the church, one rededicated her life to the Lord and three children trust Jesus as their Savior! What a blessing!

We appreciate you all for your faithful prayer and financial support.

In His Service,

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