



July thru August 2018

**Growing up Amish**

A while back I read a book called, "Growing up Amish." It dealt with the life of a young man telling his story growing up and living with the Amish. At the end of the book he ends up finding Christ and giving his life to Him. While getting our RV repaired in Shipshewana, Indiana we ran into ex-Amish people by the names of Al and Esther. After hearing their stories on how they came out of the Amish faith and trusting Christ, I felt the Lord telling me to give them my book. I told Esther about it and she was overjoyed as she was looking for this book. She then told me that she would use it to help witness to other Amish people. This couple is in a place where they can reach their people with the gospel. Many young Amish people are questioning their faith and are looking for answers. Mainly this is happening because of Rumspringa. Rumspringa is when Amish teens leave their families and experiment with the outside world. After they're done, they can choose to come back and be baptized to stay forever within their faith or be shunned, go to hell, and live outside the faith for the rest of their lives. I wonder Christian young person, what would you choose if you were given the choice? "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isa. 40:30-31. Here is a funny Amish saying, "If you want to keep a secret don't whisper it in your wife's ear."

**Planes, trains and automobiles**

Throughout the month of July alone we as a family have taken all three ways of transportation in getting to and from meetings: We sent the boys out on a train so they could make our church's first youth camp; I took a plane back to California to pick up our car and to attend a meeting; At some time or another we all travelled in the RV. All in all, we were in 12 states just in the month of July. The summer months can be very busy with all the activities that go on in churches but also for the missionaries. We've been in an ordination service, a wedding, and a bible conference in addition to our regular scheduled meetings. For the month of July, we want to thank the churches in Dayton, Ohio; Loveland, Ohio; Lockport, Illinois; Miamisburg, Ohio; Toledo, Ohio; Lowell, Indiana; Ekalaka, Montana; and San Jose, California. For the month of August, we want to thank the churches in Billings, Montana; Nampa, Idaho and Aurora, Colorado. We do appreciate the opportunity to present the ministry and the friends that we have met while traveling to these churches.

**Preparing and praying**

I want to thank all the churches that have given to us to help us on deputation. I especially want to thank Pastor Bill Bailey and the folks at Faith Baptist Church, Chehalis, WA for paying for our plane tickets down to Chile. We have purchased the tickets and will be leaving the first week of January. Also, I want to thank Pastor Cliff Parks and the folks at Good News Baptist Church for supplying the money to purchase 10,000 Chick tracts to be used when we arrive in Chile. Chick tracts are my all-time favorite tracts to pass out. While I was passing these tracts out one man admitted to me that he was an atheist. I handed him the tract anyways and told him it was a Christian cartoon tract. He told me (in a serious tone) that this was one that he will read. Don't believe the lie that these small cartoon tracts will only work on kids. (Matt 18:3)

**Prayer Request:** We still need a couple of more documents so we can send off for our visas; Protection on the road; That the Lord will open the heart of the Magellan people to the gospel.

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