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*“And Jesus said to them,
‘Follow Me
and I will make you
fishers of Men.’”*
Matt. 4:19



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THE HORTON'S FALL

2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear

Safe at home with their mission accomplished is the French service team, composed primarily of workers from Christ's Church in Federal Way, WA. The picture below was taken of the team with Rob & Leslie Hilderband (far right) near the completion of their projects when they served the week of July 20-28. As you can imagine there was (and still are) much to do to upgrade the Chateau so that it can be fully used as a training center for young adults. Rob & Leslie have been slowly increasing the compacity of the Chateau to be able to house more students to attend one of the three 2 ½ month Christian intensives that they lead each year. Not only was this team there to serve but to scout out the possibility of any future involvement of service teams composed of churches that RCYM has established connections with over these past 29 years. To say the least the reports from this team was extremely positive and encouraging for future involvement. **Thank you, Lord!!!** Obviously, what's next has yet to be determined, but the possibilities are pretty much unlimited.



Hallelujah – Thank You Jesus!!! **The “Ministry Toolbox Book”** Volume I is finished and printed



On August 28th I was able to pick up 100 copies of the first edition of the **Ministry Toolbox Book**. I am so pleased that this journey of nearly 2 years and a lot of work is finally completed. There were many setbacks and adjustments made along the way that I didn't anticipate but here we are, and I hope it will be a blessing to all those who go through it prayerfully. Though there were many frustrations and at times disappointments. I think you will like the finished product.

After all the lessons learned with Volume I of the “Ministry Toolbox Book”, I am pretty optimistic as I work on Volume II. Already I have gotten a lot done on it. The plan is to have Volume I available in digital format on our web site soon and then print just a few copies (for show) of Volume II and direct most interested individuals to www.ruralchurchym.org. Printing cost is higher than I thought it would be but I know some people would prefer a printed copy. It is very interesting to me that as I am giving all this material freely to anyone who wants it, that I have a great sense of God's pleasure in doing so. Believe me if you want a printed copy just let me know.

Pictured on the left is a snapshot from the mission week that the combination teams from Hillsboro, Oregon and MT. Vernon, Illinois had early this summer. They had a unique strategy; first was to train leaders and students from the host church in La Grande, Oregon then go to Union, Oregon, a rural town about 30 minutes from La Grande to do an outreach ministry through a local church there. It turned out so well that the host church plans to do some more mission type ministries in other rural towns in the area. **Awesome!!**

Then there were some successful first-time rural teams that went from Albany, Or. to Umatille OR. and from Philomath, OR. to Bandon, Or. There was also a team that from Eufaula, Oklahoma to Standwood Washington. We also had many repeat teams that revisited former mission locations. **PRAISE GOD!!!**

Many of you have been wondering about my health ever since I was diagnosed with Prostrate cancer this past February. Though I do have a few side effects from the medications which are lack of energy and occasional heat flashes, but my pain is gone and the doctor said my PSA level has dropped to 0.07. I had told the doctor that I didn't want to go through chemo or radiation unless he thought it was necessary. So, he prescribed two sets of pills. When I went in for the last check up, I told the doctor I was praying that God would use the medication to extend my like. His response was "it seems that it is working".

PRAISE THE LORD!!!

I know that you all understand that our days are numbered, which means we are in the Lord's hands so we can trust Him to fulfill His purpose for us with the time that we have left. It is in times like these where we are aware of that reality more than ever.





Eastern Oregon Trip



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June 20-30 2025

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La Grande • Union

Thank you all for your prayers and support! I joined the Passion4People and Gospel Encounter team this month to help raise up and equip the church in La Grande. Our goal was train and send more workers for the harvest! I was amazed by the eagerness of the youth who were zealous to participate in the training and outreach. This mission trip taught me so much and I am convicted to both live and preach the Gospel like never before. On Monday our team joined the locals where we knocked on doors searching for people of peace. We were able to pray and speak the name of Jesus with 99 people! You might say we came to the 99 with the One!

I was really encouraged by the power of testimonies and the unity of Christian fellowship on this trip. Each person on the team either shared their testimony or lead a devotional. I witnessed the power of genuine faith and how our stories of trauma, pain or sin don't have to define us but can reveal how God has worked. Transformation stories remind us of His faithfulness and stir up hope for what's still to come. They inspire the hearer!

I cant wait to go back!

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

MATTHEW 9:37-38

Please Pray for:

- Judy's and my health and spiritual vitality
- New contacts for next year's rural mission trips
- Mentoring Relationships, that the Lord would lead me through each one
- The ongoing work of God in the youth ministries that have had a rural mission's experience
- The recruitment and funding for scholarship students
- The cultivating of the ministry relationships between Dan Jester, Brad Butcher, Rob Trenchmann and other like minded ministries with RCYM
- Wisdom and discernment in cultivating additional ministry partnerships and new ministry opportunities

We are grateful beyond words for your partnership with us in this ministry,

Thank You!!!

Tom & Judy