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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 SUMMER

## 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear Family & Friends:

I am sure you have used the phrase “ I can see the light at the end of the tunnel”, probably many times, I know I have and I think that phrase is again an appropriate statement as to where I am at with the Ministry Toolbox book.



Actually, I have thought I was there several times before but this time I think (I hope) it is true. This has definitely been a long and more challenging process than I thought it would be, but I think (again I hope) it will be worth it. It has been a good exercise for me that's for sure. It looks like I will be able to have it proofread before the middle of July and get it printed by mid-August, Then go to the next phrase of giving it away this fall.

### Two unique Rural Mission Trips set for this summer

1st - Dan and Gretchen Jester will be leading a Rural Mission Trip comprised of a team from Oklahoma. The team from Oklahoma will join a few students and adults from the Calvary Baptist Church in Sedro Wooley and work with setting up some community events for s church plant in Stanwood, Washington, June 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 5<sup>th</sup>. Dan, now the pastor of the Calvary church, was the youth leader at the Oklahoma church some time back and trained students and adults from both churches.



2<sup>nd</sup> - Brad Butcher, on the left, is leading a Rural Missions Trip to LaGrande, Oregon June21-28. Daniel Nalley, from Mount Vernon, Illinois is bringing 12 college students from his intern program connected to the rural church he pastors there. Brad for a number of years has led a rural outreach from the Dunes Bible Camp with several house churches he has started in Hillsboro, Oregon. But this year he is going east with his team and with Daniel's team working in LaGrande and some of the rural towns nearby, the town Union for sure and hopefully a few others.

Again, the light at the end of the tunnel is shining brighter for the service team heading to France. The team will be on site July 20-28, though many team members will have differing schedules going and coming back depending on if they want to do anything else while in Europe. To say the least, this has been a multiple year project which is finally coming together. Thank you, Jesus!! It is very exciting to see this finally becoming a reality.



This picture is of 10 of the 14 individuals going to serve, who recently worked on a local serve project for team building purposes before heading overseas.

The main projects while at the Chateau will be upgrading the rooms on the first and 4<sup>th</sup> floors. With the completion of those rooms, the 3 Study Abroad programs can grow even more in number of students as these rooms are not usable, as is, unless they are upgraded.

This team will also serve as a scouting team to give Christ's Church and the contacts RCYM has for future ministry possibilities.

Please Pray for good health, safety in travel and the accomplishment in upgrading many rooms.



Pictured with me this past Father's Day are my two children Nathan and Stacie and their children. Stacie is on my right with her son Justin who will turn 18 this coming August and her other son (far left) Jason who is 21/2 years old. Justin will be able to finish High School this December and hopes to get an electrical apprenticeship shortly thereafter. Nathan my oldest is with his 3 daughters. Emily who is 15, who hopes to get a driver's license this November and on her right is Kailynn who is 13 and Annika who is 14 years and is holding Jason.



A quick updated on the status of my Prostrate cancer. I met with my specialist this past Wednesday and he gave me a very good report. Saying that medication seems to be working extremely well and that I don't need to see him for 4 months. Praise the Lord!!

**Please Pray:**

1. For Judy's and my health, safety in travel and spiritual vitality.
2. For the health, safety and spiritual success of the **Rural Mission Teams** that will be taken place this summer.
3. For the service team going to France, for health, safety in travel and in the work projects.
4. That I can recruit more present and former youth leaders and scholarship students into a **Mentoring & Coaching** relationship and for wisdom with those I am currently mentoring.
5. For the ability to continue in providing Scholarships for students preparing for full time youth ministry.
6. **For the completion of the "Ministry Toolbox" book having it ready to give away this fall.**

**Philippians 1:3-5**

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,  
5 **in view of your participation in the gospel.**

*Your Ministry partners,*

*Tom & Judy*