Smoke Signals ... From the McKinneys

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To the Churches,

Here we are in that time of year when our hearts are full of gratitude and our mouth is full of praise! The year has gone by so fast, and the Lord has done so much for the ministry.

October carries remembrance.... About a year ago, a young lady named Freda got saved and as she was asking prayers for her loved ones, she got a burden for her Grandma Freda. So, after asking prayers for her salvation, Grandma Freda got saved. Then, prayers for a young sister Eva, and a few weeks ago, she made that profession of faith to be saved. Now, Freda began praying for her Mom, (her name is Freda too)....I call this the Freda Connection to the Saving grace of God. Her mom came to church and inquired of salvation, so please pray for Freda to be saved soon. She is also praying for Grandpa!

October is special also because many of you folks joined us in praying for a Pastor for the work on the Colville Indian Reservation. There are 12 confederated tribes there and scattered over 1.7 million acres of land. Spencer Johnson answered the call to come here and work on this reservation. For the past year, my wife and I have been travelling from Tacoma doing both works, and we were just getting road weary. I thank the Lord for sending Spencer, Rebecca and little Darcy to Washington State to take the work. They came from the Trinity Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, Texas. It is also our sending church, so we are encouraged by our Pastor and the folks at Trinity Baptist. They are under supported, so if any of our supporting churches could help for 6 months to a year, they would appreciate it. Bro Spencer will be looking for work for now, but he will be working on gaining support. The address to the sending church is on our letterhead under Trinity. If you have any questions, please call me (253-651-6849) or Pastor Steven Giordano (927-641-4880),

Regina and I spent two weeks in Oklahoma for meetings we had with three Native Churches and to pick up a van that was given for the work on the reservation. Hillcrest Baptist Church in Kaufman, TX, brought it up to OKC airport, where we flew to. They would have taken it all the way to the NW but since we were going to be in Oklahoma, we received it there. There were a few churches that gave funds toward a van, and we will keep adding to it until we can get another van. I would send the money back, if you asked, but I didn't want you to be an "Indian Giver"..... Thanks to all of you for your gifts!!

We got back on November 15, just in time for our Church Thanksgiving Dinner. We shared it with tribes from the Muckleshoot, Navajo, Yakama, Choctaw, Puyallup, Nooksack, Chippewa, Hispanic, and some from the John Wayne Tribe.... Food was Delicious !!! The preaching and fellowship was great too!

Until He Gomes

Bro Larry McKinney

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