

Imsand Prayer Letter September 2024

Greetings Pastors, family and prayer warriors,

I hope this prayer letter finds you well and encouraged by our Lord Jesus Christ. The summer is quickly ending here in Wyoming and we are expecting a cold winter. A local lady explained to a friend that when the elk come to the low land early it is going to be a cold winter.

Korea trip update:

Thank you so much to all our prayer warriors who prayed for the annual Korea trip. I am glad to report it was a great success! By God's grace and help of the local believers, we sent many Bibles into North Korea by very large balloons. Each balloon has a time release mechanism that is handmade by former North Koreans who have escaped and are now living free in South Korea. Also, the balloons are equipped with gps trackers so that we can monitor the location of the release. The combination of good ole fashioned hard work and modern technology allows our co-laborers the ability to get the Word of God into North Korea through multiple avenues. Thanks to Seedline ministry and Missionary Bible publishers another container will arrive containing around 30,000 Bibles this year and many will later be sent North.

As we released the balloons near the DMZ, we all gathered and prayed together. After the balloons were airborne and at about 10,000 ft I heard a dear sister weeping and praying fervently in Korean. She prayed and cried the following "Dear heavenly Father, please let these Bibles land near my mother's home. I miss her so much and don't want to see her die and go to hell." As I listened to these dear sisters' prayer suddenly all my "problems" seemed miniscule. Thank you to all who gave and prayed to make this trip possible. To send 15 to 20 Bibles by balloons including the materials and equipment is about 350 to 400 dollars. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a balloon, please put on the memo designated for Korea balloons.

Wyoming church plant:

By God's grace we continue to labor here in rural Wyoming. When we started only 2 members remained, now thanks to your prayers we have about 8 adults attending regularly. We recently put out door hangers in town. Each door hanger has a New Testament and several gospel tracts in it as well as a letter from our church family. We had a visitor from the door hangers who was just passing through town but found the hanger on his cousin's door. Another lady sent us a nice thank you letter in the mail for the package she received on her door. Praise God the Word of God will not return void! The Word of God does the work of God! **Isa 55:11** So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Family update:

We have come to learn that Wyoming is very busy in the good weather months and slows down a little out of necessity in the winter. We recently visited our home church Calvary Baptist in Kingston Tenn. for the yearly revival meeting. It was a great time of refreshing and the evangelist did a great job, many were in the altars! Rose passed her driving test, and little Ernie has been working on a ranch that is run by a good brother. The other children continue their homeschooling led by my precious helpmeet of nearly 17 years. We found out our 10th blessing is a girl whom we have named Mary Elisabeth. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our family all these years.

Sincerely, The Imsands

