



## News from P. Nathan & Meagan Bath Field Director, Northwest Field: December 2023

### Some Ministry Updates

I realize it has been a while since my last update. June to be precise. Please don't think that is because we don't value you as friends and supporters. We certainly do! Ministry and life have just been so full and busy that I have had a hard time keeping up. I apologize for not getting a letter out sooner.

Here are some of the things God has been up to through us, His humble servants. We give Him the glory and honor for all the ways He chooses to use us.

InFaith is a group of missionaries to America. As the Field Director for the Pacific Northwest I get to lead, love, encourage, mentor, counsel, serve with, and pray for our InFaith missionaries around the Pacific Northwest (we have about 40 missionary units--some are singles, some are couples) through things like:

- In person visits. Over the phone visits. Prayer times together.
- Counseling those with personal, family, or ministry struggles, or helping mediate challenging situations or conflicts. This year we seemed to have more than the usual of these kinds of situations. I found myself traveling to meet with people on multiple occasions.
- Sending cards, flowers, gifts, emails or text messages, or other such things when people are sick or hospitalized. Sometimes we were able to visit some of those people as well.
- Serving beside our people when opportunities arise, such as at a camp. This year I was blessed to be able to speak at a Men's Retreat in Oregon, a 5th & 6th Grade camp at Fir Point Bible Camp, and a youth retreat at Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp (CLBC). I also served as Dean for a week at CLBC and got to partner with some of our missionaries that way.
- Multiple Board meetings for two of our camps and one of our little churches. I am thankful to be able to help on these boards. I have purposefully kept the number of boards I serve on small so that I can have the time to invest in those organizations instead of simply showing up to a meeting now and then. Recently, I was also asked to join the Board of our home church, so I am humbled to serve in that position.
- Helping our missionaries navigate through mission detail type things that we all face in keeping up with the business side of things, and in coordinating with our Home Office. Officially, our missionaries report to me as their "boss" although I have never liked that term. I look at it as more of a mentor/accountability partner/encourager/pastor relationship.
- Trying to keep up with prayer requests and happenings from around our field and share those in a weekly email with our people so we can all be praying for and encouraging one another.
- Working with and sometimes recruiting new candidates to serve the Lord around the northwest.
- Helping with, sometimes planning, and attending different conferences to train, help and encourage our



Missionary Elsie Jane Beard in costume as she teaches at the CLBC 7 & 8 Year Old Camp



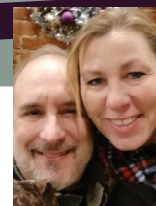
Missionaries Robert & Cindy McDowall with some young adults they have mentored through CLBC



Nathan as "Nate the Great" while speaking at the Fir Point Bible Camp 5th & 6th Grade Camp

### Prayer&Praise

- Please be praying for a few of our missionaries who have had some health battles recently. Two of our missionaries are watching their wives battle through Cancer. Another ended up in the hospital from COVID and was really set back. Another ended up in the hospital with Sepsis and Cellulitis. This same man will also be having knee replacement surgery in a few weeks. Elsie Jane, who you see in the picture to the left, had a stroke right after being at that camp. She is slowly recovering. Others also have ongoing health struggles.
- Please continue to pray that God would give us wisdom and grace as we lead, love and mentor our Northwest Missionaries.
- Please pray for several new candidates that are working toward full time service on our Field. Raising support is hard in our current society.
- We praise the Lord that Meagan is still considered Cancer free. It has been a year and a half now. Do pray for her shoulder though. She has shoulder pain from a past rotator cuff injury that is aggravated by her house cleaning jobs. This is an important piece of our income, so pray for her in that regard. She may be getting to the point where she will need to back off of that kind of work.



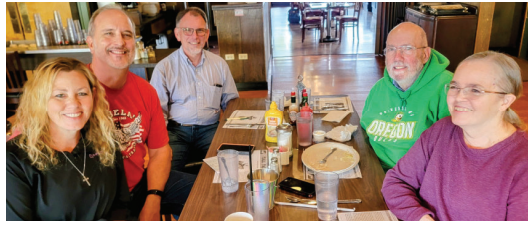


people. We do this on the local level, or the Northwest as a whole, and our Home Office plans a national Conference every year as well, and we get to help with that and attend and encourage our people in that kind of a situation. These kinds of things can go a long ways in helping and encouraging our missionaries.

- Sometimes we are sharing the Gospel or teaching the Word personally, but what I love most about what we do is helping to keep our missionaries "healthy" in all ways so that they can continue doing what they do to serve God. We get to have a little piece in multiple ministries around the northwest! From people who serve at camps, or pastor little churches, or work in jail ministry, or senior home type ministries, or kids ministries, or youth ministries, or auto repair ministries, or community involvement ministries, food banks, cross cultural ministries, homeless youth shelter ministries, marriage encouragement ministries, adoption ministries, and... We are so blessed to play a small part in all kinds of Gospel ministries here in Idaho, Oregon & Washington. Our missionaries are awesome!



In Oregon spending some time with Missionary Gary Casady



With Missionaries Tom Hiscox & John & Jerilyn Sousa



Meagan with Missionary Irene Britton



Presenting Pastor Dan Robinson with a plaque for 35 years of service!



Introducing candidates Ezra & Victoria-Joy Creighton. This newly married couple will be doing kid's ministry, based out of the Coeur d' Alene, Idaho area

As most of you understand, our income is purely from the partnership and support of those who want to help our ministry. Now that I am in the Field Director role, I do get a limited budget from the national organization to help with my travel & Missionary care expenses, but otherwise all of our income is from people who want to partner with us in this ministry. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to help us! You are helping to spread the Gospel around the Pacific Northwest. Our area is full of people who are in need of hearing about the hope we have in Jesus! InFaith missionaries step into the dark corners and onto the front lines to help spread the Gospel to people who are otherwise unreached. We get to support them in that and so do you when you partner with us financially. God puts all those pieces together to make the ministry happen!

I know that all of us have been affected by the increased cost of living lately. It has hit us too. If you are looking for a ministry to donate to, please consider us.

To give you can find us at: <https://infaith.org/ministries/nathan-meagan-bath>

If you prefer to give by check, please make the check payable to InFaith, and send it to them along with a note that it is for the support of Nathan & Meagan Bath.

Mail checks to: InFaith, 145 John Robert Thomas Drive, Exton, PA 19341.

## Family Updates

On the home front, things are going well. Meagan and I are both very busy, but doing well. If you missed the prayer for Meagan on the front page, please make note of that. John is finishing up his Senior year and is actively looking for a job. Pray for him as he is in that time of life of figuring out what to pursue as a career. Our girls and their husbands are busy with life and ministry of their own. We are very proud of them!

Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!

This is what happens when you are blessed by a Missionary who has his own boat and loves to bless people by taking them fishing! In Washington you can keep Sturgeon that are between 53 & 63 inches, so mine was a keeper. Some good meat for the winter!

