

# Rippling Brooks Ministries

"...ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

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Changes come whether we are ready for them or not. We just changed seasons and I am sure you were not at all bothered by that one – most like the summer months. There are some changes that are exciting, like getting a new-to-us vehicle. We praise the Lord for this provision as our old 1500 suburban was having lots of issues. Shawna joked that at some point it was just going to fall apart on the road. We are grateful to those who gave toward this purchase. We are also thankful that it gets better gas mileage than our old one, especially with the price of fuel continuing to go up.



There are some changes that aren't real easy, like having to change a tire on the side of a narrow road after having a flat while pulling our 33 foot travel trailer on the way back from a VBS this past week. We were thankful that it was on the passenger side of the vehicle and we were able to get it taken care of without any further mishaps.



Then there are some changes that are very difficult. The last few months have been a very difficult time for us as we have had to make the decision at this time to step back from being involved at Pennwood Bible Camp. We enjoy camp ministry, and it has been a big part of our life, but the Lord has impressed upon us the necessity of making this decision, and we cannot ignore God's leading and direction. We will be focusing on the evangelistic ministry. Right now we are involved with vacation Bible schools throughout the summer. We have completed two weeks of vacation Bible school so far and are looking forward to more to come. This week we are off due to a cancelation, but Saturday we head toward the Pittsburgh area. In both VBS programs we have done so far this



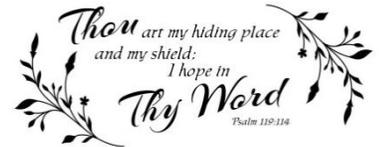
summer, there were several who were really questioning things and asking about salvation. We did not see any specific decisions for salvation, but know the Lord is working. Please pray that the Lord would continue to work in these lives and then for the many more children who will



hear the Word in the weeks of VBS yet to come. This summer's VBS theme is "Wild Algonquin Adventures." The word "Algonquin" means "our allies." Allies are the ones to help us. God has given us many helps as we go through the wilderness of life, and we focus on a different help each day of VBS. During each opening time we also spotlight one of God's amazing creatures in the wilderness. Did you ever think about how amazing it is that God has specifically designed the black bear to maintain muscle strength even through months of inactivity in hibernation? We would lose 85% of our strength in the same period of time if we were bed-ridden. God's creative wisdom is amazing.



We are thankful for the help of God's Word. It truly is our compass in life and comfort in times of distress. We have also been thankful for all the help God has sent



our way this year through our family of fellow believers, whether it has been helping to gather VBS supplies, sending us encouraging notes, lending a listening ear, running errands for us when we got behind, helping with VBS craft preparations, fixing us meals, praying for us, helping us financially, or any number of other things. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we desire to follow the Lord's guidance and serve Him, for strength and health, safety in travels, and that we would be a spiritual encouragement to others.

Serving the Savior,

*Erich & Shawna  
and family*