

# 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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We have been enjoying the snow this winter, which has allowed some time out on the snowmobile trails enjoying the beautiful snowy landscape. Being winter, we are thankful for the safety God has given over the many miles on wintry roads since our last newsletter. A big highlight since our last newsletter was presenting the Christmas program, “Emmanuel – No Ordinary Baby,” in ten different churches, with several of those being gatherings of multiple church families, along with a video of the program posted online. As our children get older, it gets a little harder to have everyone in the same place, and for one we were down to just four of us, but we managed to pull it off. It was a blessing though to be able to do several with all seven of us. We are so very thankful for our children, their help in the ministry, and service for the Lord.

Here in the past couple months, both of my grandparents in their late 90’s on my father’s side passed on to glory. As their only grandson, they were very special to me and I am thankful for the strength God gave to officiate at both their funeral services. They were a testimony to sticking together, being married for 78 years, but more importantly in sharing Christ. It has been a blessing to hear different ones share of how they had led them to the Lord. My grandparents were big prayer warriors for us, so we could certainly use some others who will step up and fill that gap. We all need prayer, and it is something any believer can do for others. As Dr. Henry Morris stated, “There are none so poor as to be unable to afford such a gift, nor can even the wealthiest give a finer gift.”



## Pete’s Perspective:



It’s been winter around here, folks! The snow and cold and even thunderstorms and hail have kept things entertaining outside. Inside, though, it’s been warm and cozy. Nothing brightens up a day like hearing from the girls in Iowa. Breanna brings regular reports of new delicacies she has whipped up in the kitchen to feed and encourage her friends, and Beth gets to play a part in the spring play! She has everyone wondering how she manages to get in so many of the college photo posts on the internet, but we are pretty sure it is her eager participation and enthusiastic smile.

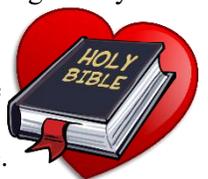
Blake has been living it up on the snowmobile and even has a fancy plaque on his wall now so everyone knows he won first place in a race! Brielle and Braelyn both brought home ribbons from the PA Farm Show and have enjoyed their own adventures snowmobiling and sledding. I’m still waiting for a sculpture of me, their magnificent chipmunk sidekick, to grace the yard. Maybe the next snowstorm will be my ticket to back road fame.

A big focus for us right now is summer vacation Bible school ministry and we are excited to introduce the VBS theme, “Declare the NEWS – News of Eternal Wonderful Salvation.” Famous early American couriers carried important messages to bring about our national freedom, and as believers in Christ we serve as couriers of the Lord with a very important message to declare to everyone – a message that offers spiritual freedom! The Bible lessons will focus on Paul revealing the gospel message to those around him. Games, skits, memory verses, crafts, contests, and more will round out a program packed with patriotic fun and missions focus.

The summer schedule is nearly full – but because of a recent schedule change the week of June 28<sup>th</sup> is available for a church in the New Hampshire or Maine area.



As a family, we have embarked on a Bible Memory Challenge this year, committing to memorize one verse each week, and our progress tracking coloring pages are steadily growing more colorful! As we have been out in churches, we have been encouraging individuals to join us in this effort to grow in the knowledge of God and His Word. We have put together several Bible Memory challenges, one with verses to grow in the knowledge of God and one with verses everyone should know. If you haven’t started one of these challenges, there is no better time than now. Do something for your spiritual health. There are printables for this Bible Memory Challenge on our website, and while you are on the website, be sure to check out the other free resources that are available.



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