

Tomo's 2025 End of Year Newsletter



Friends,

2025 was a full year in so many blessed ways that it's hard to keep track of, much less experience and remain present to the fullness of them. These are a few of my highlights from different areas of life and ministry:

My **personal life highlight** this year was marrying Juliana. Getting to do normal life stuff with her like morning coffee, Costco shopping, Friday night pizza, and coping with daily life with our non-compliant cat has been so good (*to me*, even). Alongside her job as an art teacher, Juliana has also gotten involved with volunteering with some of our ministry activities, especially with kids and youth. It's been a joy to serve with her and see her care for the young people we work with.



Children's ministry this year has been a lot of fun and a lot of work. The number of kids coming to church on Sunday has been generally growing (we had a record 26 kids on Christmas Sunday, which proved to be a fun time and also quite a boisterous handful). It has been an encouragement to see our older elementary kids get plugged into Young Life as they move into middle school and get the younger kids excited about being old enough to join. For Christmas, we also collected and gave out 145 shoebox gifts to kids in Warm Springs with the help of 10 partnering churches.

A summer highlight was that with Juliana on board and additional support from our staff in Yakama, we were able to host a second Kids Club location in Warm Springs. This gave many of our church kids and other kids from the community access to Kids Club!

On the **youth ministry** front, it has been amazing to see the young people deepen in their friendship with each other, to ask good questions about Jesus and Christianity, and for some to come to faith and grow in that faith.

Thank you for taking the time to read my update. Thank you for your care, support, and prayer. May God continue his faithfulness to you in 2026, and may you grow in awareness and experience of just how much he loves you.

Love,

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