



Dear Friends and Family,

December 2025

Sacred Road Ministries is in the middle of the Christmas outreach season. This includes Adopt-a-family gifts for families who have had a challenging year, gifts for elders, food boxes for families, shoebox gifts for the kids we know through Kids Club and Church, Christmas parties in Warm Springs, Lapwai, Georgeville and Celilo, and a Christmas celebration with our Church family this Sunday. As we meditate on God's gift of a Savior, we have also been learning about the hope, peace, joy and love that are ours through Him. Joshua and Ruth have been able to visit some of the elders in the community during this time. It is such a privilege to hear from the experiences and wisdom of each.

Part of this season also is looking back over the year and seeing God showing His character as He shepherded us through 2025. Ruth writes: "It was a big year for our family: we had a Sabbatical this spring, and a baby in October. Through all the changes, I've seen God's faithfulness and His incredible, generous, patient, constant love. I've also been reminded often of my need to receive strength for each day from Him instead of trying to make it on my own. At the end of this year, I feel such gratefulness and joy for the place He's put us, for our Church family and our community, for my parents being nearby, and especially for Joshua and our two precious children. This year has renewed Joshua's sense of purpose, love for the staff, church and community, and has been honing his gifts of supporting and counseling people."

This fall we have had 6 baptisms, and there were some this spring as well while we were on Sabbatical. It's humbling and beautiful to see the Lord drawing people to Himself. A notable example of that is with the young adults. This fall, meeting with them has been encouraging and invigorating. We had many over for "Friendsgiving" and had a great potluck meal. Then everyone shared a favorite verse or something they are thankful for. We were moved to see their hearts and their love for God and each other. We loved hearing them speak of how God cares for them beside still waters, promises to provide for them as He does the birds and flowers, takes the darkness and turns into light, and more. It's a beautiful thing to walk with people and see them grow.

At the end Joshua prayed for the young adults group, asking God to provide good things, to be with them as they are single, and to bring good spouses for them. A few weeks later, two of them got engaged! They had been dating for awhile, and Joshua's prayer didn't bring it into being, but the lady said she thought the prayer was a clue that her beau had talked about it. He hadn't, but Joshua and Ruth both deeply understand how being single into your late 30s is hard, and it just came to him to pray over them that day. What an exciting way to end the year!

Please continue to pray for our church and staff members who are working through grief and big life changes. Praise the Lord with us for many blessings, and pray for His daily strength and guidance. We are so thankful for your presence in our lives and love to hear from you as well!

Merry Christmas,

The Tsavatewa Family - Joshua, Ruth, Josiah, and Brianne