

# Tom & Ruth Denlinger Prayer Requests - September 2020

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I have some things for you to pray about.

Two of our long time Alaska leaders, **Steve & Reneé Hoey** (pictured with me below), made a bold move and decided to sell their home in Lancaster this summer and move to Alaska. Steve is our “*Director of Alaska Ministries*” and is in constant contact with our ministry partners all over Alaska - also setting up new team assignments. They left PA with their truck and travel trailer with all their belongings on August 26. But when they got to the Canadian border, they were denied entry for “non-essential travel”. Fortunately, they were able to get a friend from Alaska to fly to meet them at the border crossing in Great Falls, Montana and their friend took their rig from there and they flew.



We had great concern because just a few days later, our driving team was planning on driving our recently donated Dodge pickup, John Deere lawn tractor and many tools to Alaska. Our leaders decided to have them take the risk because our truck had plates for our physical address at our missions base in Palmer and we hoped Canada would see their trip as “essential”. We called ahead to the border and we were told, “It depends on the agent”. Well, to make a long story short, they were also denied entry this past week. After a lot of phone calls, our LightShine leaders decided to fly them to Alaska to maintain their original plans. Then we started planning how to get our stranded truck north to our base.

We found out that there is a ferry leaving Bellingham, Washington on Saturday, October 3 that stays in American waters and travels up the inside passage to Alaska. But we have to get our truck there from Great Falls, Montana. I volunteered to make the journey. **I will be flying to Montana on Tuesday, September 29, driving the truck to Washington in order to make the ferry which leaves on October 3 and arrives in Alaska on October 7.** After the ferry leaves, I will get on a plane in Bellingham, Washington and fly to Anchorage. I had already planned on being in Alaska to do some work at our base in September but making this little detour was a very important decision to make. We have to get our truck and tractor to our missions base. We’ve already paid out an additional \$5,000 (airlines and ferry cost) due to Canada’s refusal to allow our team entry. This was very discouraging but this is all part of what we do.

Please **pray** that all goes well and that everything will go smoothly for me. Lord willing, I plan on being back in Pennsylvania on Monday, October 19 - just in time to vote! **Thank you for helping my wife and I do the work of the ministry** - especially this “behind the scenes” work that not many people every hears about. Once we get these much needed tools to our base and store them for the winter, we can rest easy knowing that they will be safe and ready to use in the spring.



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