Rick Barton Ministries

August 2026

"Aloha"

What an amazing two weeks! So many blessings and opportunities that it wore us out. Do you ever feel that way? In addition to our Saturday Night Worship Services, I served as chaplain for the Cattlemen's Days Rodeo and Melva and I were selected to be the Parade Marshals. At the end of the week, we held our 45th annual Cowboy Church service in the rodeo stands, conducted a Celebration of Life for a wonderful Christian woman, assisted a Christian friend who had been evacuated from a nearby forest fire, and more. Many blessings!

But God fulfills His promises, doesn't He? In Isaiah 40:31 He says, *"They that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not grow weary; they shall walk and not faint."* His grace is always sufficient, isn't it? Still, after Jesus and His disciples had finished a particularly trying time of service, He told them, *"Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while."* (Mark 6:31). I guess that's important for us too!

Aloha! The morning after we finished the last service, we drove to Denver to catch a plane to Melva's home island of Kauai, HI. For the first time in several years, we were able to gather all our children and grandchildren, from London England, Edwards CO, and Los Angeles, for a family reunion. Melva met some locals who knew her family and we had dinner with some of her cousins. We all enjoyed the time together immensely!

Upcoming: Please pray for us during these dates:

August 6-7: Rick Barton Ministries Board of Directors Meeting-Colorado Springs CO

***On Friday night, August 7, we will be having a BBQ dinner in conjunction with our board meeting. We'd love to have you join us and meet the board. Please contact us for more information and to RSVP. (barton@gunnison.com, (970) 209-8006)**

August 25: My other knee will be replaced in Vail CO. Please pray the Lord will guide the surgeon.

September 6: Services at Tin Cup CO Community Church

September 27: Services at Pitkin CO Community Church

1st Responder New Testaments and Devotionals: Larry Green, a firefighter who helps send these out, received this note from a chaplain in Washington state. "I've begun distributing the Bibles and devotionals you sent me. I'm delivering 20 to a ministry called The HopeFire Project.

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I'm waiting to hear back from other local chaplains (who might need some) and will be visiting my local police and fire departments…" Bobby from North Carolina reports he received the cases of New Testaments and Devotionals and passed them out to high school students graduating from a firefighter training program. Each of these young men and women will have these in their hands as they enter the fire service! Thank You for helping us get God's word out to these first responders.

Family: Tim and Sara are expecting number 3! After trying unsuccessfully to adopt, the Lord is blessing our son Tim and wife Sara with a child to join Elizabeth and Sydney. Daughter Joy and husband Stephen, along with Hannah and Bethan are doing well in London. Stephen is enjoying his 4th year of pastoring, and the girls are continuing to develop into wonderful young ladies. Son Steve and wife Annie along with Samuel and Abigail are doing well. Steve is adapting to his new role in assisting his pastor and Annie is preparing to teach in a new school. Samuel is on his 10th time reading through his Action Bible and Abby joins in with family Bible stories. Daughter Rebekah and husband Nick along with Kailani stay busy with their amazing restaurant in Edwards CO. Kai is doing well in school and loves many sports and activities. Thank You for praying for our family!

Finances: Recently we received an anonymous letter. It accused us of "begging for money from poor seniors"?? If you're familiar with our ministry, you know we never beg for money, hire fundraisers, etc. We send Bibles, devotionals, and materials at no charge. We don't charge to share in churches, whatever they give is always fine. We support missionaries as well as those in need. Our gracious God is not poor. Having said all that, we are extremely grateful that He leads you to invest in this work with your prayers and financial gifts. Thank You!

Philippians 4: 19 Benevolence Fund: Through some generous designated giving, we have been able to assist two families with major car repairs (one a widow caring for her mother, another a working grandmother raising 4 grandchildren), house a Christian widow evacuated from her home by the fires, and more.

Prayer Requests: For the anointing and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we share. For Nate Williams' family. Nate was a firefighter who initially survived the fatal burn over last month in northwest Colorado. He went to be with the Lord July 24. Nate's family served with CRU for many years.

By His grace and to His glory! Rick and Melva

Rick + Melva



Ready to Ride



Serving as Parade Marshals



Family Reunion 2026