

THE *Dillon* FAMILY

Missionaries to Portland, Maine

Dear Pastors and Prayer Warriors,

Greetings from The Wild Adventures of the Deputation Trail! During this episode our family's travels spanned from South Dakota to Maine, driving another 5,000 miles (not including the flight to South Dakota), and were in 16 states. We had the wonderful privilege of attending a few missions' conferences and I was able to preach and present in another 19 churches. As always, it is an honor when men of God entrust me to stand behind their pulpit and present our burden for Portland and preach the Word of God to their people.

May started off in Rhode Island where I preached and presented just outside of Providence; followed by an overnight drive to a meeting the next afternoon in North Carolina. I was given the wonderful opportunity to preach at the Old Paths Independent Baptist Fellowship at Crosspointe Baptist Church. We were blessed with a full day of challenging messages, God-honoring music, and fellowship from many men of God.

Pastor Varnell has been a tremendous blessing and encouragement to our family; and I thank God for Pastors who facilitate opportunities to meet and build relationships with other men of God. After the meeting we headed to our sending church, Open Door Baptist, where my wife spoke to the ladies for the annual Mother's Day luncheon. Much of the rest of May was spent in South Carolina; highlighted by the Jubilee at First Baptist Church of Conestee. It was a blessing to catch up with many friends and supporting Pastors; and once again we were challenged by the preaching of the Word of God. We finished out the month preaching at various conferences and missions emphasis days in Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina.

June took us to our beloved Maine; where we endeavored to meet several pastors and churches presenting the call to Portland. We experienced tremendous reception there and I am very thankful that folks are excited about us coming to their state. Our family is excited to get to our field and join the fight in reaching Maine and New England with the gospel. During the little down time we had, our family enjoyed some much-needed rest and relaxation on the lake in Monument. I mentioned in our last update that we needed to find a place to use as a base of operations for the month- and God answered that prayer in an incredible way! While in North Carolina, God allowed my paths to cross with a retired missionary to Russia. About a week later he called and introduced me to his son, who lives in Virginia, but owns a rental lake-house in Maine; just 30 minutes away from Portland. God provided the lake house free of charge! I am thankful that our Lord answers prayer and allows us to cross paths with folks who simply want to be a blessing to others!

Toward the end of the month my Father-in-law experienced a medical emergency while preaching in South Dakota. Unfortunately, the issue had to be addressed surgically so Ashlyn and Kaenan (our six-month-old) flew out for a few weeks to help during the recovery. I am glad that she was able to spend time with her parents, and I'm sure the presence of the baby helped with Bro Tim's recovery.

We have many praise updates: Thankfully Tim came through surgery and is recovering well- it seems that the medical team found no major health issues during the process. My family made it back home safe and we are back burning up the deputation trail. We also built many great relationships in Maine and are excited that many of the churches have committed to helping us when it is time to plant the church. My Pastor's wife and son are recovering well from their medical diagnosis. Also, the meeting I had scheduled on May 27 went better than I anticipated and God moved in the situation in a mighty way.

We are humbled to partner with several new churches and are thankful for the opportunity to be your representatives to Portland, Maine. Thank you all for your faithful prayers! If you are interested in having us present the ministry in your church, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact me through text, calls, email, or our website.



Trey & Ashlyn
Everleigh, Kaeleb,
Kaeden, Kaenan

Because of Christ, *Brother Trey Dillon*

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How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14

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Our first trip to Quoddy Head, ME: the easternmost point in the continental United States.



Enjoying some early Bible reading as certain parts of Maine experience 4 a.m. sunrise.



Getting a taste of the most fresh seafood we have ever had. One of the pastors we were with works on a Lobster boat.



Stopping by one of the kids' favorite fastfood places while mom was gone to SD.



Kaeleb & Kaeden trying lobster for the first time!



We greatly enjoyed our time with the Redmon family in Whiting, ME.



Having fun with the big kids while Ashlyn & Kaenan were in South Dakota.



After a long day of ministry, sometimes you have to lay down while mom and dad fellowship with the Pastor & his family.



Enjoying a ride at a small local fair in Monmouth, ME.



Had to get out for a quick picture at a beautiful lake on a day trip between meetings in Maine and Massachusetts.



Enjoying a local fair while in Monmouth, ME.



Kaenan helping "Pawpaw" (Tim) recover after his emergency surgery.

Prayer Requests this month:

- Tim & Claudette Tilley (Ashlyn's parents) as Brother Tim recovers from his surgery
- Traveling mercies
- To fill a few dates that opened in our calendar for July/August of this year, and that we could be a blessing to the churches where He allows us to be.



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