

Stan Busby (44)

Ione, Washington

Husband, father of 11, evangelist & Bible teacher, mountain guide, and co-founder and director of the Climbers With Christ Ministry

Stan is one of four boys, born and raised in a Christian family, that moved to Spokane when he was eight. He has always loved the out-of-doors; hiking, hunting, fishing, and climbing in most every part of the state. He attended the Mead government schools in North Spokane, where he excelled at wrestling, and perfected the art of walking with “one foot in and one foot outside” the boundaries. While pursuing bodybuilding, a wrestling scholarship took him to University of Montana in 1987, and then to WSU where he eventually succumbed to the world, and left schooling to enter the workforce. Stan and his wife Kristina were married in March of 1990. A little over a year into their very rocky marriage, *believing himself to be a Christian* but headed for “a sure and fiery destination”, Stan heard again the simple gospel message one morning in his home, surrendered, and was saved by the grace of God, from a horrible “slime-pit” of a life. Kristina was saved shortly thereafter.

Following an intense time of prayer, and desiring to go to the *mission-field*, God clearly led them to begin the outdoor ministry of *Climbers With Christ (CWC)*. To use the passion God had instilled in them for the out-of-doors, to share the powerful and life-giving message of new life in Jesus to the climbing community. Stan has been working for the Lord in outdoor mission-fields as an *evangelist* and *mountain guide* ever since.

In 2002, God called them to the Pend Oreille Valley in Northeastern Washington, working with a *Climbers With Christ* food and clothing outreach to the local communities and (unbeknownst the them at the time), to start a new Christian fellowship in the area, which Stan pastored *Valley Christian Fellowship* in Metaline for seven years, before stepping down in December of 2010.

God has continued to open doors for Stan and his family to share the gospel of Jesus and the Word of God in many different outdoor *pulpits* through the ministry of *CWC*. He has helped lead over 200 outings and ski tours in many of the northwest's remote and mountainous regions, rock-climbing crags, and 100's of high and low challenge course events as well. *CWC* facilitates year round outings for those both within the church and without, and teaches biblical based outdoor leadership ministry and mountaineering skills through its 3-5 day Christian Outdoor Leadership (COL) seminars. In 2009 Stan had the blessing of leading a team to the summit of Mount Rainier for the 22nd time, of which his 16 year old son Joshua and his 10 year old daughter Rachelle were part.

He and his family currently live just outside of Ione in a log home on the hill, at the “end of the road”, overlooking the Pend Oreille river, where they're raising their eleven children, ages 1 month to 18 years. They share the property with a cat, thirty chickens, two horses, and a host of other *wild critters*. Stan and Kristina celebrated with great joy and passion their 21st wedding anniversary in March of 2011.

Over the past 20 years, by God's Spirit, Stan and his wife Kristina have lived a life of trust and dependence upon Jesus, with his written word as their anchor and hope. God has brought them from careers in the world, to a place of daily intimate trust in him. They have witnessed first hand the Lord's intimate care and provision for all of their needs (and many desires as well), as their family has grown. They're a living testimony of God's faithfulness to his word and to his children, in this day and culture.

Stan loves to preach the word of God any chance that he gets, and has a huge heart for sharing the simple timeless gospel of Jesus with any who'll listen. The subjects of, *Passionate Biblical Marriage*, *Trust in God's Perfect Word*, *Living An Abundant “Fear-free” Life of Faith*, and *A Completely New Creature* remain amongst those favored most by Stan to preach on. He has come to rest in and rely upon the truth that God loves us, and has indeed written his very words down in a book we can all read, and that by the power of his Spirit, God will lead and guide his children into all truth, just as he said.

Jn 16:13, 17:17(KJ).

