

Dear brethren,

It is hard to believe another month has passed so quickly. We continue to be well, and the work continues to go well. We hope you all are well, and prospering in the work of the Lord!

As I believe I mentioned in the last report, we have been faced with some challenging circumstances. I mentioned one family that had started to meet with us, and we had high hopes they would be a profitable part of our work. As their circumstances unfolded, we discovered they had some pretty significant family problems. Justin and I tried diligently to work with them to help to work through those problems, but it eventually became evident they had no desire to resolve their issues. The wife and 3 children that were meeting with us (the husband would never come to worship) were intent on separating from the husband. The wife especially was intent on ending the marriage, and was looking for a congregation that would tell her that they would support her decision, and even provide for her and her children (who are 19, 18, 16) financially. We finally had the opportunity to sit down with the entire family early in March, at which time we had a discussion that lasted several hours. We told them that we did not support the dissolution of the marriage, and we would not be helping to financially support her if she chose to leave. We made it clear that they were welcome to continue to come to worship with us, and that we would continue to study and work with them to try and help them deal with things in a godly manner. Since that meeting, we have only heard from her by text message a couple of times. It is evident to us that she has decided that we would not provide what she wanted, and therefore she has no desire to interact with us any further. We are saddened by this decision, especially as we saw some very detrimental actions concerning the spiritual wellbeing of the kids. However, we must hold firm to biblical teachings, and refuse to compromise with these teachings. We continue to pray for this family, and ask that you do the same.

Another couple approached me, who are not christians, and asked for help with a serious family problem. Unfortunately, the resolution of their disagreement was not favorable. They are still currently trying to work through the issues, and I am trying very hard to get them to spend some time studying the Word with me. They are the kind of folks that appeal to how “they feel in their hearts” about spiritual matters. It has been very difficult to get them to lay that type of thinking aside, and spend time with what God has actually revealed in His word. We continue to pray for these folks as well, and hope you will do the same!

In our Adult Bible study on Sundays, we are about to complete our study of the Gospel of Mark. We have decided to do a study of the Life and Journeys of the Apostle Paul next. I have been trying to complete some material on this topic, as it is another study that I have been writing. I am hoping to have all the material completed so that I can distribute it in book form, rather than just handing it out lesson by lesson. This will make it possible to put on the website, so that visitors who are planning to be with us can download an electronic copy. That has worked well with the book on Mark (<http://gallatinvalleycoc.com/index.php/resources/bible-studies/gospel-of-mark/69-gospel-of-mark>). When I get the new book finished, I will add it to the Resources tab of our website as well.

I am also continuing to write materials on Bible Authority for our community study on the topic. This study has, unfortunately, been put on hold for the last couple of weeks. Justin and his

family were out of town for a while, as he had a gospel meeting in the Pittsburgh, PA, area. He took the opportunity to visit with family while he was back east. We are, with this Authority study, trying to broadcast it online through teleconferencing software. This ends up being more than a one man job, as I am not able to do the teaching and run the online part of the study. So, hopefully, we will get caught up on this and get back to a regular schedule. These lessons are also being made available online: <http://gallatinvalleycoc.com/index.php/resources/bible-studies/divine-authority/66-divine-authority>

We have been blessed recently with some visitors. The first Sunday that Justin was out of town, we fully expected to only have my family present. However, we ended up having 20 visitors from Tampa, FL, join us. They were in the area for their vacation. We are only about 50 miles from Big Sky, Montana, which has a big skiing resort. It was nice to have the visitors, who helped me with the public assemblies. The next Sunday, we had some visitors from Auburn, AL, present with us. Ryan Hasty, one of the preachers from Auburn, was in the group and he spoke for us. Cynthia and I attended Auburn many years ago, and still have many friends there. The church there also has been supporting me in my work for several years. It was a great encouragement to have them with us!

We have added a couple from Billings to our number recently. I may have mentioned them previously, as they got into contact with us near the end of last month. James and Jonna Winburn have lived in Billings for about 3 or 4 years, and have been worshiping with the institutional church over there. When they heard about our work through a mutual friend, they informed the elders that they would be leaving there, and coming to Bozeman. They had tried to study with the leadership there, and had not been able to make any progress. The drive for them to come is nearly 2 hours. They do travel a lot for their work, so they said it was not that significant for them. They are not able to come on Wednesdays, but they have been very regular on Sundays. We have had the opportunity now to spend some time with them, and it has been very encouraging for us (and for them as well, I believe). They are planning to retire and move away in a year or a year and a half, so they won't be here very long, but we will enjoy their help and encouragement while they are here!

On a personal note, we have enjoyed some spring like weather over the last couple of weeks. It seems to keep bouncing back and forth between winter and spring (it is actually snowing a bit today as I write this). However, with the warm weather, we have had the chance to spend some time outside. The kids have been wanting to get out and do some fishing, and the weather has cooperated a couple of times. They really enjoy being out there hiking and fishing, and I do to! It has been nice to spend some "family time" in that way...and we look forward to some more opportunities!

I guess that is about it for now. Thanks for all that you do to support us, and encourage us here in the work! Let me know if you have any questions.

In Him,

Kris Brewer