

Brethren,

I have struggled with actually sitting down to write a bit of a report this month. July was a difficult month, and in many ways, we are glad that it is over, and that we can move on to August!

We completed a nice visit with our family and friends in West Virginia, and North Alabama during the first week of July. I had the opportunity to meet with several churches during our trip, and was blessed to preach for 2 local groups during our time away. Two churches that support me in the work here in Bozeman were visited: Westview and Pepper Road, both in Athens, AL. It was good to be able to see the brethren there and give a bit of a report on the work to the those who were interested in it!

We arrived home, and almost immediately had a sickness run through the family. We had some kind of a cold/sinus problem that affected most of our family, and then several others in the local congregation. My brother Justin graciously helped out by filling a slot for the sermon when it was really my turn, as I had very little voice, and was struggling with even getting through the morning Bible studies.

Back in March, Cynthia and I learned that we were expecting our 4th child. We shared the joyful news with family and friends as we traveled home. However, shortly after arriving home, at a normal checkup, Cynthia learned that we had lost the baby. This was a very difficult time for us, and our children. It took a while to get back to normal functioning, and schedules. I was, again, very thankful for my brother, Justin, to be a big help in the work, and to the whole group here (and many friends far away) who helped to comfort us, and to do what they could do to care for our physical needs.

On Sunday mornings, I have been teaching a study not he Life and Journeys of the Apostle Paul. This is a study that I put together, and it is currently available on the website. I have really enjoyed this study, as it presents a lot of opportunity to have discussions on various biblical topics. I have not been disappointed on that front, as all the folks in the class participate with a lot of discussion and questions. On Wednesday nights, Justin is continuing to lead a discussion on the book of Jeremiah. He is doing a very good job with that class, and we have some very good discussions. We have continued to broadcast this class virtually so that our members who cannot travel the 150 miles between Billings and Bozeman on Wednesday nights can participate with us. We also have a lady from Morgantown, WV, join us on most Wednesdays.

The class that has suffered from all the negatives of July was the study on Bible authority that we have had at the library on Thursdays. I am hopeful that we can get back on schedule with that, but as I am also writing the materials for that class, I have to get the time available to write

and prepare the material for distribution. We have kept up with a MeetUp group for Bible reading on Friday mornings. We have had some response to the MeetUp ads, but as of yet, no one has actually shown up (even though they indicate they are coming). We are hopeful that if we keep at it, we will get some folks to start meeting with us for these groups. We have also had some interaction with different folks electronically through our Facebook page for the church. There are a couple of contacts that are currently looking promising, and we are hopeful we can get some more substantial, face to face, meetings.

We were very excited that our oldest son, Jacob, decided to obey the gospel. He made the decision late in the evening, and we were challenged with finding a location to immerse him in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 31st. We found a local lake that we were able to get into in the dark. It was certainly an encouraging evening, and we are thankful for his commitment to the Lord. Please keep him in your prayers, that he might continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord!

Some further good news is that both Justin and I are hopeful that we have secured more permanent housing in the area. It is our hope that we will both close on our houses the first and second week of September. The bad side of that is that we will both be tasked with moving at about the same time! That is going to be a daunting task, as we don't have a lot of help to get moved. We may be surprised, as we do have a few contacts into the community that may be willing to help with the moves. Both houses we have found will make it easier for the church to meet on Wednesday evenings, and will be better for hospitality. In fact, we will have plenty of space for visitors, so if you will be in our area, plan to come and visit with us!

Thank you, as always, for your interest and support of our work. We are thankful for your financial support, and for your thoughts and prayers for us as we strive to spread the gospel here.

In Christ,

Kris Brewer