

Dear Brethren,

I hope you all are doing well and prospering in the Lord! Things continue to go smoothly, for the most part, here in Bozeman.

September has been a busy month for us. After looking for a house for several months, we were finally able to put an offer on one and have it accepted. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> house that we had put an offer on, so we were very happy to finally have something more permanent. We were very thankful for the rental that we had, and it served us well, but being able to purchase a house opens up more opportunities to us. We are in a nice, family neighborhood now. We have a nice yard, with plenty of space for the kids to play and have some significant chores around the house. My oldest was actually very excited to have a yard to mow, and that yard is even large enough for us to set up an archery range in the back yard. Just yesterday we were able to put in a fire pit, which will be very nice during these cool fall evenings. Though we have only been in the house for less than a month, it is feeling like home. We also have a house big enough to comfortably accommodate guests, so if you all are ever in our area, let us know and we will have a room ready for you!

My brother, Justin, also found a house, and closed on it just 1 week before we closed ours. It was exciting for both of our families to find houses, but the timing caused us to move 2 houses inside of 2 weeks. As you can imagine, such a big undertaking ate up a lot of our time over the last month! We are hopeful that we will get back into a smooth schedule again shortly.

Kris  
Brewer

The couple that has been meeting with us for several months, James and Jonna Winburn, informed us recently that James has accepted a job transfer to Anniston, AL. We knew they were looking for such an opportunity, as James' aging mother lives in that area and they were hoping to be able to move close enough to help with her care. We are going to miss the Winburns tremendously! They came to us a very good time, and provided some much needed encouragement. We believe we have provided the same to them. They also have created some contacts for us in the Billings area. We are waiting to see how those contacts might pan out. There are, evidently, several who are discontent with the direction of the church over there (it is institutional in nature, but there are some other issues that have begun to raise more questions among a few of the members). James and Jonna left there when they came to meet with us, and that has opened the door for them to discuss substantial differences. We hope that there might be some fruit produced from these discussions!

I received a call from the man whom we dealt with earlier in the year, who had many family problems. He told me that he and his wife are now separated, and he is living in Butte. He asked if we would allow him to visit with us. Of course, I told him that he was welcome to visit with

us, but that if he had intentions of placing membership with us, we would have to sit down and have a serious discussion about his circumstances. We hope that he will be willing to actually work on getting things right in his life, and repent before the Lord. We had hoped he might come the first Sunday after his call, but he did not. I am still waiting to see if he will come, or at least contact us again. It is truly a sad circumstance, one that we hope he will be willing to resolve before it is too late for his soul.

Because of the busyness of our moves, in some ways we feel like we have just been “holding on” for the last 3 or 4 weeks. We continue with our study of Jeremiah on Wednesday evenings, with Justin teaching. That has been a great study, and has spurred a lot of discussion. The Winburns, as well as Miss Norma Lauer have been joining us via our teleconferencing software most of the time. Having that available has been a tremendous blessing, for us and for them! On Sunday, we are continuing a study of the Life and Journeys of the Apostle Paul. We have often allowed the class to be “sidetracked” to discuss tangential points related to the text in Acts. These discussions have been good, and I believe they strengthen the brethren. We had a couple of visitors from Billings (those from above who are becoming dissatisfied with the church there) who commented about how refreshing it was to actually spend time studying God’s word! It is sad that many places which claim to be the Lord’s church spend their Bible study time on fluff that really has very little to do with the scriptures!

Thank you all for your continued prayers for our efforts here in Bozeman. You are indeed an encouragement to us! We pray that our efforts here will be prosperous, that the Lord’s kingdom continues to grow, and that He is glorified!

In Him,