

# THE BOZEMAN REPORT

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*Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)*

We have reached fall in Montana. Fall, however, is a short period of time, in which we pass from 90 degree days to snow! While we can see snow on the mountains around us for most of the year, by the end of September and getting into October it starts piling up pretty good up in the high country. We also have very few broad-leafed trees around here, so the color change is much more limited. I must admit, when the aspens change color, contrasted against the white trunks, the snowy peaks, and the evergreens, it is a beautiful sight! We have already had some colder days, but it has been very mild for the last couple of months. This weather has made it enjoyable to get outside and enjoy God's creation!

Our big news for this report is that we have been able to find a house! After looking for several months and putting offers on several different homes, we were finally able to find one that fit our needs, and had an offer accepted. Justin and Laura were also able to find a house, and closed on it just a week before we closed on ours. While it was wonderful for us to both find houses that fit our needs, the downside was that we had to move both of us from our rentals within a week of each other! Between all the work that it took to get the houses purchased, and then the work to get both of us moved, much time was spent in the month of September getting things settled! We are happy to now be in our new homes, and we have new opportunities opened up to us. We are continuing to meet in our homes on Wednesday evenings, and now we both have quite a bit more room to make that comfortable. We should have the space to continue doing that for some time, without worrying about outgrowing too quickly. We also have plenty of room now for guests that might want to

come and visit us! Let us know when you can come to our area and we will be sure to have a bed ready for you! That, along with a sizable yard for our children, were top priorities, and we are thankful that the Lord has blessed us in such a way as to provide these luxuries for us!

## ***Bible Studies and Lessons...***

Our regular Bible studies have been going very well. I am continuing a study of *the Life and Journeys of the Apostle Paul* on Sunday mornings. I have been working to get that in a form that others can use, and finally got it onto Amazon. Unfortunately, because it is "full color," it is too expensive to really be reasonable for purchase. I really wanted to get it available electronically, so it is now ready to download on Kindle from there. Of course, free electronic copies via PDF are available online at our website. That is always the best way to get it, and other materials we are working on!

Justin continues to teach the book of Jeremiah on Wednesday nights. That has been an enjoyable and thought provoking study. As before, we continue to teleconference our Wednesday evening studies with the Winburns and Mrs. Norma Lauer so that they can have an opportunity to study with us.

I have been continuing the series of lessons on the book of Philippians on Sunday mornings. I am a bit behind on getting the last few posted to the website, but Lord willing they will be added shortly. I am nearly finished with the series. I am hoping to finish the last lesson this coming Lord's day. Justin had taken a bit of a break from his series on 1 Corinthians, but has returned to it over the last couple of Sundays. These too will be on

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the website eventually.

We were thankful to have my parents come for a good visit in October. They were able to stay around for about 3 weeks, splitting the time between our house and Justin's. My father, David Brewer, agreed to speak for us while he was here. It is always good to spend time with my folks. We have a lot of opportunity for good discussion and study! We also were able to sneak out for a day or two to enjoy our area. We made our first trip since moving here to Glacier National Park for a couple of days. The beauty of God's creation is certainly amazing! We have had quite a few Christians traveling in the area who have attended our assemblies over the past few months, and we always enjoy meeting them and appreciate their efforts in finding and worshiping with us!

### ***Some sad news...***

After having the Winburns with us for several months, we recently learned that James had received an offer to transfer to Alabama. James and Jonna have been driving from Billings (about 150 miles) to meet with us on Sundays since March. James' mother lives in Alabama, and he had been trying to get a transfer there so that he would be able to help with her care. We had hoped (selfishly) that they would be with us at least through the winter, and then move sometime in the spring. They were, however, offered a good opportunity and could not turn it down. James and Jonna came to us at a good time, a

time when we were "getting over" having to deal with another family that caused some problems and a lot of stress. The Winburns have been a breath of fresh air to our work, and we will miss them dearly! I am glad that they are moving to an area that we frequently visit so that we will have opportunity to see them on occasion. As I write this, we are planning to go to Billings in the morning to help with packing a truck, and sending these good brethren off to Alabama. I hope and pray that the congregation they end up being with will appreciate their service to the Lord as much as we have. They have provided a great deal of encouragement to us! We had hoped that people "moving away" wouldn't impact the work here as much as it did while we lived in West Virginia, and maybe in the long run it will not, but it is hitting us far too soon for our liking. On the positive side, we are hopeful that some contacts made through the Winburns in Billings might develop into more solid contacts. We continue to pray that growth will come through these opportunities.

### ***Thankfulness...***

As always, we are so very thankful for your constant support of our work. It is encouraging to hear from those who drop a line now and then just to let us know they are thinking about us. We are thankful for your generous financial support that has made it possible for us to start "putting down roots" in the community here by purchasing a house. We realize this is a more expensive place to live and do our work than many other places, so your willingness to provide for our financial need is a great blessing that we often think of!

Please continue to remember us in your prayers. We know that God is listening and we trust that He will give the increase!