

Dear Brethren,

Things have been busy here in Bozeman over the last month. We have been working to establish more studies throughout the community, and are currently holding 4 regular studies at various times throughout the week. We meet at 1 PM and 6 PM on Tuesdays, and then at 7 AM and 10 AM on Fridays. We've been doing a bible reading and discussion period in some of those sessions, but we have also been doing a couple of different things as well. On Fridays, we are doing a study on the book of Acts. We have planned the same study for two different time slots, but if we don't have anyone that attends from the community, we have been studying the book of Ezekiel among ourselves. This has been working out well for us, and we have enjoyed the studies. On Tuesday evenings, we have been having studies on various biblical characters.

We have been working to establish the Bozeman Bible Study Group to advertise these community studies. We are developing a web-presence to help with the spreading of the word for these studies. I am currently trying to build a second website to provide a location for posting updates and materials for the MeetUp Group. The new address is www.bozemanbiblestudy.com. Our goal in doing all of these extra website works is so that we can hopefully convince others to join us for simple bible study, keeping any prejudices away from these initial interactions. We do still have a lot of work to do to tie everything together like we would like.

As I have mentioned before, we are finding it very difficult to get more formal Bible studies, though we continue to have several great discussions with people around the studies. It has been encouraging to have met up with several folks that are willing to have more casual conversations. In fact, we have had some discussions around the actual studies several times. One of the baristas in a coffee shop we regularly meet in talks with us briefly at nearly every meeting. He seems to have a good knowledge of scripture, and asks about where we are studying. I have been impressed at how he can pick up a discussion based on whatever passage we might be in that day...even when it is Ezekiel (which is not a normal occurrence!). We continue to try and convince him to come to one of our other studies, hoping that he might be willing to get into a deeper discussion of the word!

We are continuing to study the book of Jeremiah on Wednesday evenings. Justin is teaching that class, and is doing a great job with it. I have continued to enjoy this study. We are currently studying from chapter 35 and 36. On Sunday morning, I am continuing to teach the Life and Journeys of the Apostle Paul. We have been studying from Paul's 3rd journey, and we have been discussing the various letters that Paul wrote during that preaching journey. We are currently up to chapter 20, and Paul's time spent in Troas. I am also working on presenting a series of sermons on Worship that I have been conducting for several weeks. I am planning for those sermons to be on the website shortly.

On a personal note, I wrote in my previous report about having some medical issues. I was able to have a follow up with a neurosurgeon in Billings. I had not been able to get much information out of the doctors prior to that appointment. I had an MRI done to try and rule out a tumor along the nerve in the ear because I had been losing my hearing pretty quickly in my left ear. They were not able to find anything that would account for my hearing loss, so I ended up having to get hearing aids to rectify the hearing problem. However, in the process of doing the MRI, the

doctor did find something else in my head that he was a little concerned about and thus the trip to the neurosurgeon. He now thinks that it is either (1.) nothing to be concerned about or (2.) something called a meningioma. We are now waiting a follow up MRI that will tell us if it is something that is growing or if it is nothing to worry about. If it is something growing, then we'll have to move forward with some kind of a treatment to resolve the problem. I am now scheduled for another MRI on May 8th in Billings, with another followup with the neurosurgeon.

Unfortunately, there are not any doctors closer than Billings to help with this particular issue, so it seems we will be making trips over there until all of this is taken care of. We've also exhausted our deductibles for me for the year, which is helpful in one way but also means that we have a lot of out of pocket expenses that we will be covering for the foreseeable future. That is the nature of these types of things, I suppose!

Well, I think that about catches you up for March! I hope you are all doing well. Please keep us in your prayers...both for our work and for the medical issues I'll be tackling over the next few months!

Keep the faith,

Kris Brewer