

Brethren,

Greetings from beautiful, albeit smoky, Bozeman! We had hoped that we might escape the serious wildfires this year, as we seemed to have a lot more snow, and rain throughout the spring. However, that has not been the case. Though we have not had any fires close to Bozeman, we are still enveloped with the smoke from fires around this state, Idaho, and even southern Canada. The weather has been great, though a little rain would be quite beneficial!

We have had a good month of July. After returning from our trip to the east, we have resumed a pretty regular series of studies that we hold around town. We typically have 3 or 4 regular studies, besides the regular assembly periods. We have had a couple of folks join us recently, and that has been encouraging. I have mentioned my friend that lives here in Bozeman, whom I met back in High School in Vermont many years ago. Recently, I have had some opportunities with him and his family (including his father and step-mother who have visited from Vermont). We have had some very good discussions, yet I still do not know where those will lead. He seems to be very "hit or miss" in his attitude. Some days we can have a 2 hour discussion, but then I may not be able to connect with him for another discussion for 2 months. We continue to make the effort, and pray for some positive response on his part. We also continue to have good success with casual conversations with different folks around town. We have tried to change up our times and meeting places for studies so that we have the opportunity to meet different people. We continue to invite as many people as we can to join us in our studies, through online activities, as well as handouts and cards distributed around town.

Our regular assembly periods continue to go well. I am continuing to teach the Journeys of the Apostle Paul on Sunday mornings. We have had a lot of visitors to our Sunday services especially, through out the summer months. In fact, I believe we have had visitors to every Sunday service except one since the beginning of May! It is a tremendous encouragement for us to have these summer travelers! Many of these visitors have to put forth tremendous effort to meet with us. One Lord's day morning, one group traveled almost 5 hours to be with us! We hope and pray that we provide as much encouragement to these brethren as they do to us.

On Wednesday evenings, Justin is continuing to teach the book of Jeremiah. That has been a great study for us, as it is a "meatier" topic than some of our other studies, which we have tried to tailor specifically to non-believers who might join us. Justin has done a good job with the study, always helping us to have great discussions along the way. We will probably be finishing that study up in the next few weeks, and moving on to another book from scripture.

In more personal news, we are happy (and thankful) to announce that we are expecting a child in December! It was just a year ago in July that we lost a baby early in pregnancy. This time, we decided to wait a little longer to announce publicly, so that we could wait for some further testing and a more in-depth ultrasound. Everything looks good so far this time, and we are very excited to welcome a new daughter into our family. Our other children are very excited, and can't wait to meet their baby sister!

We are looking forward to a visit from my wife's parents this month. They have not yet had the opportunity to visit us here, and this will be their first time to see Montana. We are hoping to

have a couple of days to show them around our area, and to get down into Yellowstone National Park to see the sights. We have had such a busy year, we have only been down there one day (back in March, I believe) all year!

I was asked a couple of weeks ago to provide a photo of our group here in Bozeman for a presentation that Sewell Hall was doing for young men who might be interested in preaching the gospel. I thought I'd send that photo along so that you all might be able to put some faces with names! This is our two families, which currently comprise the church here in Bozeman.

Back Row: Kris Brewer, Jacob Brewer, Justin Brewer

Middle Row: Cynthia Brewer, Laura Brewer

Front Row: Skylar Brewer, JonDavid Brewer, Isaac Brewer, Gabriel Brewer

Thank you all for all that you do, and the encouragement that you provide to us in this work.

In Him,

Kris Brewer

