

Brethren,

Greetings from Bozeman! Things continue to plod along in Montana. We have survived the winter, and it appears that we are done with snow (at least in the valley) for at least a couple of months. We have had nice and relatively warm weather for a couple of weeks now.

We have entered into our “tourist season” in Bozeman, and that means that we are starting to see some visitors, especially on the weekends. It is encouraging to us to have the visitors! After a long winter, with very few visitors to our assemblies, it is great to have some more folks to worship the Lord with us!

Not a lot has changed since my last report. We are continuing with several studies per week in the community, and have had more visitors in the last couple of months than we have had in a long time. That has been very encouraging, and we are excited about some of the opportunities that have been opened up to us. One tremendous disappointment has been the lady that I mentioned in my last note, who had been studying with us quite regularly. Only a couple of days after sending that report, Heather contacted us via email and told us that she was no longer going to study with us. We had been studying the book of Acts, and had been spending some time in chapter 9 talking about the conversions of Saul. It was clear that she disagreed with what the scriptures say about his conversion, but I thought she would take some time to think about it, and discuss it further. She evidently chose to simply reject the message, and cut off communications with us. We are still hopeful that perhaps she will re-think the lessons we have discussed, and will return to talk with us and study the scriptures further. It was quite disheartening to have so much invested in those studies only to have her choose to walk away from truth. However, the gospel accomplished its purpose: it convicted. I usually do not mention (at least by name) those whom we have studies with until they get to a point we feel like it will bear some positive fruit. Unfortunately, more often than not, we are rejected early in the process. We had so much hope for Heather because of how long she continued, and how good the studies/discussions had been. Every person has to choose for themselves if they will be obedient to the gospel, or if they will reject His word. Sadly, she has rejected (at least for the time being).

We have started a study I have entitled “Study to Show Yourself Approved” on Sunday mornings. This is a study that is designed to teach the students how to study the Bible. I believe this is a good refresher for those of us who are adults, but it is also very beneficial to my older kids (Jacob, 15 and Skylar 12) to help lay the groundwork for how to think through the scriptures. This study fits nicely with the study that Justin is teaching on Wednesday evenings, “How We Got the Bible.” He has been showing that we can trust the Bible as we have it, to be the word of God.

As I write this update, I am traveling across the country. We are hoping to visit with family, but

also with several churches that have an interest in our work in Montana. I believe I am scheduled to meet with 7 different congregations along the way, and I will have the opportunity to speak for several of them. I hope, one day, to be able to make the long trip to Texas to meet with the good brethren there! It is a little more difficult to make that work, as it is so far out of the way from our typical travels to visit with family. There are, unfortunately, several churches that are far more difficult for us to be able to get to and visit in person.

We are so very thankful for your interest in our work. Please continue to pray for the contacts that we are trying to work with, that they might choose to be obedient to our Lord. It would certainly be an uplifting boost to the work if we could see some numerical growth!

Your servant,

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