

Greetings from Bozeman Montana! As I begin to write this, I look out the windows at the mountains and see a fresh coat of new snow...in the first week of June! I am not complaining, as I don't know that there is much in this wonderful creation that is more beautiful than the mountains with a fresh coat of snow! Here in the valley, we are still experiencing nice weather, and everything is greening up nicely, as it should in the spring.

We have been quite fortunate here in the midst of this Coronavirus pandemic. Montana has been lightly hit with the virus, and mortality numbers here reflect that. In fact, we have had more than twice the number of fatalities on the highways this year than the number of those who have succumbed to Covid-19. This has drawn the attention of many people across the country and now there are a lot of people looking to move to this part of the country. We were already the fastest growing town in America...now we will probably see even faster growth, if that is possible!

The work continues to go well. We have been fortunate in that we have been able to continue our Sunday assemblies throughout this ordeal. In an effort to comply as much as we believe we could, we did move our midweek studies and all of our bible studies to a virtual format. We've actually seen some advantage to this as we have had a few people join us that may not have done so in person. One young lady lives in Big Sky, and being able to study over the Zoom platform has made it convenient for her to join us. We had been having a great study with her for several weeks, but she has missed the last two...I am hoping that she will rejoin us, as I thought the studies were going really well!

Another young lady that had been studying with us in person ended up moving back home to Southern California when things started "falling apart" across the country with this virus. She has, however, continued to study with us through Zoom, and has done very well. I am in the process of finding someone in that area that can pick up the in-person studies, and hopefully lead her to obedience.

I have also been studying through Zoom with an older couple in Vermont. I have mentioned often over the years my work with my friend Jim Leach here in Bozeman. I made a connection with his father and step-mother a few years back when they came to visit, and have had off and on studies with them. Since we have been having these Zoom studies, they have been joining in, and we have had very good studies. I have been in contact with a friend of mine in Vermont, Dale Pennock, and he is going to be talking with them as well. Dale is going to join in on at least one of our Zoom studies to get acquainted with the Leaches, and then hopefully be able to begin an in-person study with them. My friend Jim continues to talk with me, and has been attending regularly for several months. He continues to "push back" in our studies on the topic of Baptism, but I am still hopeful

that he will come around to understand the truth. I recently preached a 3 sermon series on the topic, and that has spurred on some more discussions. I am prayerful that the door remains open.

We have two or three other solid contacts that are studying with us at least sporadically right now. I have been encouraged recently by the amount of open doors that have been presented to us. While it is certainly not our intent to be focused on studies that are 2000 miles away, we will work where the doors of opportunity present themselves. I am hopeful that we will be able to get back to more in person studies soon...our coffee shops and restaurants are opening up more and more. I plan, however, because of the contacts we have made, to maintain the online studies as well. We are thrilled with the opportunities available to us right now!

I do want to mention before I close that I received news a few weeks ago that I will be losing \$1000 per month of support at the end of this year. The church that has been providing this had committed to me for 2 years, and have been providing the support for 5. They have notified me that they will continue through the end of the year, but at that point I will need to have it replaced from another source. As you probably know, I have begun to do some part time work in Real Estate, but I did not intend for that to provide significant income to our work, at least this soon. I do not anticipate being able to completely replace that lost income through this secondary work...I have not wanted to commit the time needed to build the business in such a way. My idea was to use the opportunity of working in the community as a way to connect with more people, and perhaps make a little income to help with providing for retirement accounts, and emergency funds. I do, however, believe the work here in Montana is worth our time and efforts, so if it comes to it, I am ready to commit more time to secular work in order to ensure we can remain here and do the work we view as so important. I relate all of this to make sure you all know what we are doing, and what our current financial situation is. If you are aware of any groups that may want to have a part in our efforts beginning next year, please let me know!

As you can see, things continue to be busy here in Bozeman. I appreciate (and covet) your prayers on our behalf. May these opportunities continue to be open to us, and may the hearts represented respond favorably to the gospel message. Thank you for your encouragement of us in this work!

May God bless you all in your efforts in His kingdom,

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