

# 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)*

Greetings from Bozeman! Let me begin this report by apologizing for being so late with getting it out. Things have been crazy around our place for the last 3 or 4 weeks. On top of the work, we have had good friends come for a visit, which included a lot of driving around to show them the area, visit Yellowstone and some other places of interest. We love to have visitors like this, especially such good friends, but all of the travel can be exhausting! I am pretty sure most of the people who come here for a visit and vacation end up having to take some time off when they get home to recuperate from all the activities here! The evening before our guests were to leave, two of our kids came down with a pretty nasty stomach bug. Unfortunately, our friends ended up getting the same bug, which became evident on the flight home for them. Between the visitors, sickness, and being very busy, I have simply fallen behind by a few days on getting tasks completed.

The work here continues to be busy and exciting. Studies with Bridgette and Jim continue to go very well. Bridgette seems to be like a sponge, as she soaks up (and seeks to apply) all that we study. Jim has been a bit more difficult in that he has a lot of denominational concepts that he has to overcome. However, we do see a lot of positive changes in him. Recently, a friend of Jim's that was visiting (and with whom Jim is now working on a new business endeavor) visited our assemblies several times. He is Mormon, so to have him

visit with us was a positive step to begin with. While I was talking with him, he said he had to come and see what could possibly be making such a tremendous change in Jim. It is good to know that others are seeing these changes, but still imperative that we can continue to lead Jim toward the truth of the gospel message of salvation. For all of his good progress, he still has not accepted that there is only one baptism. Please continue to pray for him!

I have received some good reports from Huntington on studies that are continuing with Larissa. While the frequency has not been as much as they (or we) would like, the door is still open there. I am thankful for the brethren there who have taken up the opportunity and continue to work with her to lead her to the truth!

Things seem to be as "back to normal" as they will get for the foreseeable future. We are still under a mask mandate here in Montana, but I think that is probably true for most of the country. We have been meeting in our normal way and on our regular schedule for several weeks now. While we strive to follow the instructions of the government, in many ways the restrictions are quite silly in our circumstance. We have to wear masks on Sunday mornings because we meet in a public place, but we don't have to wear them on Wednesday evenings when we meet in homes because that is not considered public. I realize that our circumstances are far different than many other, and larger, congregations. We have been blessed thus far, and continue to pray that it may remain so. We also are praying for areas that are far harder hit with this virus than we have been.

I have recently received a few phone calls from families that have the potential to move here sometime in the near future. It is always refreshing when Christians call to check on the situation of the church before making a decision about where they are going to move! We will be having a traveling nurse here for about 13 weeks, beginning in the next few days. We are looking forward to meeting her, and having the opportunity to have her be a part of our work. We will also be looking forward to the potential that a couple of other families may move here over the next year or so. That would be another boost to our work here, along with the good things that continue to happen in the community.

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### **Average Attendance:**

*Sunday: 28*

*Wednesday: 19*

Over the last 5 years, we have been very fortunate that the wildfires have been far from us. While there are fires every year, most have been far enough away that we have only experienced some smoke, even if it was pretty thick at times. This year, we had a fire much closer to home. It was only about 4 or 5 miles from the house, and we could see it from our neighborhood. It was certainly interesting watching the aircraft work to fight the fires. We are thankful for the firefighters who worked hard to get it under control. While the fire is still not completely out, it is under control. At last report 28 homes burned. We were never in any danger here in the valley, but it was certainly distressing knowing how bad things were getting up on the mountain! Right now, we have a lot of smoke in the air. For a few days, we have had a rating of "unhealthy" air quality, severe enough to encourage people to stay inside as much as possible until it passes. Things like the kids' soccer practice have had to be canceled. As bad as things have been here, it is nothing like the wildfires and smoke savaging Oregon. We have several friends up in that area that have been under evacuation orders for a time. We would

appreciate prayers for all of the areas around the west that are suffering from the fires and smoke. There are a lot of people who are facing difficulties, and a lot of people who are working diligently in dangerous jobs to fight the fires and protect life and property of others.

We had hoped to be able to make at least a short trip this summer, but Covid has kept that from being practical. We are hopeful that things will calm down enough by the end of the year that we will be able to visit family. It will be nice to see everyone again!

Thank you all for your continued encouragement and support of the work we are doing here. It continues to be an exciting and rewarding work, and much good continues to be done. We continue to plant, and trust that God will continue to provide the increase!