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*Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)*

Brethren,

For those keeping track, it is already May! Time continues to pass quickly. That is probably a result of a combination of staying busy, and getting older. Both are certainly true!

I want to start this update with a couple of special prayer requests. First, I have written in previous reports about some of the issues that the Phillips family has been facing with their son, James. Some of these issues are what brought them our direction a couple of years ago. As my brother, Justin, reported, the whole story is not mine to tell, but I did want to pass on that the situation has become substantially worse over the last couple of months, and that has caused much turmoil for the rest of their family. They continue to handle the issue as best they can, with much faith and grace. Please continue to keep that family in your prayers, especially James, that the best outcome, in God's wisdom, might come to pass.

Second, keep Joey Stagner in your prayers. He is a nurse in Townsend, MT, and has recently been given the responsibility of distributing and overseeing Covid vaccines for Broadwater County here in Montana. As you can imagine, a great deal of stress is involved in working in such an environment! His position has also caused him to be exposed to the virus quite frequently, as his unit is one of the primary treatment centers for his county.

Finally, please keep one of our study participants, Cat, in our your prayers. She has been joining us from Columbia, South America, for quite a few studies. Recently we received word that both her mother and grandmother were killed in a car accident. Of course, this has been devastating news for her. We have not had an opportunity to have her in the study since we heard the news.

## ***Ongoing Studies...***

I am quickly drawing the "Walking Worthy of Your Calling" study to a close. We have been, over the last few weeks, discussing the roles of men and women in the church and in the family. One thing we have emphasized throughout the study is how different the Christian will look from those around him when he is doing things God's way. Certainly, when it comes to the roles within families, one looks much different than in worldly families! Once we finish up this study within the next couple of weeks, we will be starting a study of the book of Genesis on Sunday mornings.

On Wednesday evenings, Justin is continuing to lead a very good study on the book of Ephesians. We are currently up to chapter 3, and have been enjoying the discussions concerning the blessings that God has provided to all who are obedient to Him.

We have a couple of online studies continuing, and are hoping to add another soon. We are also hoping to get back to in-person studies. It has been hard to transition back to those, as we have so many who have become a part of our online studies, and do not want to neglect them. However, with restrictions loosening up, and people becoming more comfortable with being around others again, our primary focus is on the community around us, so we will be focusing more time and effort on local in-person studies, hopefully, very soon.

There is no doubt that Covid has created challenges that most of us had probably never considered before. And, while we enjoy and see profit in studies with folks all over the world, we still believe we can have the

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### **Average Attendance:**

*Sunday: 19*

*Wednesday: 17*

the time in discussions with other guys who travel in for the studies. We visited with several men, but it was especially nice to see my dad, Dave Brewer, Chad Lynn, Dale Pennock, Jeff Sorenson, and my cousin, Chad Brewer. One nice addition this year was that Justin presented one of the lectures and did a good job with his topic. The disappointment for us this year was that because we were not in Exton we were not able to visit with Patricia Miozza, with whom we usually stay during this trip. We certainly missed her hospitality and visiting with the rest of the family over there! We're hoping this problem with Covid passes quickly!

### **Concluding Thoughts...**

We are planning to make a trip down to Alabama at the end of June this year, but we have decided to fly instead of drive. We have been able to secure tickets for everyone to fly into Nashville, along with a rental car, for just about the same cost as driving and having to stay in hotels for several days. While this will help us make the trip much more quickly, we will not have time to visit around as we sometimes do during that particular trip. We will only be in the area for one Sunday, and we are scheduled to visit with the church in Prattville that day.

As always, we want to say, "Thank you!" We are so thankful for your continued prayers for our efforts here in Bozeman, and for your support that enables us to do the work. I hope that you all are doing well, and that you continue to prosper in the Lord wherever you are located. May He continue to bless you!

most impact locally, with people we can see face to face. We will certainly continue studying with whomever wants to study, and will do our best to get those in other areas connected to brethren who can help them more locally when the time is appropriate!

### **Exton Two Day Study...**

Jacob and I had the pleasure of going to the Exton Two Day Study that is put on by Jeff Smelser. Usually the study is located in Exton, PA, but this year the venue was moved to Elmira, NY, because of issues with Covid. The study was held on the property owned by Joe Works there in Elmira, and provided a good place for many to stay and study together. Jacob and I, along with several others, chose to stay in hotels as we could not carry all that would be needed for the "camp" environment in our travels for the two days. Along with that, I simply do not enjoy the "bunkhouse" environment for several reasons, so we chose more private accommodations.

The studies were enjoyable once again, and, for the most part, we felt like our time was well spent. We especially enjoyed