

# 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! As with every year, I am amazed that we have come to the end of another year! 2022 has been an interesting and eventful year, and we are looking forward to what lies in store for 2023. I feel like I have been held back a little this year as I have had to contend with vertigo brought on by having Covid at the beginning of the year. That has persisted for the entire year, with some days being better than others. I have noticed that any little head cold I get, the vertigo comes back and causes issues for a few days. I am trying not to complain, but I'm not sure my good wife would agree that I have been very successful in that!

## ***Traveling...***

We had the opportunity to make a trip East to visit with family and friends over the year end holidays. While we had planned to drive, we were able to find some airline tickets that made the trip cost just about the same as driving, and saved us about 5 or 6 days on the road. We flew into Nashville, and then drove up to West Virginia to visit with my parents for a few days. While there, we had the opportunity to visit with the Westside church of Christ in Coraopolis, PA (where my Dad has worked for many years). It is always a pleasure to visit with the brethren there and "catch up". I also had the privilege of preaching there on a Sunday morning. The brethren there are always a great blessing to me and an encouragement in the work we are trying to do! Following our brief

visit there, we traveled south to visit with family and friends in Alabama. While there, my older kids attended "Winter Camp", an opportunity set up by the organizers of the Rustic Youth Camp in Alabama that allows kids to get together and spend time together for a few days. These opportunities have been so good for our kids who are isolated from good Christian kids their age out here in Montana. Though we have a small group of good kids here, they are always excited to see their friends from across the country and be encouraged by those associations. We had a chance to visit with a couple of good congregations while in Alabama as well, and always look forward to the encouragement that is provided to us on those visits.

We were able to avoid all of the travel problems that arose over the holidays, as we arrived before the bulk of those problems began, and most were solved before we headed home. We had no real issues this time, for which we are very thankful! We always enjoy the opportunity to visit our families, but we also are thankful to be back with our spiritual family here in Bozeman. It is always good to come home!

Some of the other brethren also had opportunity to travel over the holiday break, and that left a very small group for a couple of services. Those numbers remind me of the very early days of our work here when either our family, or Justin's would make a trip, and we were left with only a handful. That doesn't happen as often any more, and for that we are thankful, for it shows that not only has the congregation grown in faith, but it has also grown in number! What a blessing!

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

While I was out of town, Justin graciously covered most of the studies that I have been leading. He stepped in and taught the book of Esther for both the Sunday and Friday studies that I have been teaching. Regularly, I have been continuing to teach Genesis on Sunday mornings. We have progressed up to chapter 22, and have some very good discussions on Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, and some of the elements that seem to foreshadow the sacrifice God made with His own son. On Wednesday evenings, I am continuing Paul's

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*Sunday: 19*

*Wednesday: 14*

some regularity with that study. We had been trying to have this study every other week, so we're hoping to return to that schedule again.

### **Sad News...**

At the end of December, my grandmother, Ruth Daines passed away. My mother has been working diligently to care for her for many years. She had lived alone for the last 10 years since my grandfather passed away. While we are saddened by her passing, we rejoice in, and share her hope of eternal life. This was my last living grandparent. I have been greatly blessed with knowing all of my grandparents, and many of my great-grandparents. Please keep my family, and especially my mom in your prayers!

### **Continued Support...**

As we come to the end of the year and the beginning of another, I want to express how much I appreciate your continued support of our work here. You have been so gracious in taking care of our needs, and bringing our efforts before the Father in prayer. You have sent encouraging notes, cards and emails our way to let us know that you are thinking of us and our efforts. I cannot express how much that means to us as we strive to spread the gospel here in Montana.

Recently, I received word that a congregation that has been helping for some time will no longer be able to do so. They have been providing \$800 per month, and have provided a 3 month cushion for the beginning of 2023 to help give time to replace that amount. I have been blessed with a little bit of income from some of the secular work I have done in Real Estate recently, and that too will help for a short period of time. However, I will need to try and replace that amount as quickly as possible in an effort to avoid a shortfall. Though it is one of my least favorite things to do, I would ask if you are able to help with covering this shortage, or if you know a congregation that may be willing to help with the work here in Montana, please let me know. Please feel free to pass on my contact information as well. I will also mention that I have become licensed to do mortgage origination for the states of Alabama and Tennessee, and that is another way you can help support our work here. If you know of anyone I can help with a home loan, just let me know or have them get in contact with me. I am hoping that eventually I can use income from these secular endeavors to help relieve some burden on churches for the work here, as expenses continue to rise drastically (as I am sure is true in most places right now!). However, as the time the spiritual work takes is significant, I must limit my time in secular activities! I appreciate your consideration!

epistles to Timothy and Titus. We are now into Titus chapter 2, and exploring the instructions that Paul provided to Titus concerning various groups in the local congregation. It is such an important aspect of Paul's letter to realize that he covered every segment of the congregation, and that we all have our part in the work. Never should we think that we are "excused" from working in the local congregation, but instead step up and fulfill the roles and responsibilities that God intends for us!

On Fridays we are considering having Justin complete his study of the book of Esther before returning to our study of the book of Acts. Everyone has been enjoying that study, and we have had some very good discussions. We'll be deciding exactly how we want to proceed on this over the next couple of weeks, but I believe either way this will continue to be a very profitable online study.

We have not been able to have our regular Monday evening studies for some time, as either we, or those participating in our study have had conflicts or have been traveling. Now that things have settled down a little, we are hopeful to get back to