

I really don't have a lot of new information to report this month, as it appears that many conditions are conspiring to slow us down in these winter months. Some of you may have seen some of my pictures of the snowfall here in Bozeman over the last month. We have had snow on the ground since December the 11th. Snow typically doesn't slow things down a lot, unless it hits right at the times you need to do something. We have had far more snow fall this winter than last, which means more days stuck in the house. Add to that the fact that we have had a tremendous amount of sickness over the last month, and some times it seems like we are just holding on! We have had some sort of flu bug make its rounds, and then some kind of really bad cold/sinus infection. Being a small congregation, it is too easy to get infected, and then re-infect everyone else. I avoided the cold for a while, but the last few days has seen it catch up to me, and slow me down considerably! Unfortunately, we had so many sick a couple Wednesdays ago that we had to cancel our weekly bible study.

We have continued to have our meetup bible studies in town. We have had several people join our online group, and we are hopeful that they will start to attend. We have had opportunity to communicate with a couple of folks, who asked for different times, so we are working to add more opportunities for studies around town, at different times of the day. We hope that by making these studies more convenient and accessible we might get more folks to attend. I also continue to have discussions with a friend of mine, who is always open to such. I have a hard time gauging if I am making any progress with him, but as long as he seems receptive, I will take advantage of the opportunities. Please keep Jim in your prayers that he might truly open his heart to the gospel message!

I think I already reported that I completed my series of sermons on Philippians. I preached on a few other topics after finishing that series, but have since begun preaching a series on "Worship". I intend for this to be the focus of my sermons for the next several weeks. Bible studies at our assemblies remain the same. I am continuing with the Life and Journeys of the Apostle Paul on Sunday mornings. We are currently up to Acts chapter 19, and Paul's work in Corinth. Justin is continuing to teach from the book of Jeremiah. In that study we are up to chapter 28, and Jeremiah's confrontation with Hananiah. We were just discussing last evening how many lessons we can learn from Jeremiah's actions with the false prophet...If only we will pay attention!

One thing that has consumed a lot of time over the last few weeks is that I have had to rebuild the content of our website. Unfortunately, some kind of malware infiltrated our servers, and deleted our site. Rather than trying to start from scratch and build it myself again, we decided to go with the host CongreGATE, so they can protect from such nonsense and we can

concentrate on content. I had to figure out the new system, and work on the template (which I still hope to tweak some more), but I am now trying to get some content added to it. It is a long way from where we had it before, but I hope to spend some time adding articles and other materials as I have time and opportunity.

We are very thankful for the safe travels we had home from visiting family at the end of December. We are now excited about the work that is planned for here over the coming year. I am also trying to work out the ability to be away to participate in a couple of other opportunities this year. This will mean a little more traveling than normal, but I am hopeful it will be for good and the glory of God. I appreciate you prayers for all of these efforts!

I pray that your efforts continue to go well! We have a room ready for anyone who wants to escape that nice warm weather down there, and come enjoy our snowy, cold, north country!

Your fellow servant,

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