

Dearest Brethren,

Greetings from Bozeman! We are moving into the cold, snowy part of our year (though we have escaped any severe weather so far!). I do enjoy the changing landscapes, as everything looks different once the snow falls on the mountains around us!

I'll begin with the biggest news of the last month: The Phillips family has joined us in the work here in Bozeman. They had been working in Cambodia for about the last 4 years. They were brought to our area because one of their children needed the care of a special facility that is located in Helena. They plan to be in our area for about 15 months, the time expected for treatment. We are excited to have them with us, and hope their addition will spark further growth here. They effectively double the amount of adults working in the community here for us! Even having them here for only a short time will be a great encouragement to us and a spark for the work. We have discussed the work together, and have found that we are very likeminded in our approach for the work of the church and evangelism in the community. I think we will be able to work together well!

We continue with regular studies around town. Recently, we have been doing most of our studies by simply reading through the gospel of Luke, and discussing the contents a chapter at a time. This has been a good way to have materials that will work for visitors who are not regular in attending the studies. We haven't had any consistent visitors recently to these studies, but this approach makes it easy to have something good to discuss, even if a person only attends once, or once in a while. I had been trying to do a study in Acts (and will probably return to that shortly), but we were trying to get in more detail in that study. It made it more difficult to "catch up" with visitors who had not attended previous classes. We have been planning to start some virtual studies that would be recorded and the video placed on one of our websites. We may re-start that Acts class and record it so that it could be made available to those getting materials off of the websites.

Speaking of websites, I have taken a bit more time to work on audio files for the website lately. I guess the cold weather, and not being too anxious to get out on the town provides more time for such things! I had fallen way behind on the audio files, so I took a couple days to process, and post the files to the website. I am also trying to be a bit more consistent with the email list, sending out a weekly newsletter. I think all of these different methods of making materials

available are beneficial. They are, however, secondary to our more direct work in the community, so they sometimes fall behind when we are busy with more direct efforts.

I am continuing to preach a series of sermons on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. I am currently up to Matthew chapter 6, trying to work my way through the various topics that Jesus addressed. I am enjoying presenting this material, and I am hopeful that it is beneficial to all. Justin has also been working on a series of lessons. He has been preaching on the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5. He has done a very good job with this series, encouraging us all to focus on adding the characteristics that mark the Fruit of the Spirit to our lives.

Our regular Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies also continue to go very well. On Sundays, I am continuing to teach on the subject of How to Study the Bible. I have been talking about the importance of Covenants for the last couple of lessons. In our most recent lesson, we have been discussing how we learn much from previous covenants, even if we are not bound by their specific tenants. It is amazing how some people seem to think that we cannot draw any practical application from what has been revealed "for our learning" (Romans 15:4). Justin has continued with his lessons on "How We Got The Bible". This has been a profitable study as well. We can look at how the scriptures have come to us in their completed form, and have confidence in what God has given for us. We can know that we have His will for us, and that gives us the confidence we need to be obedient to Him!

I hope this brief note finds you all doing well and prospering in the Lord. Thank you for your prayers for, and support of our work here in Bozeman. We are ever encouraged by your help!

In Him,

Kris Brewer