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

We have come to the end of yet another year. It is always amazing how quickly the time passes. It has been a good year here in Bozeman. We have had the typical "ups and downs," but overall, we have had a good year. Though we have not had much happen out of the ordinary over the last couple of months, things have been profitable.

### ***New additions...***

The most exciting news from the last couple of months is that the Phillips family has joined us here in Bozeman. Mike, Christy, and their kids (Emily, Paul, and Luke) have moved here, and plan to be here for 15 months. While we know that they are only here for a short time, we believe they will be a good boost to the work here. They have already served to encourage us greatly in the few weeks that they have been here. The Phillips family had been working in evangelism in Cambodia for about 4 years before moving here. They have been quick to jump into the work, and we believe they will be great assets for spreading the gospel in our community. It has been nice to have a couple of extra men to assist in the public worship, too!

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

Not much has changed as far as our studies are concerned. We are continuing with the same basic schedule as we have been for several months. We continue to have various studies around town, utilizing different locations and varying times. We have mostly been using a format of reading passages from the gospels, and using them as a jumping off point for discussions. This has worked well in the instances where we have not had regular participants.

We have been working on a plan to try and develop some online studies. We think we are getting close to having the technology side figured out, so we should be able to implement the studies sometime soon. I must admit, this is a bit intimidating to me, and certainly kicks me out of my "comfort zone." However, we believe it has potential to connect with some of our online contacts that we have not yet been able to persuade to come out and study with us face to face. We shall see if it works as we hope!

I am continuing in my study of How to Study the Bible. This continues to be challenging material for me to put together. Some of what we do naturally in our approach to studying can be difficult to organize in a descriptive manner. I have enjoyed working to write the material, and believe it continues to be a beneficial study for us. I believe I have mentioned before that I find this study to be particularly beneficial for our younger folks. It is good for us all to be reminded that our approach to studying the Bible is not haphazard or arbitrary. It is a logical and consistent process that will lead to reasonable and true conclusions.

Justin has been continuing with his study on How We Got the Bible on Wednesday evenings. Understanding the process by which we have our current Bible has been an interesting study. When we see what has gone into protecting the word of God throughout time, it is humbling. To see the various men who dedicated themselves to making the Bible available in common languages, even when it meant great sacrifice on their part, builds faith. In many instances, we can see what can only be described as the providence of God in the preservation of His word.

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### **Average Attendance:**

*Sunday: 11*

*Wednesday: 12*

### **Prayer requests...**

I would ask for your prayers for some people that are very dear to us. First, please pray for my uncle, Ray Hall. He was recently diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer. He has a lot of treatments ahead of him. We were able to visit with him a bit on our trip, and he seemed in good spirits. Next, please remember Angelo Miozza in your prayers. He continues to battle cancer as well, and I know that his treatments have been difficult. Finally, please remember Norma Lauer. Norma used to join us in our Bible studies via teleconferencing software. However, since she had a stroke a few months ago, she has been unable to do so. We were able to visit with her for a few minutes on our trip as well. We could tell she was very tired out by her therapy, but she seemed in good spirits.

### **Thanksgiving...**

I want to close, as I usually do, with a word of thanksgiving. We think of you all often, and are so thankful for your interest in and support of our work. It means so much to us to know that so many good brethren are praying for our efforts. We pray for your work in the kingdom as well. May God bless you in your efforts!

### **Travels...**

We were able to make a trip east and visit with family and friends at the end of December. While we were gone, Mike covered my classes on Sunday mornings. We first went to my folks in northern West Virginia, and were able to worship a couple of times with the church in Coraopolis, PA. We then traveled through Huntington, WV, and visited with the brethren there. I had the pleasure of speaking while worshipping with the brethren in Huntington. I am always encouraged when we visit there and see things going well. We certainly miss our dear brethren there!

Finally, we traveled on to north Alabama, where we visited with Cynthia's family. One of our main goals on this particular trip was to help clear some of our stuff out of Cynthia's folks' house. They are preparing to move, which means we needed to sort through things that we have had stored in their house for many years. Cynthia was able to make some progress on that task, and hopefully we were able to help get things a little closer to ready for their move.

It is always an encouragement for me to be able to visit with family and friends on these trips. I always feel like I've been rejuvenated and energized for the work here. We always see so many people that build us up, and encourage us in our efforts. We did not have opportunity to see nearly as many folks this time around, but hopefully we will get around more next trip.