



Freedom Project

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Dear Friends and Family,

As you may recall Anna and I returned to Colorado Springs earlier this year after six years of ministering in Italy. Our return home was largely driven by Covid 19 restrictions and the needs of our family here in the states. Since our return we have been visiting family members across the US, making repairs to our home, and praying about what our next ministry project would look like, all the while preaching the Word as opportunities have come up, and discipling men and women in need of the gospel and our love and support.

As you know, Anna and I have always had a passion for building the church through evangelism, one-to-one discipleship, group Bible studies, community-building and preaching and teaching the Word. With that as our goal, on November 6, 2021, we were approved by our mission's board, "Tentmakers Bible Mission" to begin a new project entitled "**Freedom Project.**" Why "Freedom Project?" The name comes from Jesus' words in John 8:36—"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." Earlier in John 8:31-32 Jesus exhorted His listeners if they abide in His Word they will truly be His disciples, they will know the truth and the truth will set them free. He goes on to say that if a person is committing sin, that person is enslaved by sin. However, if the Son, Jesus says, referring to Himself, makes you free, then you are free indeed.

That is the message we want to share with people. Putting one's faith and trust in Jesus and abiding in His Word brings freedom. Freedom from the penalty of sin, there is no more condemnation for those in Christ (Romans 8:1), and no longer are we children of wrath (Ephesians 2:1-3). Thus, we evangelize, sharing the gospel with the lost. Freedom from the power of sin, no longer are we in bondage to sin, but now we can live righteously (Romans 8:2). Thus, we disciple and mentor to help Christians know the truth and mature in their faith. And finally, freedom from isolation and loneliness because as believers we are part of family of God (1 John 3:1). Thus, we build Christian community to encourage and support one another.

At this time, our focus is helping a young church planter named Scott Maxon. Scott is the Pastor of Colorado Freedom Church in Colorado Springs. Freedom Church, a fairly new church plant, is a missions church located just 1/2 mile outside the north gate of Peterson Space Force Base.



We are on loan (open ended for now) from "Tentmakers Bible Mission" to Colorado Freedom Church. Our goal is to help Pastor Scott reach this largely unchurched and unreached military and civilian community in Cimarron Hills with the gospel. Through discipleship, mentorship, serving, teaching and training, we believe we can build and strengthen this church to become a vibrant beacon in the Cimarron Hills community. In addition, we will continue our ministry to individuals in Colorado Springs to help them know, embrace and defend their faith. We covet your prayers for this new project (Freedom Project). Checks should continue to be made out to "Tentmakers Bible Mission" with "Freedom Project" in the memo line, and mailed to Tentmakers Bible Mission, PO Box 160, LaGrange, WY 82221.

Though we miss Italy, we are excited to be home and renew our ministry in Colorado Springs. Please pray for the fruit of our labors as we make God's ways known on earth and bring His salvation among all nations (Psalm 67:2). Thank you for your prayers and financial support. It is a pleasure to co-labor with you for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Serving Together in Christ,

John and Anna