

# THE BAGLEY BRIEF

March 24, 2024

Dear Partners in the Work of the Gospel,

On this Palm Sunday, we are all full of praise for what took place during Passion Week. The rejection, agony, and death that our Lord endured has brought us acceptance and joy and life! The Gospel has given all of us a reason to live and a reason to serve. What a privilege to surrender everything to Someone who has loved us unconditionally.

A lot has happened since our last update on January 15. There are also many needs that we would ask you to be praying for. Here's a summary of what's been taking place.

January 24-28, I traveled to LaGrange, WY to recruit students from Frontier School of the Bible to work at the resort we are living at and where I am employed as the maintenance supervisor. I am burdened to introduce as many students as possible to the spiritual need in Bear Lake Valley. I was not sure what kind of response there would be as we needed to fill seven positions at the resort. However, we had twenty-eight students interested in the seven jobs. It was hard to only accept seven of them, but I believe that God is sending out the people of His choosing to work here. Pray that they will be a tremendous witness for Christ while they work here and that some of them might sense the call of God to stay in the valley long-term.

This summer, the Village Church will be starting a Saturday evening church service. This will give all the seasonal workers who work on Sunday mornings an opportunity for worship and fellowship. I will help coordinate the preaching and the music for these services and these Frontier students will have an integral role.

February 4, our family had the privilege to share about our church-planting ministry at Fellowship Bible Church in Lindon, UT. This is the church my parents started when I was a teenager. I also had the joy of serving as Pastor there as a single man and while there I met Laura! So, there are many fond memories of my time at that church. It was a special time to reconnect with many dear friends who lead and serve there. We now have eight churches that have made a commitment to partner with us in the establishment of Hope Bible Church in Montpelier, ID. We are incredibly grateful for each church and for all the people who are praying and making sacrifices so that the Gospel can penetrate the north end of Bear Lake Valley.

March 2 was a notable day for Laura and me as we became grandparents! Our daughter Grace gave birth to Walter Nelson Kline about three weeks earlier than expected. Grace developed one of the worse cases of pre-eclampsia that their local doctor had seen and was admitted to the hospital on February 28. She needed to have a C-section and so Laura and our younger children headed to Kim, CO to be a help to Grace and our son-in-law Thomas. Laura left on February 29 and returned on March 13. We're thankful to report that Grace and Walter are doing well. I will be heading down to Colorado next week with my daughters Faith and Joy to meet Walter and spend a few days with Thomas and Grace.

Speaking of Faith and Joy, both could use your prayers as they enter new phases of life. Faith has become Garden City, Utah's only female volunteer firefighter and she is finishing up her training to be an EMT in town. This has afforded her some special contacts for the Gospel. Joy is about to finish her Senior year of homeschool and we'll celebrate her graduation with a reception on April 28 at the Village Church. She will begin working full-time at Mike's Market this summer and will be assisting us with the start of the church.

On March 5 we started our first Prayer Meeting with the core group of people that will make up Hope Bible Church. We're meeting in Montpelier to pray over the town and this future ministry, and we'll continue to do so until the Inaugural Sunday later this year. Pray that these will be special times of allowing the Lord to direct all that we do.

March 7-10 I was blessed to have our future co-workers, Amos and Emily Stott, come for a visit to see Bear Lake Valley for the first time. I gave them a tour of the valley and especially Montpelier. We looked at a building that could be our future church building. We were able to talk about future ministry and what God is doing here right now. It was such an encouraging weekend. Pray for Amos and Emily as they finish training at Frontier and then move out here on May 18. What a difference it makes to have fellow-workers!

Amos and Emily will both work with me at the resort this summer. When the summer is over, I will step away from this job to focus more intently on the church plant and Amos will take my place as the maintenance

supervisor at the resort. This will also provide them with a free place to live as they adjust to life in the valley and prepare for an eventual move to Montpelier.

Our time at the Village Church continues to be an encouragement to our whole family. God is feeding our souls through the faithful preaching of Pastor Charlie. The church has a Women's Bible Study led by my mother that Laura and the girls attend. There is a Wednesday evening Kid's Club and Family Bible Study that we all participate in, and each ministry has been a spiritual boost preparing us to launch out in this new work.

The church held a twenty-four-hour day of prayer on March 14. During that time people in the church signed up to walk the streets of Montpelier and pray for the people who live there and for the impact that Hope Bible Church will have there. The church people have been challenged to walk the entire town seven times before we hold the first service there. We are truly thankful for this church's commitment to prayer!

We are currently investigating three different buildings in Montpelier that could serve as a meeting place. We are asking God to provide us with a place that is affordable, visible, available (all during the week and not just on Sunday) and accessible with plenty of parking for future growth. Pray that God will give us special favor with the owner of the right building and that He will do exceedingly more than we could ask or even imagine!

We would continue to covet your prayers about our housing situation. We can live rent-free here at the resort until June 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time, we need to vacate our suite so that it can be used by all the summer guests. What will we do next? We don't know right now but we are confident that He will get us to Montpelier!

We have had our home in Nebraska on the market since last June. We've lowered the price two times now. We just found out that in April there will be two showings of the home to two interested parties. Would you pray with us that the right offer might come in April? We believe that God is going to make a way for us to be living in Montpelier soon and we are excited to see how He will arrange it all! I love the reminder that "God's delays are not delays of inactivity but of preparation."

God is doing a mighty work in this valley. We recently celebrated with the angels in heaven over two people who trusted Christ at the Village Church. We are meeting Mormons who've become disillusioned with the Mormon church and are beginning to discover the freedom of grace. The Spirit of God is on the move in the valley, and we are thrilled to be here and to be a part of what He is doing. We are profoundly grateful for your partnership in the spread of the Gospel and the establishment of Christ's church in Montpelier.

Each week we see the progress of the LDS temple that is being built in Montpelier, Idaho which has a population of around 2,700. The two-story structure will be about 27,000 square feet. There are more than 15,000 Latter-day Saints in the proposed temple district. Our hearts break as we consider the hopeless rituals that will take place in that building. However, we serve a risen Savior who brings living hope to all men! Pray that Hope Bible Church will help people understand Who the real Hope-giver is.

May you all enjoy this special week of worship as we rejoice in all that we have in Christ. Thank you for standing with us in this ministry. We know that we need you and your intercession on our behalf.

With Much Gratitude,

Bill, for Laura, Faith, Joy, Cherish, Delight, Will and Comfort

