



Silos at Sunset

Dear Friends,

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (John 1:4-5)

The Greek verb translated “comprehend” is used over 250 times in the NT, and carries the meaning “to lay hold of, to lay claim to, to procure, to apprehend, to understand, to comprehend”. The darkness of this world cannot grasp the light of Christ. It cannot understand it; it cannot overwhelm it; it cannot overcome it. The darkness does not have the capacity to understand the light. As the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians, the things of God are foolishness to those who do not believe. Yet the light cannot be overwhelmed by the darkness.

Many of you remember that the Lord opened the door to go to a prison in our area and preach to those who wish to come. The prison chaplain is a committed follower of the Lord Jesus. He initiated this opportunity for us. This is a privately owned prison that contracts with the State of Montana to house several hundred inmates. We have been given an hour or so the 2nd Monday evening of each month and have made 9 trips to the prison thus far this year. (We would appreciate prayer for us on the 2nd Monday evening of the month.)

The power of John 1:4-5 is certainly evident in the prison setting. The men who attend our meeting are predominantly professing believers, many of whom came to Christ during their time in prison. They are small beacons of light in a dark place, and nearly always express gratitude for the teaching/fellowship during our monthly visits. Our little room has a posted capacity of 22 people, and we are generally full. We have a brief prayer request/testimony time before I lead in prayer and preach, and I am always blessed by some of their expressions of faith and hope. One young man who is on the verge of ‘pre-release’ prayed that he could learn how to be a father to his young daughter when he gets out. Another thanked God for his years in prison, for it brought him to true faith in the Lord Jesus. His years in prison would be a drop in the bucket compared to eternity with Christ, he said. Others pray for unsaved family members on “the outside”. The Light truly shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overwhelm it.

Sometime on the evening of October 30, a few young men (we presume) used a pry bar to rip a door of our church building off its hinges and get into the building. Break-ins by drug addicts are becoming increasingly common the last few years. First they started with personal storage sheds in backyards, then went to storage units at churches and schools (our church shipping container that we use for storage has been broken into four times), now they have “graduated” to homes and churches. Many people who leave overnight for a medical appointment come home to find their homes robbed. Early in October the Roman Catholic church was robbed followed by our church a few weeks later. They ripped the TV monitors (used for power point) off the wall in the auditorium, opened and partially emptied every cabinet and drawer in every room to search for items to steal, took all the food items in the freezer and fridge (used for our refreshment time), took every battery in the building, and took all the paper goods and cleaning supplies. As many of you may know, cleaning supplies and batteries are used to “cook” meth. There were portions of toilet paper and paper towel rolls all over the basement floor, all throughout the church yard and the neighbor’s yard, and in the tall grass across the street (from the wind), along with 100+ styrofoam bowls.

One of our church men and his son re-anchored the door into its place, and Carol and I spent several hours cleaning everything up. Even though at times the darkness seems to be the prevailing force, we know that The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overwhelm it.



Housing update: Throughout the months of September and October we have been working diligently on site preparation in order to move our manufactured home to its new location, as well as packing up necessary items in the house and emptying 12 he will have the buildings set in place on the new property. The Lord has provided amazing weather for these projects. Please continue to pray for good weather conditions until the moving project is

completed.

Three of our church families offered a camper for us to stay in during the transition, but the local campsites were shutting down at the end of October in preparation for winter. However, another lady in our church who owns an Airbnb is allowing us to stay in the home for a few weeks until our house is moved and reconnected to utilities.

So many friends have donated enormous hours of time, energy, and resources to help with this process. And so many of you have donated financially to help us with this transition. We are deeply grateful for your interest and involvement, and ask that you continue to pray as we have many tasks still ahead to make our new location feel like home. We have been overwhelmed



with the outpouring of love and graciousness from so many of God's people.



The last several weeks we have seen a number of new faces at church, and are seeing God at work in many ways. It is exciting to see our core group becoming grounded in the Scriptures and sharing the gospel with friends and relatives. The light of the glorious gospel prevails!

THANK YOU for your faithful support! May God bless you abundantly during the upcoming Thanksgiving/Christmas season!

Securely in His Care,

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