

April Newsletter

Greetings

Hello family! I hope and pray you all are doing well as we quickly approach summer. God has blessed me in so many ways this quarter, and you enabling me to be here is at the top of that list. I know I've said it before, but it hasn't lost its meaning, thank you. Thank you for your commitment to God and His work. Thank you for your willingness to generously give of that which you have been given. And thank you for your faith in me. Without God's people, I could not be here, and this is a good place to be. That said, April has been an amazing month, and it only continues into May, so I am very excited to share this newsletter with you.

Change of Address

Firstly, over research week, I moved into a new apartment. There are several benefits to this move, but the major ones are: 1) this is a much safer neighborhood than the one I was in before, and 2) rent and utilities will be considerably cheaper (about \$300) less). Although I will still pay rent at my old apartment (lease runs through July), the school has agreed to pay my rent here until that lease is over, allowing me to move my things in before I'm gone all summer. I have two great roommates (Levi and Evan) who are also in my class. So far, the adjustment has been great!

If you have already sent mail/packages, I will be able to receive those through about May 20, and anything that comes while I'm gone, I will receive when I get back in August. With that, my new address is:

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Preaching Out

One of the opportunities we have to grow and minister to others while still in school is preaching out. Several congregations in the area who need assistance with preaching will reach out to Bear Valley, and available student have the option of preaching for them (many also present a Bible class). I've had two opportunities this past month, and both have been very encouraging. After sitting in on my Isaiah 53 class, one of my classmates, Andrew Stafford, mentioned he was preaching out in Springfield CO (about 4 ½ hours away), and asked if I wanted to present that Bible class there. While not strictly "preaching," I did have the opportunity to share the Word. Side note, I highly recommend going on a long drive with a brother/sister; you will receive as much edification from the conversations you have in the

car as you would from the work, conference, lectureship, or whatever else waits on the other side. The second opportunity I had was in Conifer CO. Conifer is a quiet little town in the mountains of Colorado, and one of the most beautiful places I've been to. I would add another side note: find other locations to worship God once in a while. Praising God for His power and thoughtless while seeing His beautiful creation just adds to our worship. That said, the church at Conifer were very friendly and receptive to the class and sermon.

End of the School Year and Other Stuff

I thought if I paid closer attention to the time I have here, it might slow down. I was wrong. Somehow, we have nearly reached the end of this year of school, and time only continues to fly. With that, several things are happening over the next several weeks. Obviously, school is coming to a close. The past two weeks have been especially daunting as I've worked to finish all this quarter's assignments. Most of those are finished, and following next week, we will have our finals. With the last day of finals being May 16, graduation (for the upperclassmen) will be May 17, and I will be heading out to Foristell to intern on May 22. In between all that, my youngest brother (who, with my parents, just moved back to the States from the mission field) will be coming to visit from May 6-20. He will bounce around from Cory's (older brother) apartment to mine, with Austin (oldest brother) visiting in the middle. With that and undoubtedly more that I have forgotten, things are busy but very exciting.

Closing

If it isn't already clear, we at Bear Valley recognize how valuable our supporters are to the work we do. You are constantly on our hearts and in our prayers. By extension, you are just as much a part of this ministry as the rest of us. Thank you so much for your contribution to helping me and the works God will involve me in. It is my prayer, and I certainly hope yours too, that I use this gift responsibly and to the glory of God. Thank you.

