



Helstad

Family News

Grace and Peace from the Black Hills of South Dakota. I want to give you some brief insight of what we have been up to over the last couple of months. In February the family and I were able to go to Minnesota for almost two weeks to stay with Josh and Stacey Lease and to visit a number of home-groups and churches to share about the ministry in Pine Ridge. I think while we were in Minnesota, I visited six different churches or home-groups. It was so great to meet new brothers and sisters in the Lord. Reinell and the kids visited family and friends around the Annandale area while Josh Lease and I went up to Roseau, Minnesota, to be with our church family there at Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church. One of the highlights was to spend some quality time with my Grandpa Jerome. We were able to talk about a lot of our family history and how Jesus has impacted our family over the generations and the struggles of faith through the years. I love my grandpa dearly and it was so great to be with him and spend some quality time with him.

Josh and I were able to get away for a couple of days to head up to our family cabin on the northwest angle of Lake of the Woods. We had a great time together enjoying the north woods and catching some walleyes through the ice!

Libby, Montana

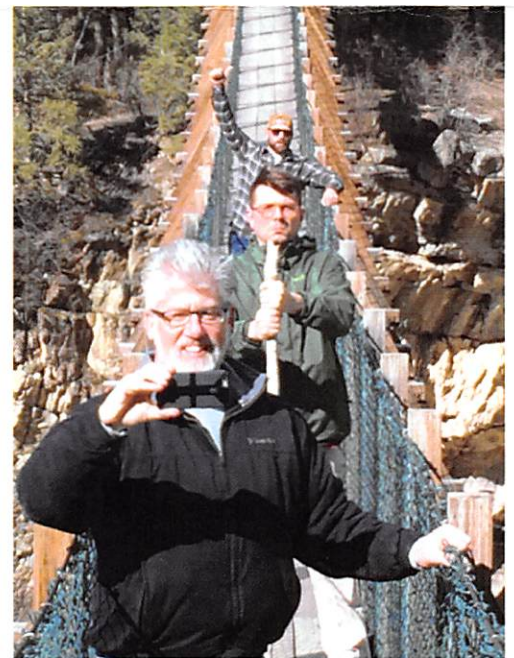
God opened the door for me to teach Evangelism at Mountainside Ministry Training (MMT) again this year. There are three single guys and a married couple who are going through the classes. Two are



going to Ukraine, one is going to India, and the couple is looking at going to Northern Canada. It was a joy to have Josh with me on the trip out there. It was great fellowship, but I barely made it there as we took a pitstop to ski on a mountain outside of Missoula, Montana. Needless to say I shouldn't have been on the mountain...I crashed many times and feared for my life a few times, but it was a great time with Josh with many laughs. Thankfully I made it off the mountain with my life and it was used as a good object lesson for the students on conquering our



fears and persevering through trials. It was great to be with my brothers from Minnesota—Eric Loewen, Josh Lease, and Jim Pross. Jim and Eric taught some afternoon classes on Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses which was very helpful for the students. They also led the students out in door-to-door ministry, which is the most important part of the class. We can only imagine the fruit that will come from this, but it is a privilege to preach the Gospel and our duty to equip others.



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Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota

Please continue to pray for our Lakota brothers and sisters as we move forward in ministry together as Wade prepares to leave in May. A lot of people love Wade and it will be hard for them to see him leave. Please pray that they would stay focused on Christ and they would be spurred along in their walk with Jesus. My prayer has been that there would be an increased hunger for the Word and that God would use me to teach the Scriptures faithfully. I have sensed an unusual measure of grace to teach the congregation in Kyle—in fact in February there were three Sundays in a row that I taught through the book of Obadiah for at least two hours each Sunday. It was so much fun to see the people respond to the depth and richness of God's Word. I will be moving on to the book of Matthew now with the congregation.

The radio station has been a huge blessing and we are looking forward to it growing and for it to reach more people with the Gospel as time goes on. Right now it only is operating at 28 watts and our system has the capacity to go to 40 watts. Please pray that the FCC would allow us to turn up our wattage. Right now I am on five days a week from 12 to 5:00pm so it is a fairly large commitment. Most recently Dan Nichols and Lyle Fashant came from our home church to talk about our upcoming ministry time together in August. I was blessed to be with both Dan and Lyle as we spent quite a bit of time in fellowship and prayer while they were here. I look forward to our time in August!



On behalf of my family and the Lakota, thank you all for praying and supporting the work here in Pine Ridge. We love you guys.

Sincerely,

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