

**Subject:** FW: Christmas, New Years and More!

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**Sickness, Christmas, Food Drive, Family, Ivy Update.**

We're combining our December and January updates!





What a fun and tiring couple of months we've had! December was a packed month full of family, food box distribution, teaching, and sickness.

The ability to hand out thousands of food boxes was a joy but it came with its own headaches. As you know from our last update we have been doing this every Monday scenes Thanksgiving week through all of December. So week after week we had to make sure volunteers were there, make sure people knew about the event, and a variety of other things. Just as we began to get into a good rhythm the Scotts got sick which meant they were not able to help with two weeks of the food box distribution or with preaching and teaching. This threw a big wrench in Liz and my life as we were hoping December would be a slower month.

But praise be to God that he enabled us to finish the food box distribution well and he enable me to have the capacity to preach and shepherd our flock while our only other elder was recovering.

A few key takeaways from this month:

- In church planting, it is absolutely necessary to have multiple elders. With Aaron sick everything fell on my shoulder. Having to switch from two men bearing the load to now one was challenging. But it was a helpful reminder that we are in this together. If you are interested at all in church planting or revitalization, please find a brother in Christ who can go with you and carry the load. Scripture is absolutely right that a cord of three (or two) is better than one.
- The second big takeaway from December is that local church partnerships are super important and vital for a community. Let me explain, one of the biggest joys of the food box distribution was seeing like-minded churches come together to share the gospel and help the community. Twin is a fractured city when it comes to churches. There is not a single solid church that works with other churches in the community. Almost every local body sticks to itself and shuns or has beef with other like-minded churches. This event seemed like it has helped a few churches take the first of reconciling and working together on occasion. I thank God that he allowed TFCC to reach out to other churches and help them see the need for churches to work together.

- The last thing December has reminded us is that rest is essential. That should be a given but it is easy to put your hands to the plow and just keep moving along without stopping and looking back at what God has done through you and resting in the fact that ultimately God doesn't need you. I think we work so hard and never take breaks is that we believe to some extent that God needs us and without us, His kingdom will not advance. When in reality we need Him he does not need us but chooses to use us for his glory and for our good.



We've officially been in Twin Falls, Idaho for a full year!

I just want to pause and say thank you to everyone who prays for us, supports us, and continues to encourage us. It truly is a joy knowing there are people literally throughout the

world who love us and see that we are seeking to give our daily lives to Christ by planting a church in Twin.

To the members at Kenwood, let all praise be to God our Father and his Son Jesus Christ for your love and support. Daily Liz and I rejoice that God allowed us to be part of Kenwood.

More than school and any book we have read (besides the Bible of course) you all have taught us how to love others and how to come alongside people and point them to Christ.

To the members of Redeeming Grace, you all have shown us what it looks like to support and love people from a distance. Liz and I, though we have never been members of RGBC, feel like family and are so encouraged by you all walking with us and helping us.

To the members of Leonardtown, thank you for rallying behind us and praying for us often. What a joy it is to know the church we grew up in is with us and eager to help! We thank God for you all.

To the members of Mountain View Chapel, what joy it brings us to have you all in VA praying for us and supporting us. The few times we have worshiped with you all were a joy. Thank you for helping shape our view of missions and thank you for letting me live with Mr. Tim for a summer to see what it looks like to shepherd people.

## CHRISTMAS

We finally got a white Christmas! It started snowing on Christmas Eve and didn't stop until January. My younger brother and his wife (Nathan and Alexa) came and visited us and it was a blast having them here. The Lord's timing was perfect because they came and helped us finish things up while the Scotts recovered, and then got to help us have fun and relax as we unwound from the extra work.

I love my family so much! Nathan and Alexa were a joy to have and such wonderful blessings. Nathan and I were able to climb and do manly things ha! Alexa, Nathan, and I got to go skiing. As a family, we all went to a hot spring together and we were just able to laugh and relax together. Praise God for family. And praise God for a family that loves the Lord and is eager to come alongside of you and help your church plant, while they are on vacation.

TFCC had a joint Christmas Eve service with another supporting church here in Twin (Taproot Church). Taproot's pastor Mike Littleton and Aaron both preached the coming of Jesus in the Old and New Testament. It was encouraging to worship

alongside another congregation! We love our brothers and sisters at Taproot!

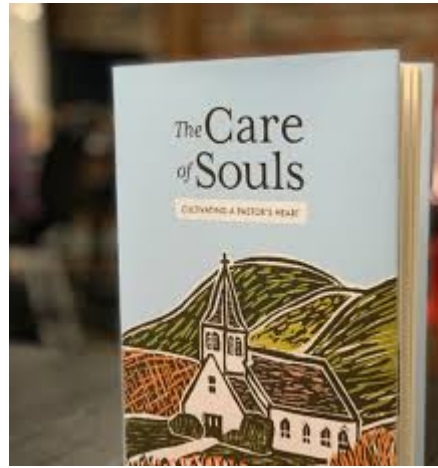
TFCC had an abbreviated service that Sunday morning with singing and scripture reading at our house! Praise God for our home that (with some furniture rearrangement) can hold many adults and even more kids!



**How's Ivy Doing?**

Praise the Lord! Ivy is gaining weight! She's sticking to her own adorable growth line (the 4th percentile), but she is eating well and has significantly more energy and alertness. She had another appointment in Boise with the specialist that went well- the Doctor said that as long as she is breathing fine and we don't have any concerns or questions, then we can have every other appointment here in Twin with her pediatrician. What that means is we will only have to go to Boise every 4 months rather than every other month! We are especially thankful for this because there is only one route from Twin to Boise, and during the winter months either Liz would need to drive my truck or I would need to go with them (if the weather looked bad). So the next time we'd go to Boise for an appointment would be May!





*Joshua's Book Recommendation*

### ***The Care of Souls:***

**Cultivating a Pastor Heart**

What wisdom there is in age. What a joy this book was to read. Though I have some stark differences in doctrine and practice from this book. The wisdom of caring for people Senkbeil has is vast. One of the most helpful chapters was on how a pastor is like a sheepdog and Christ is the Mighty Shepherd. Like a sheepdog, a pastor should serve willingly and joyful the Lord even if he is not given the full picture. A sheepdog will do whatever is asked of it with no questions and humbly guides sheep here and there, wherever and whenever the Great Shepherd tells him. How humbling it is to know I am a slave of Christ only doing as he wishes for his glory and my good.

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### **Please Pray...**

For those who came to our food box distribution event. That the Gospel shared with them will be remembered and acted on through faith in Christ!

That Liz will be able to protect her time in the Word daily. That she will sleep well and have energy.

For strength to love others well (love is patient, kind, does not insist on its own way, love is not irritable or resentful. Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth).

For Rose-Mary, Janet, Pat, and Mij at the nursing home. And for Dani who works there.

For Ivy's health and continued weight gain...but praise God for His grace to her and us!

**Love,**

**Joshua and Liz**

**Eden & Ivy**

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