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Dear Pastor and Praying friends

***1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him:
and I will raise him up at the last day."***

I would like to start by thanking all those who send birthday cards to the family throughout the year. Thank you for thinking of us in this way. They are an encouragement to the whole family, and the kids especially look forward to getting these.

This summer God has given me many opportunities to counsel several people. After listening to people explain their problems, I give them the Gospel. It is often not what they expected or what they wanted, but it is clearly what they need. It seems as if people don't grasp the Gospel anymore. The Bible says, "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God". They want me to take away their problems, but they don't want Christ. I have nothing to offer anybody but Christ.

I had a man who I have been praying for years, stop by my shop. We talked for quite a while. He asked me if I was a good counselor because he wanted me to counsel his girlfriend who has addictions, yet he himself has addictions, too. He could see her need, but not his. I gave him the Gospel, but again, that's not what he wanted. The fact he came to me was answered prayer. We need to pray that the Lord will open their eyes and draw them unto Himself.

I had a good friend here that I have given the Gospel to many times, I saw him yesterday and he told me he had a medical emergency that nearly killed him. I could not pass the opportunity by, so I preached Christ to him. He listened intently; you could tell he was trying to grasp it. I gave him a John and Romans that has marked verses, and he said he would read it. This is another one that needs prayer that God will open his eyes.

Another man who has attended our church once in the past, has recently lost his leg due to an infection. I talk to him often about Christ. He comes from a background steeped in the occult. I visited him in a nursing home in Great Falls and keep in touch with him by phone. I keep preaching, but he is another one who seems not to get it. Pray for him that God would open his eyes, too.

There are many others that I have had the opportunity to witness to. It is certainly one on one here. The two men that I mentioned that were in jail are doing well. Austin got a hold of me, and he is in the Word and beginning to grow. I am trying to get some Bible study material together for him. Tory has been released and is sober, thank God. He is trying to find a place here in Cut Bank to live, and so be able to come to church regularly.

I so desire to see the fruits of our labor. Some of these men I have prayed for since I arrived here. I would so love to see them saved and living for God.

Misheel is our new foreign exchange student. She is from Mongolia. Her grandmother is from the same province of Gobi Altai that we lived in when we were missionaries there. It has been nice having her with us. She is struggling with the English language. Pray for her that she will be able to grasp it better and keep her grades up. Also, that she will understand the Gospel.

I would like you to continue to pray for the church. We are still in a slump. I will be setting up a table at the health fair on the 18 of September. Pray we will be able to reach people. Pray for my daughter, Mercy, and her husband, Isaiah. Mercy is due in October. There is a small concern the doctors have for the baby. We thank you for your prayers - we so need them.

In His Service,
Don McIlvain