

Partner Roundup - May/June 2022



Whitehall, MT

“Hurry Up and Wait.”

Anyone familiar with the military is probably familiar with that term. "Hurry up and wait" aptly described our Spring 2022. In December, doctors found I (Phil) had a new bladder cancer and then I waited several weeks for surgery due to the holidays and COVID. Instead of leaving in April for Montana, I had to wait to get through six weeks of follow-up treatments to hopefully

prevent the cancer from coming back. Then, instead of leaving in May, I had to wait six more weeks for the bladder to heal from the treatments before the doctor gave us the “All Clear” in June.

We arrived in Whitehall June 15th, and have been waiting all winter for God to reveal the long-term parking spot for our trailer. He thankfully answered that prayer within the week and we are currently parked on a ranch a short drive away from Whitehall.

Next, we begin sowing the Gospel in the Jefferson Valley of Whitehall, but now we wait on The Lord of the Harvest – Jesus, to send partners to labor with us and draw our new neighbors to Him. We labor under no illusions that growing a Gospel Community in Montana is going to be easy. One primary reason churches in Montana tend to be small is because ministry in Montana is HARD!

Therefore, your ministry as Gospel *Prayer* Partners is so critical – God answers prayers and He honors our faithfulness to the Gospel!



Tobacco Root Mountains, Whitehall, MT

Lives Touched

Pray for Jodi, 11 days sober, going through a major spiritual awakening, and seeking recovery. Her husband died a couple years ago, so she has experienced much grief. She also lost most of her household furniture in the recent flooding.



June 2022 hailstorm, Whitewood, SD

Dooley Adventures

In route to Montana we parked overnight at Black Hills Baptist Church in Whitewood, South Dakota. We could tell a storm was brewing and were getting severe storm warning alerts on our phones. Within 10 minutes of getting the 5th wheel trailer set and truck parked, we were in the middle of the largest hailstorm we've ever experienced! Hail up to golf ball size

was raining down and it was so loud inside the 5th wheel, we could barely hear each other speak. It stopped and started back up 4 times and each time the winds were blowing in from a different direction! Phil had the bright idea to put 2 exercise (yoga) mats on the hood of the truck, so the truck only suffered a half dozen dings. The hail took out a skylight in the 5th wheel which Phil temporarily repaired (duct tape to the rescue!) but, considering other people around us had their windshields taken out, we felt blessed we did not suffer anything worse!



*Dave & Sarah Moody & Phil & Laura Dooley,
Continental Divide, Butte, MT*

Gospel Partner Vision

When we launched Gospel Planting Partners "GPP", we believed God would use this ministry to get others personally involved in missions. We rejoice seeing God fulfill that facet of our ministry. As God leads and enables, contact us about opportunities to come serve!

Praises

- Positive medical reports for Phil.
- Safe travels to Whitehall MT. Hailstorms and tornados that made national news only dinged us up a little.
- God's multifaceted financial provision! The going rate for an RV park nearby is \$400/week and we found a friendly rancher who will let us park for \$400/month. Thank you for your generosity!!!
- David and Sarah Moody, our "Gospel Hauling Partners," brought my motorcycle here so we have two sets of wheels (one that gets 50 MPG). We are so grateful for them obeying a spiritual prompting.
- New local partners, Brent and Sarah Harrison rented a house in Whitehall and arrived two days ahead of us. They have their own ministry helping small churches with worship music (CoveredWorshipServices.com) and are excited to work alongside us in planting the Gospel. What a blessing!!!

Prayer Requests

- Phil will have monthly chemo treatments in MT. Pray for his body to tolerate them and for the cancer not to come back.
- Favor with Whitehall residents and for God to grow a Gospel Community here.
- Our partner, Expedition Church, who has been sending mission teams to Whitehall the past 3 years, as they serve their own community in Livingston which was devastated by the flooding along the Yellowstone River.

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