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Three Months in Montana...

It's hard to believe we've already been in Montana for three months! In some ways, it feels like we just arrived. In other ways, Bozeman is already beginning to feel like home.

When we first arrived, we knew that these early months would be about much more than unpacking boxes and learning our way around town. They would be about putting down roots, meeting people, building relationships, and preparing for the future launch of our church.

And that is exactly what we've been doing!

Putting Down Roots

One of the greatest blessings has been the neighborhood where God placed us. We moved into a neighborhood that already has a strong sense of community, and that has given us some natural opportunities to begin getting to know people.

In just three months, we've participated in two neighborhood cookouts, invited two families into our home for dinner, and had countless conversations with neighbors. Our kids have also quickly made friends and connections throughout the neighborhood.

We've tried to be intentional about simply being present in our community. That has meant spending time at the park, riding bikes around the neighborhood, attending community events, and finding activities where our kids can meet other families.

The kids participated in a Kids Run through the streets of Bozeman, Barrett is playing flag football, and Shaylee begins volleyball this month. Each of these may seem like small things, but every activity gives us another opportunity to meet someone new and become a part of the community God has called us to reach.

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An Answer Before the Prayer Was Barely Finished

Recently, Seth had been praying specifically about two men in our neighborhood. He had met them, but he was asking God to provide an opportunity to move beyond simply being neighbors and begin developing genuine friendships with them.

Just a few minutes later, Seth headed outside for a bike ride. As he left the house, one of the very men he had just been praying for was standing outside our home talking with another neighbor. Seth stopped and joined their conversation.

Before the conversation ended, something unexpected happened. Seth was invited to go hiking the very next morning—with the two men he had just been praying about!

The next morning, they hit the trail together, giving Seth several hours to begin building relationships with these men. It was such a simple reminder that God was already at work before we ever walked out the door.

We don't know where these relationships will lead, but our prayer is that genuine friendships will grow and, in time, God will provide opportunities to share the Gospel.

Sometimes church planting looks like preaching to a room full of people. And sometimes it looks like going on a hike with your neighbors.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for 101 conversations. We have set a goal of having 101 meaningful conversations before completing Phase 1. Pray that God will place people in our path and help us recognize the opportunities He provides.
- Pray for connections. Ask God to continue opening doors for meaningful relationships within our neighborhood and throughout Bozeman. Pray specifically that He will give us natural opportunities to move from introductions, to friendships, to conversations about faith and the Gospel.
- Pray for Shaylee and Barrett. Pray as they continue adjusting to a new school, new routines, and new friendships. Ask God to use their school, sports, and activities to help them develop strong friendships and open doors for our entire family to connect with others.