

June update

Dear Friends,

Last October, we received an encouraging note from a friend. With it she included a poem by Phillips Brooks (1835 – 1893), an eloquent preacher, a very tall man, beloved by children, and author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The Brooks' poem she sent was: "*Consecration*"

*Ready to go, ready to wait,  
Ready for a gap to fill;  
Ready for service, small or great,  
Ready to do His will.*

That poem was helpful for us. I hope it speaks to you too.

Answering the "*ready to go*" has been a quite process. We realized we would be "*ready to go*:"

- if we sensed the Holy Spirit was motivating this call,
- if we were invited,
- if we were sent by Peace,
- if we were called by Rocky Mountain Presbytery,
- if we had prayer support,
- if we had our children's blessing.

Each of these has been answered: "Yes."

Now we are "*ready to go*" when I have completed my official time at Peace and we have both raised our financial support and sold our home.

This is my last month to serve Peace as Senior Pastor. I wrote my resignation letter this week. **Please pray for Peace. I have great love and hopes for this church.**

I also wrote to our members and regular attenders to ask if they would **financially support us** (the letter is attached if you would like to read it). Rocky Mountain Presbytery has approved a 5.5 year budget of \$900,000 for the Helena Project. Of that, about \$600,000 has already been accounted! Now, as our Peace family decides what they will give above their regular gifts, please pray that God will direct them.

We have also submitted our "**pledge card**" picture and text to Mission to North America. Here is the picture we will use (in ascending order: Micah, Isaac, Jesse, Noah, Via/Ginny, Steve). Please pray for us as we gather addresses. We hope to send our pledge card to many – and "grace" refrigerators across the land!



Now are you "*ready?*" Some of you have told me you are. **If you or your church wants to support a missionary (us!) to Helena, Montana, please send us:**

- your **mailing address** (if you would like to receive a hard copy of the pledge card and other materials describing the Helena Project);
- or let us know that you would prefer to receive the material by **e-mail**.

Let us know at [marmystar@aol.com](mailto:marmystar@aol.com) or [steveb@peacepca.org](mailto:steveb@peacepca.org). I will also attach a document about how to give **tax deductible gifts** through our denomination.

If you are not yet ready to make a financial commitment and simply want more information about the Helena Project, let us also know that too – and the manner (mail or e-mail) by which you want to receive it. We hope to meet with as many as we can face to face. **We cannot go unless you (those who the Holy Spirit impresses to partner with us in a financial way) send us.**

We have also been taking steps to **sell our home**, 209 Depot, Fuquay-Varina. Although we moved to the area in 1988, as we realized that God had blessed us with the gift of having and raising children, we decided to invest in an old (1913 we later learned) “fixer-upper” in 1993. We bought it as a duplex. Originally, we knew it had been a boarding house. We did not know that it had been built as one of seven hotels and boarding houses to accommodate the increasing “traffic” that came to enjoy the health benefits of Fuquay Springs. What a great place it has been to raise our family.



Of course, the projects inside and outside have been numerous. Here are the dormer and enclosed porch we added. In May we updated both bathrooms – gutting one to make it a master bath with two sinks etc. Thanks for your prayers. Again, I've grown in my respect for the connecting skill and remarkable patience it takes to be a carpenter, electrician, tile installer, and especially, plumber (plumbers did save civilization!). The master bath is complete – and other projects face us. Right after Jordan and Claire's July 1 wedding, we will put the house on the market. **Pray for a buyer** who will enjoy this house and be able to use it well – and perhaps have the resources to complete the restoration.



As part of the sale of our home, please pray for our **yard sale** this Saturday, 6/3. Please pray for the “**rummage sale**” next weekend (6/9, 10) at church to benefit the Helena Project.

Please pray for **Jordan and Claire** as they prepare for their wedding, 7/1/06. Sometime ask us about their dramatic engagement. Claire has finished nursing school and is studying for her exams. Jordan is now on salary – supervising painting crews for residential projects in the Chattanooga area. They have asked me to marry them – here at Peace. The rehearsal dinner will be at our home.

Pray for the **PCA. Our General Assembly** will be in Atlanta 6/20-23. I will be attending. Pray that God will help me make contacts there too. I'll be staying with Jared, Rebekah and Jackson in their new home.

And pray for **Helena**. For the second year they have had generous spring rains. In a very dry climate that is a blessing from God. One store owner with whom I talked said that business, although brisk at the beginning of the year, has fallen off. Summer months bring tourists. Pray for a healthy economy.

Blessings in Christ,

Steve Bostrom

Attachments: June 06 Letter to the Congregation; How to Give to the Bostroms and the Helena Project.