

Bostrom Prayer Team
March Prayer Letter

Dear friends,

Before we inform you of answers to prayer and identify some requests, we want to give you the prayer one of our Montana team members sent to us.

Great Lord Jesus, You are truly from the Father and you are the only real man who ever truly lived. You atoned for us, former enemies, and achieved our sonship. May you in sovereignty and compassion reach further into our West, namely Helena, sending your servants the Bostroms to shepherd and evangelize, that you might bring great renown to your name, and Love toward our Father! By your powerful Holy Spirit we ask this, and rest in your plans. Amen.



Amen.

Some answers to your prayers:

1. Our Lord asked we pray that laborers be sent out to harvest. We asked you to pray: "Is it clearly His will that the Bostroms be sent to Helena?" 1/27 the Rocky Mountain Presbytery voted to call us (when funds are raised) to plant a church in Helena, MT. Thank you for praying!
2. We asked you to pray for church planters like Eddie and Doug, our two former associate pastors who are planting Christ Our Redeemer Presbyterian Church here in Cary. Attendance is up. Pray that they can find a new location to rent.
3. We asked you to pray for the church planters in Rocky Mountain Presbytery in particular - that they will "coach" us through this endeavor. Shane Sunn, pastor of St. Patrick's in Greeley, volunteered to be my mentor. Pray for us as we begin to develop a friendship.
4. We asked you to pray for the development of our prayer team. Nearly 200 are on the team now. Amazing! God is at work. Thank you again for praying.
5. We asked you to pray for our trip to Orlando for the "big" church planting seminar 1/30 - 2/3. We enjoyed traveling mercies and time with family. We learned much (you should see our notebook!), made new friends - and renewed old friendships - even as you prayed.
6. We asked you to pray for Peace. The prayers, support, encouragement and patience Peace has generously given us have continued. 2/11, we had an excellent all day meeting of elders and deacons. 25 men gathered for the whole day - genuinely eager to do the work we had before us. I marveled.
7. We asked you to pray for the Bostroms. We need God's grace. We have received much. Jordan moved to Chattanooga and immediately found work. Thanks for praying for him. Thanks too for praying for Micah as he began a dual enrollment for home school high school and Wake Tech. Please pray for Micah, Noah, Jesse and Isaac since they are all playing organized soccer now.
8. **Thank God with us again for such generous answers.**

Requests/Praise:

1. **Pray for Peace.** Sunday, 2/19, was my first opportunity to speak to Peace after being officially called by Rocky Mountain Presbytery. I briefly spoke to what will happen in this new phase. Session also wrote a letter about the transition (<http://www.peacepca.org>). I've been spending more time with each staff member. The proposal we are working with has me:

- working for Peace and Helena through April,
- raising funds full time beginning in May.

I've been at Peace for 18 years. Saying goodbye will be difficult. I'll be preaching from 2 Cor. 5:16-21 through 4/23. May God continue to prosper His gospel at Peace.

2. **Praise for fund raising** – Jesus told us (Mt. 6:8): “*Your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.*” Little did we know what God would do for us before we even asked! On 2/3, Jason Barrie, the associate pastor at one of the two PCA churches in MT – the Rocky Mountain Community Church in Billings, let us know that RMCC would set aside \$25k for the work in Helena! We were greatly encouraged. Jason also indicated that the Billings church plans to continue its financial support of the work significantly for the next 4 years. We are very humbled and grateful at such exceeding generosity. Thank God for their commitment to church planting in MT.
3. **Pray for fund raising.** We still need to put together a budget and have it approved. There are many details to address. We are eager to create a brochure and letter that describe what God is calling us and others to do in church planting in Helena. And we need to put together a mailing list. We have many questions regarding fund raising. Ask God to give us wisdom. Would God bless us and let us raise funds so that we could move by late summer?
4. 3/1-3 I will fly to Atlanta – to be with Jared, Rebekah and Jackson for one night – **to be interviewed for General Assembly Mission to North America approval 3/2.** Please pray for God’s will in this meeting. If I am approved, we will have wider credibility and more support services from GA MNA.
5. **We are getting our home ready to sell. Pray that by June we can complete:**
 - sorting through “stuff”: what needs to be sold [we especially need to find a way to sell many of our books at home and at church] and what will we move to MT,
 - needed repairs.

Pray that we will have wisdom in setting our asking price and that God will be preparing a buyer for this unique, historic 1913 home. It has served us well. Pray that God would give us favor in finding a home in Helena. There is enough growth in Helena that some homes are now selling for more than the asking price.
6. **Pray for Helena.** Even as we pray for a physical home for the Bostroms, pray that present and future residents of Lewis and Clark County (Helena) would recognize their need for a Savior and a church home. Pray that God will prepare “people of peace” (Lk 10:5-9) in Helena who will partner with us and other churches in bringing the good news of Jesus’ kingdom to this capitol city.

