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Dear Friends,

June 14, 2010

Greetings in our gracious Father who has delivered us from the kingdom of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. What joy it is to live under grace rather than under law. Please pray for us saints here in Utah—who live surrounded by people striving to gain acceptance by keeping God's perfect law—that we would stand firm, encouraging each other that the blood of Christ is all of our righteousness, holiness and redemption. This is heavenly love, that Christ would gladly take on Himself all our obligations to God's righteous law and call us to simply walk in grace. There is great temptation here to relapse from our perfect freedom in Christ and trade that freedom for some form of condemnation, human striving, competition, or guilt manipulation, especially when we notice our weakness and failures, or those of the saints or sinners around us. Thanks to those of you who have been praying.

Please pray for God to work out the details of Oasis renovation at our new location. For those of you who are unaware: Oasis Books is a not-for-profit literature mission that looks like a bookstore. We were 18 years at the previous location which had become expensive and cramped. The middle of May we began work renovating the new (110 years old but new to us) and much larger facility in the historic district in the center of downtown Logan at 25 W. Center St., two blocks from Logan High School (1400 students, the vast majority of whom are Mormons), and one half block from the Logan Mormon Tabernacle, which hosts the annual 3-day art fair at which we have spent time witnessing. In the past we have given out tracts at the various parades which pass by the corner near the new location. We couldn't have asked God for a more central and prime location.

The new location is 2.5 time larger (and 10% cheaper). This will allow expanded ministry. We plan to have tables and comfortable chairs for people to relax in to read, study, use free Internet, bring in their lunch from the Great Harvest bread store nearby, play chess or other games, or simply browse more comfortably. We plan to provide free coffee, tea, and popcorn. We desire the space to be available to bless the Christian community here and are constructing a sound-proof room for Bible studies, etc. This will be available all day for groups to use. We are arranging the back of the store area to be easily adapted to a meeting area (up to 140 people). One church will meet there Sunday mornings and a Bible study group (made up mostly of people from a Mormon background) want to meet there on Sunday afternoons. We plan for the facility to be available for saints who want to arrange early morning prayer meetings or evening Bible studies or youth gatherings. For those musically inclined, several brothers want to host a weekly open-mic night.

We are seeking to make the place attractive and inviting. We have installed an art rail along our 85 foot-long brick wall to display artwork by local Christians. The art will be available for sale directly from the artists. There are occasional "Gallery Walks" organized for people to tour the art galleries in the blocks surrounding Oasis. Maybe Oasis can join.

We are planning to construct a kitchen. This should facilitate saints sharing meals together and sharing with the poor who come by. Because of our witness on campus and good relationship with many Mormon students, we expect to see many university students come by to study or talk. We plan to have on site a digital piano, guitar, and other instruments for people to use for gatherings or just enjoy spontaneously playing and/or singing together.

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Please pray for the Lord's hand in helping us finish all the work . . . soon, and for provision for funds to pay for all these things. The new place has a \$2500 higher security deposit than the previous location. We are upgrading the bathrooms to proper wheelchair access, the electrical wiring, lighting, outdoor signs as well as the above mentioned items. About \$8 000 is needed to cover everything. Oasis has not been open to sell anything to help pay bills. If you sense God's leading to help financially, you can send donations to our home office:

Community Christian Ministries 516 S. Main St Moscow ID 83843

Please indicate that the donation is for Oasis. 100% of every gift will go to Oasis for these things.

If you go to our web-site: ccmbooks.org there is a donate button for Paypal. Please indicate for Oasis. The office will send you a tax receipt.

At the website you can also read encouraging articles and listen to encouraging sermons. If you have not read "How to Be Free From Bitterness," you should read it. It has greatly blessed me. Sadly many of God's dear children are hindered by bitterness. If you know someone who is bitter, perhaps you could first read the article and then gently offer it by email or paper copy as a blessing, not a rebuke.

For those of you who live nearby, we are in need of donated items, including an electric range, refrigerator and kitchen cabinets. We do need attractive chairs (especially soft leather ones) for the bookstore area. We want them to coordinate with the color scheme so that Oasis will be an enjoyable looking place for people. If you are refurbishing your home and looking for a good place to donate your good used items, contact us. Maybe what you have will match our need. We also need about 100 nice folding chairs for gatherings. We are also in need of competent volunteer help in the next two weeks to help build, clean and paint. We would like to be open to the public by the end of June. We will have a grand opening celebration in early July. Be looking for when we send out an announcement. We would love for you to be there!

Attached are some photos of the place before and during transformation.

Thank you for your prayers.

In our faithful Lord Jesus Christ,

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If you would prefer to not receive this prayer note, reply with that request. There will be no break in fellowship.

Re: Oasis Has Moved - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2010/6/15 15:30

Hello Alan,

My wife Dina and I were just there on June 1st. We met Brad and his family, along with Eli and Nick. They showed us through the new location (the old Sweet Pea) and gave us a tour around town. I'm sorry we did not get to meet you. We were very blessed by our time with Brad and his family.

makrothumia