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Dear Friends of FACT and the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum,

Christmas is supposed to be a time of celebration and joy as we remember the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, Who took on human flesh, lived among us, died and rose again, so we could be saved from our sins and have a relationship with almighty God.

But at this Christmas season many in California probably don't feel like celebrating, as they deal with the tragic effects of the forest fires that engulfed the state. Entire towns have been lost to the flames, and many people have lost their lives. It can be difficult to find joy amid disasters like this, especially when they strike around the holidays, and it's tempting to ask, "Where is God?"



If and when you face fiery trials in your life, I would encourage you to consider the lodgepole pine. It is native to the western United States and Canada, and was named for its use as the supporting structure in Indian tipis. One of the most interesting features of this fir tree is that its pinecones need intense heat in order to open and release their seeds. The cones have a resin between their scales that only breaks apart when temperatures reach 113 F to 140 F, making the lodgepole among the first trees to repopulate areas after forest fires.

The lodgepole pine is a reminder of God's care and provision for us. He uses trials in our lives for a variety of reasons, including to help us grow in Christ-like character, as we learn to trust Him in difficult situations. We are told in **Nahum 1:7**, "**The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him.**" And we learn in **James 1:2-3** that we are to, "**Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.**"

Our prayers go out to those affected by the fires, and we pray that God will work through this tragedy to spread the seeds of the Gospel in California and throughout the world.



Christmas Hours 2018

Please come see us at the museum this Christmas. We will be open on **Saturday, December 22**, and **Friday-Saturday, December 28-29**, from 10am-5pm each day. We are very close to reaching a record year in terms of attendance, and you could help us to hit that mark!



This Christmas, we are offering you a way to support the museum—and to get a little piece of Eastern Montana—by purchasing one of our **Glendive Discovery Bags**, created by Martha Lohman.

The bags contain at least two pieces of fossilized bone, a piece of fossilized turtle shell and petrified wood and a concretion—all found on our digsite or area ranches. The cost of each bag is \$9.99 plus \$5 S/H for 1 bag, \$7.50 S/H for 2-5 bags or \$15 S/H for 6+ bags. To order, simply fill out the donation form with your name and address, specify the number of bags you would like, enclose your check and send to FACT, PO Box 684, Glendive, MT 59330. You can also order online at www.creationtruth.org/store. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 406-377-3228, and we will be glad to help you. Thank you in advance for your support!

This past summer I was named vice president of FACT. This vote of confidence by Robert and the board is literally a dream come true. For years it has been my desire to be part of a creation apologetics organization. It is now my honor to be part of the leadership team of FACT and to help steer this ministry into the future. I also look forward to serving you.



There is much to be mindful of as we continually gauge the disposition of the culture and the church, and look ahead to coming challenges. Though I feel underequipped for the task, I am greatly encouraged by the reminder of God's faithfulness in all things he ordains to bear fruit. And seeing how God has clearly worked through Otis, Miriam, Robert and the volunteers through the years gives me great cause for hope and optimism for the future. I would also appreciate your prayers as we seek God's wisdom in all we do.

It has been my experience that many people struggle to integrate theology, science and sound philosophy into every area of their lives. While our focus at the museum is defending the accuracy and authority of the Bible, specifically as it relates to God's creation of the world (paleontology, biology and anthropology) and the global flood of Noah (geology and taphonomy), our purpose is to equip every visitor with a sound historical foundation for a Biblical worldview and to proclaim the Gospel through the creation message.

Finally, we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary this summer and would love to know what God has done in your life through the work of this ministry. If you have been to the museum and/or on one of our dinosaur digs, would you tell us how it impacted your life? We'd also value your input regarding the ministry's future and how we can serve you better in the years to come. If you would like to do this, just shoot Robert or me an e-mail with your story.

Grace be with you,
Tommy

Thank you for your continued support! As our way of saying thanks, anyone donating in December will receive a free gift. Have a wonderful Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, and may God richly bless you and yours as you seek to serve and glorify Him!

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