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Christmas 2020

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

Christmas reminds us that apart from God we can do nothing. This may not sound like a traditional Christmas encouragement, but without God sending His only Son, Jesus, to this world we would continue in the darkness of sin and death as we are unable to save ourselves.

God also reminds us at Christmas of our need for each other. From Mary, who willingly suffered scorn as a pregnant unmarried teenager, to the shepherds, who left their flocks in the field to see this new savior and proclaimed the new king throughout the land, we have examples of those God used to bring about His purposes for humanity.



God uses His creation to speak these truths as well. In a 2015 article in *Scientific American*, a symbiotic relationship among trees is described. Douglas Fir and Paper Birch are examples of this relationship. The trees use fungus in the ground to transfer nutrients back and forth. Paper Birch aid young Douglas Fir seedlings as they are getting their start and the Douglas Fir returns the favor in spring and fall when the Paper Birch



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have no leaves. What an amazing system of God taking care of His creation through each tree helping the other!

Throughout the epistles, Paul describes the beneficial relationships God established to help Paul spread the gospel throughout the world. Priscilla and Aquila are described as "risking their own necks" to help Paul. While we are not sure exactly what they did in this situation, they were extremely valuable to Paul.

The work of the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum would likely not continue without each of you. From prayer, to financial support, to volunteering in the museum, to visiting and sharing the museum with others, you are all vital members of the team as we share the truth of God's creative work and His gospel message.

Romans 16:3-4

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

I want to participate in the ministry of the Foundation Advancing Creation Truth (FACT) by: Praying for the ministries of FACT	Thank You for choosing to support FACT. Without your prayers and support, we could not
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Hands-on Experience by Tommy Lohman

What is the best part of doing paleontology work? All of it! From the discovery of a fossil, to patient excavation, to careful lab prep and to making a display, each step is fulfilling.

In 2018, we started a new paleontology program called "Dig and Fossil Prep." The goal of this program is to give our guest diggers a close-to-real-life experience and to do it all in one day. While there are exceptions, we want our guest diggers to take home a fossil that reflects their full experience. Some of what has made this program successful was the purchase of a new abrasive blasting machine and micro-jack (mini jackhammer).

After a morning of hard work, we settle into the lab for an afternoon of fossil prep and conversation. It is quite a sight to see the look on a boy or girl's face at the end of a full day as they put the finishing touches on their fossils. These are moments we treasure at the museum and are often the substance of fond stories retold as we reflect upon the doors God opens for us and His work.

Would you consider joining us for a dig in 2021? Simply go to www.creationtruth.org/digs for more information.

May you find peace in the midst of the storms of life and joy in service for the kingdom of God. Merry Christmas!

Museum Book Now Available!

Due to the diligent work of Rebecca Oliver, we now have a book available that highlights the museum's message and exhibits! You can order a copy through our website at www.creationtruth.org, or simply by sending \$29 (\$24 plus \$5 shipping) to FACT, PO Box 684, Glendive, MT 59330. Please include the slip below, so we have your current mailing address for shipping purposes.



Christmas Hours

You have one more opportunity to visit the museum this year as we will be open on Saturday, December 19 and 26 from 10am-5pm. Consider the museum giftshop as a source for Christmas presents this holiday season.

This past summer, we passed 100,000 visitors to the museum. Praise God! While our total number of visitors was down, we are thankful for those who did make the trip to the museum. We heard several great reports of lives impacted by the message of truth presented by the exhibits. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

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