



## Winter 2025-2026

As we begin yet another New Year here in Cordova, we are reminded at how blessed we are, and how much God has done in these past few years! A lot has changed, but our goal of glorifying Him has remained the same! *1Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

We first wanted to say a big THANK YOU for all of the gifts, extra offerings, messages, etc. that we have received during this time. We are overwhelmed by the goodness of God's people! We have had a good holiday season, although a slow one. The coast guard boat here has been out on different jobs a lot of the time, which takes with it a good portion of our folks. Those left back home have had a good bit of sickness traveling around as well. As I write this, our family is going through a battle with the Flu (all seem to be on the mend, Praise the Lord). Sickness has travelled through many families here in Cordova the past month or two, including some in our church. Despite this, the Lord has continued to bless the church with new people coming through. Another new young coast guard wife and child have been attending lately. With a history of Catholicism mixed with a big influence of paganism inside the home, there is much work to be done here! Pray that the Holy Ghost will do His work of opening their eyes and drawing, and that I would be obedient to preach what Thus Sayeth the Lord!

We were able to have our Bible table as planned at our town's annual Christmas Bazaar. This is always a good time to meet folks and make an impact. We were able to give out many Bibles, again to some who have never had one before. I was able to make some connections with two young Mormon missionary men that are here in town for a few months. They are open to coming by for a Bible study at some point, praying the Lord works there. We also were able to get a King James Bible into the hands of the new Catholic priest that has come to town. He told some of the young people in our church giving out the Bibles that he had never had just a regular (non-Catholic) Bible before. He took it excitedly! No telling what God can do with that! Pray the Lord continues to work the seed in these tough fields He has chosen to have us plant in! I was encouraged during this time. Last year, it was myself, my wife, and my children at the table. This year, we were all there of course, but we had 3 young folks from the church helping as well, who each had their own connections, and were able to talk to people that we would not be able to. It is exciting to see some growth, both in number, but also in spiritual maturity in these young families!

I closed last prayer letter mentioning a special prayer request. The Lord has since closed this door. We are thankful for an answer, although maybe not the answer we had hoped for. There is a building in town that has sat vacant for years. The original Cordova school building. The building is honestly, from my opinion, worthless. Needs to be torn down most likely. However, the property is sitting on six city lots right in the middle of town. I had contacted the owners a couple years ago inquiring about it. Right before the last prayer letter, I got a call from one of the owners letting me know they wanted to give the entire place to our church! For free! I was blown away, but anxiously waiting for all the details to be sure before I shared too much. It is owned by 3 lawyers, 2 were on our side, 1 was not. The one that was not, convinced another, and therefore, my original caller was out voted. We are of course disappointed, but excited to see what else the Lord has in store for us.

Much to my surprise, our landlord for the church building renewed our lease for another year without raising the rent! We are very thankful for God's provision!

Please pray for us as we host our church's first one day winter VBS next month! We currently have over 30 children signed up! We have a family on deputation for Help's ministry, the Caleb Hewett family, coming up from the south to help us the entire month of February, and obviously help with the VBS as well. Pray for them as they travel, and that their time here will be fruitful! We are excited for a big year ahead and looking for God to do great and mighty things!