



Thursday, May 14, 2020

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you. -- Philippians 1.3-4

My Dear Friends,

I write to express my deepest gratitude for the love, commitment, prayers, gifts, and support you have provided Glacier Camp since the outbreak of the COVID19 pandemic.

The situation at Glacier Camp, in the days immediately following the imposition of social distancing and shelter in place requirements, was very grim. In the course of only two days, three months worth of guest groups (and the revenue they provided to sustain our ministries), vanished. I feared for the future of the camp and its ministry.

Of course, the gospel -- as it can be condensed into just two words -- is a message which commands us to "fear not." And the promise of grace is that God, in God's ever-gracious providence, will provide for our needs. In the more than thirty years of my ministry, I have preached about this many times. But the lesson you have taught me across the span of these past eight weeks affirmed that promise more clearly than a thousand sermons.

Since those uncertain days in mid-March, the Camp has received more than \$70,000 in gifts from seven congregations and 53 individuals. We continue to receive more gifts and expressions of support almost daily. Your generosity and your willingness to partner with us has made it possible to sustain our ministry as we journey through this corona-virus wilderness. I am so very grateful.

I personally wish to thank Rev. Beth McCaw and the Glacier Presbytery Cabinet for their leadership in articulating and disseminating the Camp's needs in the midst of this crisis. And I would share my most sincere thanks to all of you for your sustaining commitment to the Camp and its ministry. You are such a blessing to me!

With grace and peace,

Rev. Tim Lanham, Director