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

Evidence for the global Flood described in Genesis abounds in the fossil record. One such example from the Glendive area is also our newest exhibit: Margie, the Struthiomimus. Margie was found in 1997 and is one of the best Struthiomimus skeletons ever found. We have had her on display for several years as an “in-situ” (how the bones lay in the ground prior to excavation) cast, but—thanks to museum artist Melanie Richard and a local ranching family—we now have an articulated cast skeleton and a full-size model to complete the display.

Margie’s in-situ position, with her neck arched backwards—often referred to as the “death pose”—strongly points to a water death. Paleontologists have long proposed various scenarios to explain the arched-neck burial of many dinosaurs, birds and some mammals. According to a study published in New Scientist, this posture usually occurs when a dead animal is submerged in water. Researcher Alicia Cutler stated, “Although the roads to the...death pose are many, immersion in water is the simplest explanation.”¹ Since articulated dinosaur skeletons are found in this position around the world, a universal, catastrophic water event like Noah’s Flood easily explains the phenomenon. As Occam’s razor puts it, “The simplest (or most obvious) answer is usually the best.”

Margie’s skull was imbedded in her chest cavity, which also indicates a traumatic burial. During the Flood, wave after wave of waterborne sediments swept over the globe, burying creatures in mud and sand hundreds or thousands of feet deep. The power of the floodwaters and the tremendous weight of these layers would explain many of Margie’s altered features.

Everything in our museum proclaims messages like this, and we’re truly grateful for the support of friends like you, which enables us to display such world-class exhibits that point people to the truth of the Bible. In Acts 13:32-33, as Paul preached to the Jews in Antioch, he said, “We bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.” Just like Paul, our hope is that our visitors will consider the trustworthiness of God’s promises, which will ultimately lead them to Jesus.

God always keeps His promises!

Summer is quickly approaching, and summer means “dig season” for us at the museum. We offer a genuine fossil excavation experience, where you have the opportunity to dig up the fossilized bones of dinosaurs like *Triceratops*, *Edmontosaurus* and *T. rex*, as well as of turtles, crocodiles and fish. We also explain the Flood’s impact on the Glendive-area geology and how dinosaur fossils came to rest in eastern Montana. To schedule a dig (or just to ask questions), visit our museum page (www.creationtruth.org/digs), or e-mail our dig supervisor Tommy Lohman at tommy@creationtruth.org. In making your plans, please include enough time to tour the museum (included in your dig fee). You will be glad you did!

For those who may be interested in a deeper creation science experience this summer, please consider serving as a summer intern with the museum. We are currently looking for young people (minimum age is 18) to serve from early June to mid-July. We would love to have you for six weeks, but would be glad to work with your schedule.

This internship is demanding, but rewarding. Your main task will be working with Tommy and his wife Martha, getting the dig site ready for our guest diggers, and assisting them in finding and excavating dinosaur bones. In the process, you will get to do some digging for fossils, as well. In addition, we will also need you to assist a few days a week with various jobs in the museum. This may include explaining exhibits to our museum guests and sharing about your digging experiences, as well as possibly helping to prep dinosaur bones for display. If this sounds appealing to you, or you know a young person who might enjoy this experience, please contact Robert (robert@creationtruth.org) or Tommy (tommy@creationtruth.org). We would be glad to talk with you about this unique opportunity, which offers “the experience of a lifetime.”

Thank you again for your partnership with us, as we continue to grow our museum and dig opportunities. With God’s grace, and your ongoing financial and prayer support, we will keep challenging our visitors to consider the life-changing message of the Gospel via the facts of science. May the Lord abundantly bless you, and as the weather warms up, please come see us this spring or summer!

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