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

While the weather outside may be freezing, inside the museum we are busy preparing for another season of creation science outreach. This is also the time of the year when we seek to line up volunteers to serve alongside us. Could you be one of them?

You may ask, “Since I don’t even like dinosaurs, why would I volunteer at a dinosaur and fossil museum?” In fact, many of our current volunteers had that exact sentiment, until they realized the impact our work can have for God’s kingdom. You see, people from all over the world drive through Glendive and stop at the museum because of their fascination with dinosaurs! The powerful draw of the “thunder lizards” leads them to pull off the interstate and take a tour, and hear—in many cases, for the first time—the biblical perspective of origins. This new information can cause them to question the commonly-held belief that the universe is merely the result of random/chance processes, with no purpose or meaning. They learn that the God of the Bible is the Creator, Who not only made us but has a plan for His creation and for their lives.

Recently, I (Robert) was visiting with Pastor David Steinbron from the Glendive Evangelical Church. He relayed the following story which highlights the museum’s impact:



“There is no question that dinosaurs are a great wonder. With the dinosaur, God created something that to this day is still tweaking our imaginations. I am amazed at how the Lord continues to use these now-fossilized creatures to make great things happen in people’s lives!

“Last summer a couple came to visit our church. I greeted them and was happy to hear they were sent our way after visiting the museum. At the end of the service they came to me again and asked about some songs we sung. They were traditional hymns, which the lady had never heard before. This led to a conversation where I learned these folks had never been to church.

“They also shared that they were retired and lived in Florida, and I used the contact information they left me to follow up with them when they got back home. They had attended a church each week on the way back, and were now looking for a home church in Florida.

“Here’s the amazing thing: This couple stopped at the museum as they were passing through Glendive simply because of their curiosity about dinosaurs. This led to them hearing God’s Word and coming to faith in Christ. The husband said he had never heard the Truth presented in such a way before and that he had no excuses to keep fighting God’s call. They enjoyed visiting churches all the way home and hearing bible messages each time. Through our little museum here in Glendive, God is using dinosaurs to bring people to salvation in Christ! To God be the glory!”

Please keep this couple in your prayers and pray that others like them who visit the museum will consider Jesus Christ and the life-changing transformation He can make in their lives as they trust in Him!

The Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum has had many volunteers throughout the 10 years we have been open. Some have helped us for a short time, and others have been fully invested from the beginning until now. Dick and Mary Lou McLees are two who started on the first day the museum opened—and even after some medical scares—still volunteer at least half a day every week.



The McLeeses started out working five days a week at the museum. They recall getting excited about the prospect of helping when founder, Otis Kline, gave them a tour even before the exhibits were in place. (Otis routinely took curious individuals on tours and explained what was going to be displayed in each area.)

Admittedly not very outgoing, Mary Lou struggled at first. However, as she learned the ropes, she quickly gained confidence (and she knew that she could always forward questions to the museum director if needed). Dick, on the other hand, had no problem talking to visitors, but acknowledges that it took some time to learn about the different exhibits and especially the names of various creatures. And even this wasn't really a problem, because he could always point visitors to the excellent signage throughout the museum.

One of the primary responsibilities of our volunteers is to protect the exhibits. Dick recalls that when the museum first opened there was no glass in the Bible Room to shield the displays. A volunteer always had to be stationed there since valuable items like the 1611 King James Bible were unprotected. While our historic Bibles are now under glass, our helpers continue to ensure that our exhibits stay safe, so visitors can enjoy them for generations to come. (Dick adds that many guests have told him the Bible Room is their favorite exhibit.)

Dick and Mary Lou both love the way the museum glorifies God and challenges the assumptions of those who question the biblical account of origins. If you live in the area, they would love you to consider serving with them here—whether it's a half or full day each week, every day or just a few times throughout the season. Feel free to contact either Tommy Lohman or me, or speak to a local pastor about the importance of the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum and how you might be involved. And if you know of someone you think might be a good fit to volunteer, please encourage them to contact us.

Spring Hours Begin!

This year's opening day for the museum will be **Friday, March 13, 2020**, and it will be open on Friday and Saturday from 10am-5pm through April. Summer hours (Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-5pm) will begin on **May 5, 2020**, and run through Labor Day. Whether you've visited us before or not, we would love for you to drop by! Half-day and full-day dinosaur dig dates are still also available this summer. Please contact Tommy for more information.

Thank you for your prayers and support, and please pray with us that God will raise up the museum volunteers we need this year to help reach people for Christ. May the Lord abundantly bless you!

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