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

Recently, I saw the following quote, “Can we reboot 2020 since it seems to have a virus?” Needless to say, the start to 2020 has been anything but smooth! While Eastern Montana has been hit with low oil, grain and cattle prices, here at the museum we have been trying to deal with the effects of Covid-19 on the health and well-being of many of our generous friends and supporters.

All of this reminds me of the fallenness of our world. God created everything “very good,” which means everything was perfect: no death, disease or violence. Adam and Eve’s sin changed all that, and the world went from perfect to fallen. Death, disease and violence became the sad new realities of our world.

Our museum is filled with fossils—“dead things”—some of which even show signs of disease and violence. Recently, Tommy excavated a Triceratops vertebra that appears to have bite marks from a T. rex. It’s an impressive specimen, but one which reminds us that the world is not what it was meant to be.

Praise God that nothing catches Him off guard! Before sin ever entered the world, He had a plan to fix what would go wrong and restore His perfect creation. May this current confrontation with disease remind us not to look to our circumstances, but to the One who has everything under control—and will ultimately, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, make all things new again!

Revelation 21:5
And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Thank You!
Good news! Due to your generous support, the museum was able to install a new security camera system, as well as purchase alligator, turtle and possum skeletons, which will be emplaced in the days ahead. All of this was accomplished in early January—well before the effects of not being able to open when we had planned began to hit us. Thanks to all who made these things possible! Now, for those in a position to do so, we would ask for your financial assistance to help us make it through this difficult time. We know it’s rough going for many today and simply ask those who are able to contribute what you can. We would greatly appreciate it.
Volunteer Spotlight—Paul & Lorraine Malone

Paul and Lorraine have volunteered at the museum from the time it opened 10 years ago. Paul has served as our gift shop manager and filled-in as needed throughout our busy summer months. Lorraine has been a consistent volunteer, often filling weekly shifts through the summer, providing lunch support and working half-days at times. As a teacher, Lorraine realized she could help at the museum during the summer months and, beyond that, has made herself available whenever she is able.

At first, Lorraine struggled with the names of the dinosaurs, but with diligence and time she’s been able to learn the titles of the exhibits. Working at the museum has also helped her recognize how much she was influenced by evolutionary teaching as a child and enabled her grow in her knowledge of a biblical view of origins. She has told us that her view of Noah’s flood has changed dramatically. She now realizes it wasn’t the “cute,” storybook event she learned in Sunday School, but a massive worldwide catastrophe that re-shaped the face of the entire earth! And this has given her a better understanding of geology, dinosaurs and fossils, and how they came to be.

Lorraine would encourage others to prayerfully consider volunteering at the museum whenever they can. You don’t have to be an expert on dinosaurs—just willing to let the Holy Spirit work through you, as God brings people through. And what better place to spend some time growing in your knowledge of God’s Word!

Summer Hours

After a rocky start to the season, with all the business closures due to Covid-19, our plan now is to open the museum on **Tuesday, May 5, 2020**, and run through Labor Day from **10am-5pm** daily. **Fall hours (Fridays & Saturdays from 10am-5pm)** will begin on **September 11** and run through the **end of October**. Of course, we will institute increased cleaning throughout the day for our visitors’ safety and peace of mind. Although our dig season has also been scaled back, we still have a few slots available for half-day digs in the middle of July. Please contact Tommy for more information and exact dates on when these digs are available.

We would truly appreciate your prayers and financial support during this difficult time. Our prayer is that all of us, who profess Christ, will be able to keep our eyes focused on Jesus, as He brings us through these current troubles. May our gracious God bless, guide and keep you as you look to Him daily in faith!

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