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**Subject:** Report Form Montana, Randy & Rose Barnes

Hello My Faithful Friends & Supporting Ministers,

It is once again my pleasure to write to you from the great state of Montana. Sometimes the journey gets long and the road gets hot and dry, but my God is faithful in every step of the journey. He has allowed us to serve him here for the last 23 years and many of you have stood with us the entire time. There have been many times along the journey when I wished for somewhere else to serve. God in His mercy has given a few nuggets along the journey to encourage us, to sustain us, and to help us understand there is no place like the center of God's will for one's life. When one is on the inside of a ministry it is sometimes hard to see what is taking place, but when we step outside of ourselves and see what God is doing it makes the hard times more bearable. Before you think I'm giving you some sob story of how miserable our ministry is, let me assure you God has been very, very good to us here. God has taken care of us through folks like you every step of the journey and by his miraculous power and provision. We have been blessed to see many lives changed in our tenure here. Although many have had to leave this area for a multitude of reasons, mostly economical, I feel confident that they have taken what they received here and shared it in their new location. That in itself is very satisfying knowing that they will be able to reach places that I can never go. An example of those nuggets are in the following picture. God allowed me to reach each one of these young man with the gospel of Christ. One has moved to another state, one has moved on to glory, and one is still here on the reservation.



If God let's me live, I will be conducting the wedding in November of a young man who came to our Sunday school when he was just a child. Throughout his teenage years he got involved in drugs, alcohol, and other addictive practices. Sitting on the edge of his bed in Florida with a gun in his hand, seconds away from taking his own life he remembered Pastor Randy telling him that he loved him. He put the gun down, packed his meager belongings and his girlfriend and came home to Montana. Got a job on ranch, and he takes off every Sunday morning so they can be in church. He and Renée have a little girl named June and one more on the way. They told me last week that I was the closest thing they had to family and asked if I would marry them so they could make their relationship right in the sight of God. Another young family who came to our church about five years ago to beg for money. They never got a chance to ask because during the service the Holy Spirit laid on my heart that they were in dire need. I found out later that she was ready to take her own life that morning. While I was preaching I slipped back to the pew they were sitting on and placed a hundred dollar bill in their hand. I had the privilege sometime later to show both of them how they could be saved. Katie taught our Bible study last Wednesday night and while I'm out recovering from knee surgery Mike will take a Sunday morning. They now have good jobs, two children, and a home of their own. One former rodeo rider and one former hunting guide, both men in their mid 50s have begun their relationship with Jesus Christ found here at Faith independent. Nuggets don't come very often here but when they do, glory to our amazing Heavenly Father and his precious son Jesus Christ.

Rose is recuperating nicely from her SI joint fusion surgery, her ministry at the daycare is going well, filling children daily with the love of God. At the end of this month I will be having another birthday. Just like last year, I will be getting a brand-new knee for my birthday present. Those of you who know me, know I spent many years being the Raging Bull. Too many years of abusing this body and working way too many hours have taken its toll. Both shoulders, my back, and now both knees have all been rebuilt, but my God is merciful, he has allowed me to replace muscle and sinew with titanium and steel!

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We love you more than you can know, Randy & Rose Barnes