

# THE BECKLEYS IN PAYSON ARIZONA

## January 2021 Report

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Brethren and friends,

### DOES IT SNOW IN ARIZONA?

I lived in Ohio all of my childhood and teen years and saw plenty of snow, enough to close the schools. But I never saw snow like this. Payson, where we live, lies over mid-way in Arizona and about 5000 feet in elevation. The first 8 to 10 inches was picturesque. I dutifully got out toward the late afternoon and shoveled the snow off the driveway, but the snow kept falling and I was worn out from the shovelling.

During the night and the next day we got another ten inches or so and the tree branches began breaking under the weight of the snow. You can see the small oak tree in the middle of the picture already broken by the snow. By the next day we had accumulated up to 17 inches or more. A large branch broke onto our drive so we could not get out. One of the brothers came in the next day or two and sawed off the branch while I had already shoveled the drive down to the branch. There was no Wednesday class. What a job, but Sunday was coming and I knew we had to get out to go to services. Below is the picture before I started to shovel the second time. I finally got the drive cleared and was able to carefully move around.



After the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 inches shoveled off the drive, it continued to snow

That Sunday we only had five people that were able to get to worship. The following Wednesday was not much better. But after that most of the roads had been cleared. We had about 12 branches in our yard that had to be cut down due to breakage. Our biggest fear was that the electricity would be knocked out since we only have electric heating.

But the snow on the trees was beautiful!

Otherwise, the brethren have been free from the Covid-19 virus and no one's health was affected by the snow. We rejoice in that.

**THE RIM COUNTRY WORK-** The first part of January 2021 was pretty normal, even with a few mild to warm days. Our attendance was reasonable even though we still had some out for surgeries. Our class on Sunday about lying continues to have very good interest. We have had no children's classes on Wednesday due to the covid-19 fear by the non-Christian parents.

The Wednesday class is being taught by Brian Muller. He is doing an excellent job. His purpose is to bring out the theme and significance of the book of Revelation. We spent several weeks on the 7 churches in chapter 2-3.

The sermons for January went like this: An Old Year and a New Year; Sharers in the Gospel (Phil 1:1-11); Blind Sheep (Spiritually of course); O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink (a lesson from the song brethren sing); Living with Difficult Circumstances (Phil 1:12-26). The lessons were well received.

**JOANNE’S THURSDAY LADIES’ CLASSES** - She only had one class last month due to the snow and students’ doctor appointments. We are hoping this next month will be better.

**MY WIFE’S HEALTH** - Joanne is still having to deal with pain. Some Sundays she is hurting so badly she can’t attend. One Sunday she pushed to go, only to have to turn around and go back home leaving me to catch a ride with one of the brethren after worship. Every once in a while she feels up to going to the grocery with me but that is the exception. Keep her in your prayers. Her next doctor’s appointment is in the Phoenix area in March.

**AFRICA** - Zimbabwe’s lockdown has been extended another few weeks (18 days I think). Keep them in your prayers.

Prince Ramaira of South Africa asked for help for some seriously needed car repairs, but thankfully that need has been met by several brethren whom he had contacted.

**Finances:**

| <i>Regular SUPPORT for:<br/>dates are deposit or ck dates</i> | <i>Nov 2020<br/>money, date, ck#</i> | <i>Dec. 2020<br/>money, date, ck#</i> | <i>Jan 2021<br/>money, date, ck#</i>      |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Southside, Somerset, Ky</i>                                | 255 10/30ck#0000500448               | 255 01 ck#0000500468                  | 255 12/31 ck#0000500474                   |
| <i>Oaks -West, Burnet, Tx</i>                                 | 200 19 ck#?                          | 400 28 ck#2071                        | 400 28ck# ?                               |
| <i>Eastside, Baytown, TX</i>                                  | 300 01ck#7968                        | 300 01 ck# 7982                       | 300 01 ck#7997                            |
| <i>Southside, Sulphur Springs Tx</i>                          | ←for yr =500/mo.                     | ←for yr =500/mo.                      | 0   |
| <i>anonymous #5:</i>  | 100 27ck4800?                        | 100 28#?                              | 100 27#?                                  |
| <i>Rim Country church</i>                                     | 2000 29 ck#290                       | 2000 27ck#295                         | 2000 31/ck#301                            |
| <i>Annandale, VA</i>  | ←for 3 mos.                          | ←for 3 mos.                           | 1500 for Jan -Mar..<br>(500/mo.) 11 ck# ? |

The Eastside church sent us a “bonus” check on Jan 2 2021 for \$200. We thank you very much.

brotherly,  
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Notice depth on the neighbor’s roof