

February 23, 2011

Greetings in Christ!

The best laid plans are not always God's plans. We had planned to meet as a Task Force on Monday, the 21st. Our Task Force is made up of very talented people from the Twin Cities, St. Cloud Area, South Dakota, North Dakota, Northern Minnesota, and West Central Minnesota. Some experienced just a few flurries, others experienced 20 inches or more snow. It was a mixed bag. The distances and different life experiences that make the Task Force so good, brought about weather challenges on Monday. One blessing is that we are all of like mind when it comes to the purpose, mission and vision of our Task Force.

Creation and Life issues in the news: *Canadian Family Fights to Keep Boy's Breathing Tube in Place*

The Canadian family of a 13-month-old boy teetering on life support has defied a court order to remove the boy's breathing tube and now are looking to an American hospital for what experts say would be a miracle recovery.

The boy, Joseph Maraachli, has been in a vegetative state at a hospital in London, Ontario, since last fall. He's been treated for a neurodegenerative disease that doctors ruled leaves no hope for the boy. Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/02/22/canadian-family-fights-babys-beathing-tube-place/#ixzz1EjbgscAs>

Paleozoic Scorpion Exoskeleton Gainsays Assigned Age

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Among land-dwelling arthropods, the sheer number of just ants and beetles that live and die each year is phenomenal. And ocean krill exist in even higher numbers. Each of these creatures leaves behind an exoskeleton. If it were not for remarkably efficient exoskeleton-eating microbes, the earth would quickly fill up with arthropod carcasses.

For the first time, scientists have proved that some Paleozoic fossil exoskeletons still contain original, organic, un-mineralized material. Only a miracle could have kept this substance intact for the 300 million years since the insects were supposedly entombed in rock.

To read more: <http://www.icr.org/articles/type/9/>

Nature Watch: Five to seven inches of light and powdery snow fell and then was whipped around by 30 plus mile an hour winds Sunday night through Monday. We are seeing quite a few male pheasants along the side of the road. It's obvious that raccoons came out in the warmth of last week. We've counted at least 6 road kill raccoons along the highways. Also saw a road kill bald eagle this past week. Watch for deer at this time of year. With the heavy snow they are traveling along roadways. We talked to one driver who had a near collision with over a dozen of them just as he came around a bend in the road. They were walking down the highway with 10 foot snow banks on either side of them. We've heard that fishing has slowed down. In shallow lakes this might be because of oxygen depletion

from heavy snow cover. Many game fish will soon start growing their egg sacks in preparation for the spring spawn. They can become aggressive about food during that time. Flood forecasts continue to provide dire warnings. During the warm weather of last week, a great deal of snow melted and is now sitting in road ditches waiting to melt. Anymore significant precipitation could cause major problems both for streams and rivers, but also overland flooding. DNR representatives are advising that we not feed deer at stations as they are concerned about chronic wasting syndrome. A case was recently discovered in southern Minnesota. Crows are starting to be seen more and more. These scavengers are nature's garbage collectors, cleaning up on refuse, road kill and the like.

Program Information: Hear AiG's Dr. Terry Mortenson in Morris, Minnesota, on February 27–28

Dr. Terry Mortenson, an international creation speaker and scholar, will be in Morris, Minnesota, at Morris Area Elementary School and Hosanna Worship Center on Sunday and Monday, February 27–28, 2011. Admission will be free; this event is sponsored by Morris Evangelical Free Church.

Bulletin insert: Grandparents, a perfect gift for your grandchild would be a week at Lutheran Island Camp's Young Scientist or Creation Safari Camp. It could be a confirmation gift, a birthday gift or even a late Christmas present. Signing up before April 1, saves \$20.

From the Task force: This past weekend we were blessed to be able to take 18 people from the Lutheran Island Camp Men's Retreat on a tour of Christ Serve Ranch. The result – we were blessed with at least one person volunteering to help with our forestation program; another who is a science teacher who shared how excited he was that there was an alternative that he could direct his students to; and an individual who has now committed a \$25,000 gift to the purchase of the property. Another gentleman shared that he and several others were working hard to come up with enough for at least one possibly two membership units in the LLC. We thank God that He continues to lead people to support our efforts to purchase the property.

Our Monday Task Force was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

God's Word: ⁵ God's voice thunders in marvelous ways;
he does great things beyond our understanding.

⁶ He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,'
and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.'

⁷ So that everyone he has made may know his work,
he stops all people from their labor. Job 37: 5-7

Prayer List: 1.) Please keep the Task Force in your prayers, especially right now as they are working hard to get the final dollars to be able to move forward with the purchase of the property. 2.) Ask God to lift up those final donors and investors so that we might have the property available for the 300 or more campers scheduled to use it this summer. 3.) Give thanks to God for the people led to volunteer their time, talent and gifts this past weekend. 4.) 5.)

Link of the week: <http://www.creationism.org/sthelens/index.htm>



Resource of the week:
<http://store.icr.org/>

The Genesis Record by Dr. Henry Morris. Available at

Question and Answer:

Question: How close are you to buying the property?

Answer: Very close. We just need your gift or investment. It really is getting down to the point where a very special gift or two or a few more investment dollars will allow us to move forward with a contract through the LLC to purchase the property. It well could be that your gift, pledge, or investment will be the one that puts us into that position.

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