# DEAR PRAY-ER:

Thank-you for joining together with the Calvary family to bring in 2021 and finish our 52-Day Journey with 16 Days of around the clock prayer. It is our goal to cover every hour of the first 16 days of 2021 in prayer. It is my hope that you have or will go to <a href="https://www.praying247.org">www.praying247.org</a> to sign up for one or more hours on one or more days. AND UNLIKE OTHER YEARS, it is our hope that you might consider keeping those hours throughout 2021 as we pray for the revival of the church and an awakening of our neighbors to the love of Jesus. SO...

- 1. Go to <u>praying247.org</u> and sign up for one or more hours on one or more days. We will start at midnight on New Year's Eve.
- 2. Get familiar with the prayer-guide resources. There will be three different resources. Any or all of them can be used; a ONE-HOUR PRAYER GUIDE, a YEAR-IN-REVIEW PRAYER GUIDE, and a final guide with TWELVE CORPORATE PRAYER REQUESTS. Each one is a bit different, but each one will have us praying for the revival of the church and an awakening of our neighbors to the love of Jesus. Guides will be attached to emails but can also be found at <u>calvarysc.org/prayer</u>.
- 3. **Consider spending time every day during the first 16 days of 2021.** When you sign up at praying247.org sign up for the hours you will commit to throughout 2021. (Don't worry, it's easy to change them if you need to do so.) BUT from January 1-16, consider spending time every day using these guides along with the 52-Day Journal. Let's "give God no rest till He comes." (Isaiah 62).

This Prayer guide; and the other two, (One-Hour Prayer Guide and 12 Corporate Requests) are intended to prompt us in prayer. They will lead you through times of prayer for personal breakthrough, corporate revival and an awakening of our neighbors to the love of Jesus. You probably won't be able to pray through any of them in an hour, but feel free to use them multiple times throughout the 16 Days or even the year! Who knows what God will do as together, we spend thousands of hours in prayer, asking God to lead us into the next chapter of our story!

In fact, I hope these guides direct us in prayer and action throughout the year. They are for the whole year, not just for 16 Days. And as you will notice, throughout this hand-out suggestions are given to not only pray but to find ways to be used by God to be an answer to prayer! In fact, this is a great way to find your place in the unfinished story that God is writing in and through your life. Think of this guide as a story-guide! You've heard me talk about our 2030 vision. It's an epic-centre vision and to be honest, I believe 2020 was preparation, a transition to the next chapter where we will...

# See the number of Christ-followers in Central PA double by the year 2030 and in the process catalyze an epic release of leaders who will reach our neighbors, the next generation and the nations.

As I've thought about this last year and 2021, 2030 seems distant, but it goes so fast. When I think back over the last year...so much good has happened in the midst of the hard. So much more good is to come. Let's get started!

Sincerely His! Pastor Dan

# A PLACE TO START

We start with three prayers that have become part of our spiritual journey. One we prayed through our study of the first part of Acts, our "Upside Down Prayer." The other we prayed during our Dry Bones series. The final one is our "Do It Again" prayer. You might use one or more at the start or come back to them at the hand. We pray them together as we turn the page to a new chapter.

# The Upside Down Prayer

Lord, like those in the early days of our movement, I want to be one who turns the world upside down. Even if it means you must turn my life upside down, Lord would you do it again? Even if it means I have to bottom out before I get right-side up, Lord would you do it again? Show me where I'm grabbing control. I relinquish it. Show me what I haven't surrendered. I release it. Show me when you are asking me to take a step of faith. I'll redirect. Show me who you want me to love. I'm ready to share. Turn our world upside down. Even if it requires my upside-down life, Lord would you do it again? Amen.

### Dry Bones, Revive Us Prayer

Father God, you are the God of our valleys and one day every valley will be filled with the knowledge of your glory. But God today, our valleys are full of bones. Our world & our neighborhoods; our church and my heart has bones. We are bringing you our bones. We are proclaiming your Word over our bones. Father we will be still and know that you are God. Jesus you are the Lord of our storms. Spirit you are the breath of God. We are the light of the world. Nothing now can compare with our future glory and nothing can separate us from your love. We are your family. So breathe on us breath of God. Fill us with life anew. We cry out to you. We have nothing to give but dry bones. But our bones we are bringing. Breathe on us breath of God. Fill us with life anew of healers... An army of healers bringing hope to the world. An army of life-givers standing with and for others. Would you amaze us Father? Would you amaze us Jesus? Would you amaze us Spirit of God? Fill our valleys with life. REVIVE US. In Jesus name, Amen.

#### Do It Again, Prayer

God of revival, would you do it again? See us in the midst of our rubble and hear our cries to do it again. We confess our sins, the dryness of our bones, the rubble of our church, and the brokenness of our families and neighborhoods. O God, we need your gracious hand upon us, please do it again.

Like the amazing rebuilding of Nehemiah's day...

Like your promise to Ezekiel to breathe life into dry bones...

Like the power of your Spirit that turned a ragtag group of Jesus-apprentices

into those who turned the world upside down...would you do it again!

What you have done throughout history, would you do now?

What you are doing globally, would you do here?

What you have done through others, would you do through us? Lord, do it again.

Stir our hearts with holy fire. Breathe new life into dry bones. Fill our valleys with the knowledge of your glory. Revive your church and renew your people. Pour out your fierce, sacrificial love through us. We are your family and one day we will sit around your table, but for now, we are desperate for your hand upon us. We surrender to chase you with all our hearts. Hear our prayers Lord. Do it again and do it through us. Amen.

#### SECTION I: GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GRACIOUS HAND READ Nehemiah 1-2 and Psalm 46:1-10

Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man... And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. (From Nehemiah 1-2)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall... He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (From Psalm 46)

While 2020 has been in so many ways a hard year, it has also been in so many ways a good year. Hard and good woven together is so often the story God is writing in and through us. While different experiences and events of this last year have been difficult in the midst of all that has taken place, we can see profound signs of the goodness, power and steadfast love of God. Too often we forget to show God our gratitude. SO here at the beginning...

- Take some time and make your own list of the ways in which God's gracious hand has been upon you, your family, your neighbors and our church.
- Think of ways that He has been a refuge and a help in times of trouble; times when you have found gladness in the midst of hard times.
- And don't forget the times that Psalm 46:10 has come alive in your life; times in the stillness, as you have surrendered, that you have come to know God in deeper ways.
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Having made your own list here a few corporate places that God's gracious hand has been upon us; some ways in the midst of 2020 that in our surrender we came to know God in new and deeper ways. As you read through your own list and the 2020 in Review list, tell God thank you. In fact throughout the whole guide there will be moments to tell God thank you for what He has been doing and for who He has been doing it through. On the coming pages you will catch a glimpse of some of the *God-stories* from this last year and you will be encouraged to add your own. In the following pages, you will find a sampling of what God has given us and done through us in 2020. You have done more that only God knows about. Spend time looking through the "Year(s) in Review" and as you do, tell God thank you.

Space is provided for you to make notes and add your own God-stories. When you finish telling God thank you, conclude by reading Nehemiah 6:15-16, and Ephesians 3:14-21. As you are reminded of Nehemiah's story and read Paul's prayer, remember with all that He has done, there is still more to imagine, more that he can do!

# 2020 IN REVIEW

While in so many ways, 2020 was a year that we never imagined; it's also been a year of God at work in so many good ways in us personally and Calvary corporately. Let me remind us of a few.

Giving/Generosity

- While the total number of general-fund givers at Calvary decreased by almost 10%, more was given to the general fund in 2020 than in 2019! This is pretty amazing, considering where we were late summer and early fall. From unexpected inheritances to people giving their stimulus checks to faithful, trusting generosity. Calvary has lived with open hands.
- In addition to increased general fund giving, almost \$125,000 was given to our Community Relief Fund which was used in so many different ways. We supported the YMCA and Common Food in providing food for people in need. We supported Out of the Cold in providing a place to sleep for our neighbors without homes. We helped a handful of missionaries and local congregations who lost support during 2020. We supported Centre Volunteers in Medicine, local frontline workers, and so many individuals.
- AND one more, generosity thank you. Combining the Community Relief Fund, our giving to missionaries and mission organizations and our ONE% offering, we will have given between \$450-500,000 dollars to love and serve people outside the four walls of Calvary. Simply, stinking amazing! Thanks to God and His work through you.

We had a number of "more than ever before" moments this year.

- On Easter, we connected online with more people than ever before, thousands.
- Our XYM (youth ministry) has connected online with up to 150 students, more students than ever before.
- In six different food giveaways we partnered with the YMCA and Common Food to give away over 100,000 pounds of food. Calvary Penns Valley worked with other congregations to feed kids through the summer. Calvary Lewistown was a part of multiple food drives and Calvary Tyrone kept their blessing box full. In 2020 we helped feed way more people than ever before.
- This year we had 3x as many people at Calvary involved in our Christmas adopt-a-family ministry and over 2300 candy bars for our neighbors in the Centre County Correctional Facility, hundreds more than ever before.

- Calvary's Facebook page has grown by 874 followers, up almost 200% over last year! And we uploaded 355 posts with a total of 156,600 minutes of videos viewed...way more than ever before.
- We had 26 Front-Yard Mission Christmas Neighborhood events; 26 more than ever before! While we are still collecting the reports, our best guess so far is that over 600 people were part of these neighborhood Christmas gatherings. So cool!
- We spent more time than ever before (on staff, through the Racial Unity Network, and personally) praying for, pondering, and having conversations about racial justice and unity.
- We had more calls to prayer and hours of prayer and days of prayer than ever before. From 21 days of prayer to start 2020, which stretched to 40 days of prayer, to a season of Breakthrough prayer just as we went into our first shelter-in-place, to the Revive Mission to the Central PA 24/7 Prayer till we gather again, to more Flood Prayer Gatherings online and in person than ever before...my goodness the prayer was more than ever before.
- Finally, Calvary's staff made more personal calls and sent more emails and texts to check in on and pray for the Calvary, than ever before. I'm so grateful for the team we have.

Those marker-events barely begin to tell the story of 2020. You'll read through more in the pages to come. But one way I look back is by remembering sermon series. Over the course of 2020, we started with a series of prayer "Looking for Breakthrough" and then went to a series on the Word called "Sticks and Stones." As the corona-virus hit we were just moving into a study of John chapters 14-17 called "The Edge of Breakthrough." God had us there for a reason as we looked at the transition that the disciples went through from the cross to the tomb. "There will be trouble but don't let trouble into your heart!" That led to Easter and after Easter it was 12 weeks on "What in the World is God Doing?" This was the very heart of the teaching series for the year. If you want to know what I think God has been up to in 2020, go back and listen to that series. That led to the "Be Still" series. Psalm 46:10 has been our theme verse for 2020. If we gained 2020 vision on anything it was "Be still and know that I am God!" And from there it was Nehemiah. Our story is unfinished. God still has the pen and with just a turn of the page, a new chapter is coming!

Wow. To be honest, I can't even tell you how encouraged I am writing this, as I remember all that God has spoken to us. He has not been absent and the church has not been closed. But even that barely begins to tell the story of 2020 because the story is really the story of God at work in you and through you. People like M.L who shared,

God has put my grandchildren's generation on my heart as I pray. I'm praying that they would love God and know Him; that they would be confident in His love for them and confident in the scriptures. Please keep the 24/7 prayer going. I would love to sign up for 2 hours a day.

#### And people like D.L. who shared,

I volunteered to bring food to Out of the Cold. I asked people who don't know Jesus to join me. They want to help serve so what a great way to invite them into the dance of Christ, Community and Calling at Calvary. I've had so many opportunities this year to share Christ with people and many have responded positively.

#### And people like K. who wrote,

The number of times I got to see people being Jesus in this season seems amplified. It has ranged from praying with each other, to making meals, paying bills, buying coats, buying Christmas gifts, sharing the gospel and so much more.

And people like P. who wrote,

When I was at the lowest point of my life, Calvary welcomed me home. I was a stranger on the verge of accepting Christ, but I didn't know it yet. Calvary helped connect me to some incredible people and I eventually accepted Christ into my life. I continue to grow in my faith with guidance, wisdom and support.

And N.P. who shared about his micro-group and what God's been doing in his life, I'm seeing the church body in action without seeing people inside the church building. I'm seeing others grow in their love for Jesus and their neighbors. I'm seeing my love grow! I'm seeing prayers answered. I'm seeing Jesus all over my life.

And then one of my favorites, from a family not even connected to Calvary,

To our dear friends at Harvest Fields, my family really appreciates everything you offer to the community. We visit often for the disc golf, swimming in the ponds, and now the bike trails. We realize it's not always easy to invite people to use your property, but still you do it. We find ourselves using the property often and we are grateful. But it's not just the activities, it's the activities supercharged with some special magic. Our family is not religious, and yet more each time we visit, I feel something I can only describe as the presence of God. Thank you!

You've heard me say it many times this year. Church can't restart because we never stopped. Take time and tell God thanks for all that He has been doing in and through us! Then this next section will take a different part of Calvary and share some of what God has done along with some prayer requests. Each section will also give you something personal to do or prayer through. No reason for the order of the sections, other than it is the order in which I received the input!

# SECTION TWO: A YEAR IN REVIEW, SO GRATEFUL AND PRAYING FOR MORE!

# SAYING THANKS TO GOD FOR 2020 And asking for more in the decade to come!

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# THANK YOU GOD FOR WAYS YOU HAVE BEEN AT WORK IN OUR XYM (Xstream Youth Ministry) AND PLEASE DO MORE!

From Jake our Youth Pastor,

This was a crazy year for youth ministry (and every ministry I'm sure)! We went on an amazing mission trip to the D.R. in March and on our arrival, we were brought into the new world of Covid! But, God has been working in awesome ways. We were able to do several weeks of XYM Online where we had 150+ students tuning in. We did skits, played games and had zoom small groups in order to stay connected with kids and each other. Multiple people stepped up in BIG ways to make youth ministry work in a quarantined world. Two students have stepped up in massive ways and helped make XYM Online so good; Bailey Weaverling and Josh Kilareski. These two High School seniors have put in countless hours editing videos, helping with the tech side of XYM Online and going above and beyond our expectations. They've shown me what it looks like to serve with a happy heart and loved others while they did it.

#### From Jason, XYM assistant,

In 2020 God did some amazing work through our online services and key students stepping up into leadership roles, XYM live was created and gave students a way to still get some sort of connection on a weekly basis as well as get creative with fun games, skits, videos, etc. We also saw a number of groups engage in new creative ways to gather with the covid restrictions whether it was social distanced picnics or zoom game night, students more than ever were wanting to find ways to be able to connect. I am thankful for the new leaders God raised up in XYM both students and adult leaders in the midst of a crazy season. Also in addition to Josh and Bailey, I'm grateful for Amber and all that she did to serve during this year.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the mental and spiritual health of the next generation.
- Pray for strength, wisdom, and discernment for the small group leaders who pour so much into the next generation.
- Pray for more volunteers for Team XStream, I already have parents asking me who their kids leader will be next year for 6th grade, and its tough to say. Also more Students to step up and take a leadership role.

# THANK YOU GOD FOR THE WAYS YOU ARE AT WORK IN OUR DIFFERENT GATHERINGS AND PLEASE MORE!

# From Pastor Bill at Calvary Tyrone,

During the initial quarantine period from March to June Calvary Tyrone partnered with the Tyrone Area School District and several other local congregations to distribute hundreds of meals weekly to the community over a period of 6 weeks. We had an XYM Thanksgiving Gathering for approximately 20 youth and volunteers from three churches. We put together Easter bags and later Christmas bags for dozens of kids and youth. We provided gift baskets for the Tyrone Hospital and other medical personnel from Calvary Tyrone and gave financial support to the Tyrone Food Bank and Backpack program. We donated money to the local pregnancy resource center for a new roof for their offices. We held several outdoor services throughout the community and at the homes of Calvary Tyrone members including two outdoor open mic nights. God has been so good to work in and through us.

Bailey Rachael, a newcomer to Calvary Tyrone welcomed the ladies of Calvary Tyrone into her home upon hearing of the Front Yard Mission initiative to bake cookies and then distributed those cookies to her neighbors. The ladies distributed 60+ bags of cookies! We are so thankful for Pat Sherren who helps organize our outreach.

As you read through the reports from the different gatherings. Use the margins to jot down one or two things that grab your heart from each gathering. Pray for those things in the days to come!

What else has God put on your heart for the next generation? List it and pray for it.

#### A Prayer Request for Calvary Tyrone,

• There are several individuals and families who are new to Calvary Tyrone and excited about FYM. Pray that we will continue to be the church in our front-yards, on mission to love our neighbors. Also pray for continued unity and collaboration with the other congregations of Tyrone, especially in the area of youth and kids.

#### From Pastor Vince at Calvary Penns Valley,

We partnered with the Churches of Penns Valley and the Central PA Food Bank to deliver free lunches all summer to the homes of Penns Valley children and families in need. The partnership yielded more than 30 summer long volunteers and more than \$15,000 in support. More than 85 children were fed healthy meals throughout the summer.

Covid-season became a catalyst that led to Penns Valley congregations praying together and serving together like never before as we served our neighbors with food and prayer. We prayed for individuals who lost loved ones or were going through challenging family issues. I loved watching Calvary be the hands and heart of Jesus in so many practical ways all year long. One CPV family had a particularly hard year with health issues and several weeks without work due to Covid shutdowns and health issues. The CPV family showed up and loved them with meals, financial support and encouraging words. We've seen this kind of story repeated so many times as the church family cares for one another. So good!

In January Morgan Reirick decided to follow Jesus and didn't let the 20 degree temperatures keep her from being baptized in the creek behind the church. Her testimony was a powerful reminder of God's redeeming love. After the big snow storm Lynda McClintic invited her neighbors and friends to sled ride at the park that is in her backyard. She set up a table with free hot chocolate and treats for everyone.

# From Pastor Stacy at Harvest Fields,

For as much upheaval and change as we experienced in 2020, God did what God always does. The purposes and big picture plans of the Lord don't seem to shift much. God still wants us to experience him and to move toward living Gospel-centered lives, growing in our connection to Christ, Community, and Calling. God still offers us life and hope and peace and love. The command to love God and love our neighbors remains intact, as does the mandate to go make disciples (who make disciples...) The piece that seems to stand out the most for me is the reset that God has offered me/us via the pandemic. We have been given the opportunity to examine our goals and priorities, our strategies and programs. God has given us the opportunity to evaluate everything during the shut-down. I hope that we have the courage to stop or change the things that are not moving us toward the things that matter most, and the wisdom and insight to improve or implement things that will move us forward toward kingdom priorities and goals.

Our family has been more intentional about connecting with our neighbors through the pandemic. In the late summer, we dropped a case of LaCroix and a note on every doorstep. For Christmas, we bought a poinsettia for each neighbor, and paired that with an invitation to Christmas carol through the neighborhood. We are seeing good responses from our neighbors, even though most are not ready to get together face to face.

#### From Scott at Harvest Fields,

One of the most exciting pieces of 2020 for me was the launching of Micro-Groups. These groups of 3-4 people have provided a fantastic opportunity for people to experience the blessing of community while encouraging one another as they apprentice Jesus and grow in their commitment to Front Yard Missions. 25+ new Micro-Groups were started in last 6-8 months! We also had 12 of our Life Groups/Micro-Groups participate in our Adopt-A-Family Christmas ministry which helped to make Christmas memorable for a dozen families (as well as for Jesus!)

P.B. said this about her micro-group experience, "When I checked off the box for a Micro-Group I was really just curious about this "new thing" that Calvary was doing. I am so glad I said, "Yes" when Scott followed up on that check mark. At first, I was a little concerned about the age difference in our group, but it has been a huge blessing for me to get to know these 2 young, working moms. We have met almost weekly since mid-September. Calvary's patio, the Commons, Sunset Park, and eventually Google meets have been our bases for conversations and prayer as we get to know each other and dig into the 15 questions covering "Christ, Community and Calling" provided by Scott. Each week has not only led us closer to each other but has helped us grow in our understanding of the 3 C's of Calvary. I suspect we are a Micro-group for the long haul."

One of our Micro-Group hosted a FYM Christmas that was a blast! Nancy, Theresa and Faith planned it. Matthew Heinz dressed up as Santa and visited with the kids and their neighbors left blessed. It was so good to be a part of all of this.

#### From Kendra at Harvest Fields,

Calvary's outreach saw a major increase in people resources: a fully formed Out of the Cold staff team, a large group of people representing several churches partnering together to serve in our local prisons, 72 people, families, or life groups participating in adopt-a-family (more than triple the number from last year). 50 people providing meals for Out of the Cold guests, an overwhelming amount of financial generosity -- to the Community Relief fund (which allowed the Barnabas team to be very generous), gift cards at Christmas, more than 50 volunteers to distribute food during 6 food distributions and more, etc. People at Calvary have been willing to step into messy lives and situations to pray and love those people.

We had a recent, particularly difficult evening at Out of the Cold (while Calvary was hosting), resulting in the police needing to come. Many OOTC guests struggle with mental health and/or substance abuse and these combined, led to an out of control guest. It's easy to fear that volunteers will be "scared away" as a result of these instances. J.D. was one of the volunteers that served on this particular night and sent the following email:

"Thank you to you and all the staff for the privilege of serving at out of the cold. I was there on Tuesday night and it was a difficult night for the guests. That night did not steer me away but rather made me want to volunteer and visit more with the guests. Because of some of my own life experiences, I feel a kindred spirit with the guests and such love for them. I could see the situation on Tuesday was triggering their own PTSD. I've been able to pray for them by name since then so thank you. I'm hopeful for them because this is not the end of their stories. After Christmas, could we talk more about the ministry?

This year, people at Calvary donated hundreds more candy bars given to people at Centre County Correctional Facility than previous years. Over 2300 candy bars were given. This year, 225 inmates at CCCF will get a hand-written note, journal, coloring book, colored pencils, devotional, and 10 candy bars. Christmas is a really challenging season for a lot of folks, that can be especially true for people who are incarcerated.

#### From Anita at Harvest Fields,

My 2020 memories flash from guest to guest at Out of the Cold. Holding a hand, letting them cry, serving them a hot plate, bringing them a warm cup of milk in their cot (sounds cheesy, but real), talking about hard things and views of God out on the deck, etc. Really hard things too seeing mental health and addiction collide, learning what it means to love in the midst of true mess, watching people make painful decisions and feeling powerless to change it, and on an inward-focused note, facing my own fears, biases, and selfishness. I have sat with one guest several times who deals with alcoholism. He asks about my family, my kids, and my husband. He always asks me, "Why do you come here? You could be home with your family. We're nothing." We're nothing. That phrase continues to sit deep in my soul. I have literally tucked him into his cot several times, had conversations about Romans (his favorite book), brought him meals when he's too intoxicated to walk (always with Ranch dressing), and would be devastated if his addiction eventually won. He is something to me, and if he's something to me, he definitely is to our Father. I could repeat that story about guest after guest. 2020 is a year that my heart has been squeezed and pounded and given a new perspective on what it means to bear each other's burdens.

#### From Kim Dick at Harvest Fields,

It's been an interestingly different (and in lots of ways, difficult) year. I am so grateful for the ways the Lord has continually been working in and shaping and reshaping the worship ministry. We have had just over THIRTY musicians who have been dedicated to staying in the mix during this long season of online-only worship. I am so grateful for all of them. They have been willing to come out knowing that, for a brief time, we'd be without masks during our streaming of the service.

Our Production Arts team has done such a fantastic job of helping us grow in how we shape our services in hopes of helping folks engage more via online worship. Another blessing that has come because of this season is the collaboration with Sean Moon and Kristin Reece as we meet weekly to put together the team and the song list for each service. It has been a huge blessing as we've seen the Lord truly move in the ways we've been working together.

2001 is the year I (Kim) moved to State College and plugged in at Calvary in worship and youth ministry. One of the gals, Anne T., who was in my very first high school girls small group has since moved away, married, had children, etc. We've only been in contact via occasional Facebook comments/Messenger over the years. But in our Covid season when our online presence has grown, I received this message from her on Christmas Eve: "Watched the service from Ohio tonight! ♥ Loved getting to see you online!"

#### From Theresa and Kim at Harvest Fields,

At the beginning of 2020 Calvary Kids was coming off of a great year of facility development and we were ready to run with our vision for expanding the Sunday Morning Experience for Elementary aged kids, especially our preteens. The plan was to kick off a preteen service in the Youth Room beginning after spring break! The pandemic brought us a detour. We jumped into the world of ZOOM and virtual Calvary Kids. The CK core leadership team planned and started a weekly ZOOM meeting for kids revolving around our regular CK Weekend Curriculum. It was a lot of fun! We learned and grew together, playing games, learning scripture and breaking into small groups.

Ongoing since March 2020, Calvary Kid families could tune into three different videos, each for a specific age group. These have been great ways for families to connect each week with their kids and talk about Jesus and what He is doing in their lives.

One of our highlights has been our Front-Yard Mission. We regularly prayer walk our neighborhood and talk to our neighbors. We have done a few fun porch drop offs this year, including a Poinsettia in early December. It is such a great way to model loving and praying for our neighbors to our kids. We did Christmas Caroling on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

During the snowstorm on Wednesday, December 16th, Sadie and I were driving to get my Walmart grocery pick up order after work. The snow was heavy and the roads were covered allowing one lane to drive in. Driving out of the Walmart Parking lot we saw a homeless man holding a sign that said "Will take Food or Money. I am out of work and broke". He was cold and hardly seen due to the snow. We slid past him... about a mile down the road both of us felt an urge to turn around and go back and give him something. With a "God Bless You", Sadie handed him the money and we both knew that the call to do 10,000 Acts of Blessing had prompted us to serve him.

In October, I (Theresa) started making Calvary Kids Family Activity kits to supplement the weekly Calvary Kids videos. The kits include an adult guide, supplies to play the games and make the crafts, and always a special treat! In three months, I've passed out 98 Family Activity Kits. By no means is this number huge or impressive. What stands out is how God uses simple games and crafts to connect families with each other and with Jesus. I received an email this month from a family that wasn't able to pick-up their kit, so they were working with me to arrange a time to get it, which isn't an easy task with plates full of remote learning, working, and other time constraints. But the email ended with this tidbit: "All Thanksgiving when J was asked what he's thankful for he would say God or the Bible. So, it's worth the trouble."

In December, we put together 'Happy Birthday, Jesus!' kits, for families to make a birthday cake for Jesus and celebrate Him together. Some cake mix, some frosting, a candle, a note to families – a birthday party for Jesus in a bag! I threw in lots of candy canes, some stickers, a DIY ornament, all tied up with a ribbon, delivered by multiple volunteers all over the State College/Bellefonte area, plus Tyrone, Lewistown, Penns Valley. 181 kits were made and delivered! Jesus' Birthday was celebrated all over the region by kids and their families!

One of the best parts of 2020 was our Front-Yard Mission. We had 25 people come out to the Christmas carol sing in our driveway. We received multiple Christmas cards from neighbors, which are now hanging up and will remain as a reminder to pray for our neighbors. It's always great to put a face to the name, as we pray.

# A Few Prayer Requests from Harvest Fields,

- More people to engage in FYM
- 5 people/couples who will begin to pastor their neighborhoods, with the possible launch of micro-sites
- Ask God to continue to put the right people into the right roles at Calvary/on staff.
- Pray for another 20 groups to get started within the first half of 2021 at Harvest Fields. Pray that every person who is in one of our groups will experience the blessing of a genuine community while they grow as an apprentice of Jesus.
- Pray for those in our community that are struggling with finances, mental health, addiction, depression, isolation, etc.
- Pray that we'd love these neighbors well, and their lives would be transformed through a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for partnerships and the necessary resources for our community to better serve people in the margins. Pray for creative housing solutions, more access to drug and alcohol/mental health services, etc.
- For the number of willing hands and feet to grow that a renewed burden would be put upon the people of the church to care for orphans, widows, the disabled, etc.
- Pray for our worship team members who continue to bless us with their time and talents. Pray for health and strength. Pray for our congregation to find ways to truly DIVE INTO WORSHIP even though we all know how different it feels for worship to be online only right now. Pray for our team of planners that we will seek and hear from the Lord for ways to be creative.
- Pray for kids and families to grow closer to each other, and to deepen their faith, to connect more with Jesus. Pray for parents as they take on the task of teaching their kids about who God is, and what Jesus has done for us! Pray that as we enter 2021, we find new ways to reach kids and their families, that we increase our engagement with families and with volunteers.
- Pray that we would partner well with our parents in 2021. Parents have the greatest influence on their children. Pray for us to get a new, fresh vision for ways that we can come alongside parents and families in 2021. Pray for families to come to know Christ's love and salvation in 2021.

# From Pastor Jorn at Midtown,

2020 has been a season of change for Midtown, especially in our role and ministry with College Students. Seyi Ajayi Joined our staff full time in August to serve with our campus outreach coordinator Brandi Weaver. They have seen consistent growth in our student ministry through weekly meals, bible studies and one on one conversations. Because of the pandemic, we focused on a smaller number of students but with a greater focus on one on one discipleship. This strategy has led to more unchurched, unsaved students joining with us to find a safe community to ask questions and explore Christianity. Recently we've seen some students come to Christ and commit their lives to serving him. We've also seen multiple local families who call midtown their home committing to our FYM outreach with good success.

Each winter I take care of around a dozen homes in my neighborhood but snow blowing their drive ways and sidewalks. This has been a great way to connect with them. Another family has set up their back yard with a blow up house and other games to invite families with younger children. This Christmas God really used our FYM neighborhood Christmas outreach as we had close to 50 people show up!

#### From Seyi at Midtown,

This fall we launched a college-student ministry called Calvary PSU. We were able to have weekly outdoor hang-outs at my house, prayer meetings every weekday morning, and were able to start six life groups. Many of the students in our group were connecting with Christian community for the first time (beyond Sunday mornings). We consistently saw non-Christians connect with us in different ways and some have become part of our community, even while still working through their beliefs and how they wanted to respond to the call to follow Christ.

#### From Kristin at Midtown,

We had an AWESOME Midtown gathering at the State Theatre before the students went home for Thanksgiving, and it was so good to have the Midtown team back together again. Outdoor concerts were a creative way to draw neighbors. Ed McCash teamed up with the LeRoy family to put together a Christmas service in the Leroys' driveway! Ed invited me and another worship team member to lead the carols. There were Scripture readings, well-known Christmas carols, and Silent Night sung by candlelight. That was a highlight of Christmas!

Many of my 2020 highlights were Front-Yard Mission highlights. Kevin and I put together gift bags for the 9 houses of neighbors that we know and sang Christmas carols to those who were home. Our directly next door neighbor, Zac, was leaving the day that we were caroling, so we sang to him before he left and he loved it and said that he had only seen caroling in the movies! Our neighbor in our unit (on the other side) enjoyed our rendition of Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and we were all laughing with tears in our eyes as her dog (RUE, like Rudolph!) was trying to escape as we were singing.

Also, on the big snow day that we had, Kevin helped shovel the sidewalk on his lunch break since he was working from home. A neighbor locked his dog in his running car, so we tried to help by prying the door open with a coat hanger! We were unsuccessful and AAA came, but it created a communal connection that hadn't been there before. We met two neighbors who have lived near us for some time. One said she feels like she has watched our daughter grow up, but we never had an actual conversation until she let us borrow her dustpan to clean off our car. We all met because we were outside shoveling our cars out! Some Calvary mom friends and I had a cookie/gift exchange outside before Christmas. We were able to spend some time weeping and praying for a friend who just lost her husband in a car accident.

#### From Brandi at Midtown,

Looking back on the 2020 year, it's crazy to see how everything shifted. A few of the young adults from Midtown went to a conference together as the new year was brought in. There was so much hype for what 2020 would be! Then students went home, we had to close the door at Fraser Street Commons, and then Calvary had to look at new ways of "doing church." It was a scary and chaotic time. BUT, I love sitting here at the end of the year and seeing what God has done even as I still feel swirly from the whirlwind of it all. God showed us new ways of connecting with our Midtown family through the Care Calls, as well as letting some of our students take the lead on outreach and evangelism. He brought to life a new vision for campus ministry--where so many people have found the blessing of community and experienced the love of Jesus no matter where they are on their faith journey.

God gave us new opportunities of serving people at Fraser Street Commons too! We made new friends by hosting free coffee on the street. It's been a large prayer of mine for the space that we would be able to help people go from peeking in the window trying to figure out what the space is and continuing to pass by, to knowing they have the freedom to walk in and know they're instantly welcome there.

And to watch all the transitions Calvary had to make, it's hard to compile everything God did, but it's been amazing watching God work in Dan's life through his leadership, watching our Calvary Staff be so creative and go deeper in relationship with one another (even while apart), and watching God work in the lives of the families at Calvary in great ways. God is so cool. He is alive and moving and so so good!

A lesson I learned this past year was that sometimes we can serve others in our ministry by not letting it be ministry. I liked to keep myself safe by creating my relationships to be one-sided, pouring into the other person and not giving them opportunity to pour into me -- ministry relationships. As God walked me through this, He actually opened the window for one of my best friends to start walking through her own journey of learning how to connect with other people and allowing people to pour into her life too. And it created a deeper relationship between the two of us.

#### Midtown Prayer Requests,

- Pray for the development of strategy to continue to reach College students in 2021, during this season of the pandemic. And to continue to find ways to get Midtown regulars involved in reaching out to students and their own Front-Yard Mission!
- Pray for the ability to continue to connect with new students who are not connected with Christian community while we are still in the midst of the pandemic.
- Pray for Jorn and Calvary's leadership as we decide what Calvary Midtown looks like in 2021. Pray for wisdom and guidance from God, but also peace and comfort for the leaders.
- Pray for ways to creatively connect with each other in the midst of this pandemic and for ways to share the joy of worship.
- Pray that God would unleash prayer warriors in this season.
- Also, please pray for Emily Burns, who lost her husband in a car accident just before Christmas. She is a mother of 3 and a member of the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) community that I (Kristin) am a part of.

# From Pastor Sean at Calvary Lewistown,

In the midst of a difficult year, I'm in awe of how God is shaping my heart for the future of his church. The Lewistown building transfer has finally come to a completion, a HUGE blessing, and we are excited for all the opportunities we will have to use the building for our community. Even in the midst of COVID, we've used the facility for several American Red Cross Blood drives. Additionally, we are excited about the 8 new Micro Groups that have started in the last few months. It's awesome to see this happening, and to see the relationships and discipleship that is occurring! Finally, there have been many opportunities to come together as a Community for prayer events. God's breaking down barriers between churches and church leaders, and we are seeing great unity! The coronaseason has drawn us together, serving more from a sense of one-team!

One new part of the Calvary Lewistown team wrote, *I'm so glad that my* daughter and son-in-law directed us to your church...we haven't missed one online service and even listened to the congregational meeting. We have been really impressed. I love to hear Kim sing and you guys do a great job with the praise songs. I can hardly wait to be able to attend church in person. I want to be part of Calvary...

Calvary Lewistown has had the privilege of helping distribute thousands of pounds of food to our neighbors this year. We are thankful for our partnership with Common Food and the YMCA. One of the things that we love to do is to take the food door to door, as opposed to having the people come to a central location. This has provided many opportunities for us to share the love of Jesus, and to pray with people.

#### A Prayer Request from Calvary Lewistown,

• Pray we would spread our arms wider to the physical and spiritual needs around us (in our workplaces, families, neighborhoods & communities), and that those that have disconnected would choose to reconnect and engage in the mission.

# GOD THANK YOU FOR THE WAYS YOU ARE AT WORK THROUGH OUR FRONT-YARD MISSIONS AND PLEASE GOD MORE!

# From Steve Lutz, Director of FYM:

We entered 2020 with Front Yard Missions happening in isolated pockets. We end it on a high note, with FYM spreading much wider in Calvary and beyond, including 26 FYM Christmas Events throughout Central PA. In between, Calvary folks stepped up to love their neighbors in new, creative, and courageous ways, even during the worst parts of the pandemic. Instead of COVID becoming a fatal obstacle to Front Yard Mission, it became our greatest opportunity to love our neighbors in years. Calvary people responded to physical, relational, and spiritual needs surfaced by COVID. In March, we saw an increase in engagement with FYM of over 400% through FYMHQ, our texting growth opportunity. We also took great steps in integrating FYM into our Life Groups and Micro Groups. Thousands of neighboring actions have been completed through FYMHQ, our text training platform. The Front Yard Mission Show, airing on Wednesdays in December, has featured God Stories and interviews to inspire and equip FYMers. Our FYM Facebook group is growing rapidly, with people regularly sharing stories and ideas. We are excited to see FYM continue to take great strides in 2021 with Jonathan Weibel coming onboard. Some quotes from those involved in FYM,

"Last Saturday a guy had no bed because the place he is staying in has bed bugs. So I dropped off a new mattress at his front door."

"Volunteering at the Centre County Correctional Facility gave me a love for the ladies I had the privilege to get to know, and it broke my heart for the empty things most of them were chasing after that led them to where they were.""

"There was a lady in the parking lot who needed a meal. We shared a meal and a Bible with her."

"I walk and pray every day for my neighbors. I share food from either my garden or my kitchen and I love to bake for them. I have a little three year old friend who loves to eat my cookies and when she hears the door bell ring she says to her mommy, "We need to see if Miss Sheryl is bringing me some cookies."

Early in December, we started a contest in the FYM Facebook Group to bless mail and package delivery people who come to our front doors (and front yards). Dozens of people responded with pictures and stories about the treats they left out: water, Gatorades, candy bars, cookies, and more. Many people reported positive connections with their delivery people over this small but meaningful gesture.

The 26 FYM Christmas Events took the light of Christ to our neighbors in our Front Yards. We put together kits with door-hangers, candles, lighters, and a Spotify playlist for carols. People responded with amazing creative ways to safely gather their neighbors: Christmas caroling, photo shoots, cookie swaps, reindeer games, and more. Conservatively, each gathering averaged ~25 people, which means 650 neighbors received tangible demonstrations of care, sang songs about Jesus, and heard the Christmas story from Luke 2. Our hope is that this isn't simply a COVID workaround, but the first of an annual tradition.

### Some FYM Prayer Requests,

- That we would continue to make great strides in FYM during the waning days of COVID, and that the momentum we acquired during the pandemic would only increase post-pandemic.
- For Jonathan Weibel and Steve Lutz as they continue to lead and build up the community of Front Yard Missionaries.

#### GOD THANK YOU FOR THE WAYS WE SEE YOU AT WORK IN THESE OTHER AREAS OF MINISTRY AT CALVARY AND GOD PLEASE MORE!

# From Kristal, Our Office Manager,

I work a good deal with our Calvary Global Kids. Since Orphan Sunday we have almost 50% of the children sponsored. I am so excited to see people's extreme generosity during a global pandemic. Seeing steps of faith taken by many Calvary attendees and also having the view of seeing how the children and people in Myanmar and Kenya have been positively impacted is beautiful.

I have also been very involved in the Pastoral Care Calls & FB Prayer-Ministry. There have been some really wonderful stories of people's lives being transformed as well as people feeling the Lord's love through prayer and intentional conversation.

Also the mailing of the journals was really fun to do also, I got to hear so many stories of how people have connected with Calvary. Many of those that reached out requesting books had not reached out before but had been out there on the sidelines and are now actively engaging with the Body. Finally The number of times I got to see people being Jesus in this season seems amplified. It has ranged from praying with each other, to making meals, paying bills, buying coats, buying Christmas gifts, sharing the gospel and so much more. From paying for someone's post office box who was past due & writing them a Christmas card; to caring for my mother in what is likely her season of lasts; to praying for people because the Lord has placed them on my heart; to connecting people in ways that allow them to grow; to caring for orphans and widows; love this season is something that I have seen in a more grand fashion.

# A Few Prayer Requests,

- Pray against spiritual battles that isolation, loneliness, depression and desperation can stir up.
- Pray that we would keep "seeing" not allowing busyness to keep us from truly loving those around us, loving people that are different from us and loving those who Jesus loves.

# From Mike Leach, our Facilities Director,

2020 started off with many plans for facilities improvements, security upgrades and property use projects. Many of those plans were deferred with the continued isolation required by COVID-19. With a tightening budget, we worked to minimize expenditures where possible, ultimately saving about \$20,000 on our annual utilities budget. Rather than focus on what 2020 wasn't, here are some highlights of what was...

- Harvest Fields Community Trails. WIth funding raised by Josh Stapleton and NMBA 4+ miles of professionally designed and constructed multi-use trails were opened in October. The trails have been a hit with bikers, hikers, dog walkers and runners.
- Improvements to Disc Golf course. To minimize conflict with the new trails the existing disc golf course adjusted their layout and raised funds to improve the tee positions with astro-turf.
- The CommuniTree Hammock Perch. WIth grant funding Mariele Schechter spearheaded the design and construction of a circular hammock hanging area between the two large ponds. This gives people another way to gather outdoors.
- Heinz Field. As part of EnergyCap's new building Steve Heinz pledged to build a ball field area. After many construction delays the field was seeded in late summer and should be usable by summer 2021.
- Outdoor Stage. To provide a platform for outdoor services an outdoor stage was constructed overlooking the Commons Lawn and facing uphill if used in the reverse direction.
- Harvest Fields Informational Kiosk. Jake Levan led the design and construction of an outdoor informational kiosk for Harvest Fields.

With many recreation areas closed and the outdoors a refuge many people have been introduced to Harvest Fields through these enhancements to our outdoor space. This is helping us realize our CWOW goal in a physical sense.

# A Few Prayer Requests,

- For the details of resuming in-person services soon in 2021.
- That we are able to continue to bless the community with our property and outdoor resources. Even as we return to indoor functions, the property draws people seven days a week.

### From Dean Christian, Director Communications and Production,

A lot has changed at Calvary in the area of Communications and Production. Calvary's Facebook page has grown by 878 new followers this year (up 190% from last year... our current total is 2,950). We uploaded 354 posts. 222 of those posts were videos, with a total of 156.6K minutes (so approx 2,610 hours) viewed & 15.5K engagements (likes/comments) on videos. The top video of 2020 was the very first episode of SGGN which had 8.4K minutes viewed & 477 engagements. Over 675 million minutes of Calvary weekend and XYM services have been watched in just the last 6 months!

This was shared by S. as a reply to a video on Calvary's Facebook page from Pastor Stacy: "Pastor Stacy, I just found Calvary on Facebook after about 20+ years being away in Utah and now New York. I listened to this live but I just showed my mom and we joined you in your prayer. I just want to say it was great to hear you sing this song just like 2 decades ago. Definitely one of my favorites I learned from you. I'm so glad to be reconnected to Calvary online. I think this is the 1st time my mom's seen a church type message. She really enjoyed it. God bless you!"

#### Some Prayer Requests,

- Pray for the development of digital platforms and systems to help people connect to Christ, Community, and their Calling through social media and online.
- Pray that we could further refine ways to creatively communicate through social media platforms.

#### From Bret and Brandie, Residency Directors,

2020 gave us the opportunity to think about ministry training in a completely different way. Since the coronavirus hit with force the week of spring break, we had to pivot hard and make significant changes the last quarter of our first year of our initial program offering.

Without the ability to gather regularly and rely upon the standard rhythms of worship, teaching, and community, we were forced to distill discipleship down to its essence and begin building from there.

So this fall, instead of launching our second year of a residency, we gathered a few leaders and creatives for a project-based discipleship club we affectionately call the "Culture Cabal." Our desire is to invent creative ways to help people get on the path of the Perechoresis. To date, we've released two online experiences; the Nehemiah Walk, and Decorate the Dark. When we finished our advent experience, "Decorate the Dark," we had put in hours of passion and after-hours sweat. It was holy to us, and somehow it felt profane just to blast it out on Facebook, "come and get it!" Instead, we opted to share the link with people, one-by-one. Not only was it novel to give "an experience" as a gift, but it gave us the opportunity to tell people what they mean to us, and why we admired them. After sharing the link, we blessed them with the words, "May this deepen your joy and sense of God's presence this season."

In addition to this, we spent hours this year making phone calls to members of the Calvary community as an effort to stay connected and discover needs (if any). One Sunday afternoon, I was making my calls and I talked to someone who said, "You know, Dan has been talking about Front-Yard Mission for years, but this morning when I heard Stacy preach about it, something clicked! When you called, I was just taking time to plan a party for my neighbors."

#### A Prayer Request,

• Pray that we would be able to move forward in our plans for discipleship training, and not default "back to normal." Pray that we, like Paul, would strain for what lies ahead.

#### From Dan Dorsey, Executive Pastor,

One of my areas of passion is the Racial Unity Network. In 2020 this group continued to expand and solidify. As of year-end, more than 200 people are participating either on working teams or as part of RUN Champions. 400 people are currently members of the RUN Facebook group. Sadly, one of our events drawing the largest participation (over 300) during 2020 was the prayer vigil following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis. 95 people in 5 groups joined in discussions of Jemar Tisby's book, The Color of Compromise. RUN also hosted 3 webinars, several virtual prayer events, the Oneness Embraced video series discussion groups and launched a new website (racialunitynetwork.com) all in 2020.

I'm so thankful for the dedicated RUN Leadership Team of Curtis Price, Georjanne Rosa, Phil Martin, Katie Marshall, John Thomas, Pastor Harold McKenzie, and Charima Young.

# A Prayer Request,

• Please pray for a new initiative launching in February called The 28 Day Challenge where participants will be challenged to read, listen to, watch or do something that will help them grow in awareness of racial issues and commitment to action in solving persistent injustices.

# From Nancy, Staff Leadership,

God is shaping Calvary in ways to prepare us to support the 2030 vision He gave us. He has led us to a new org structure aligning our staff with the work to be done. We are creating organizational goals to lead us to improved measures and help us see how God is guiding and the progress to the 2030 vision. With His timing we've started a performance development system to insure everyone is growing individually and working toward our vision. For me in this time, I have been learning how to work in God's time and to wait on Him. Many of the people I contact for Pastoral Care Calls have also shared how God is teaching them to wait on Him. I believe this is growing an expectant heart in our body and I am excited to see what God will do with this as we go forward.

# Some Prayer Requests,

- Pray for God's direction for Calvary's weekly gatherings and what He desires them to be.
- Pray for more people to desire depth in their faith and a sense of God's purpose for their lives.
- Pray that Micro-groups would multiply to develop more opportunities for personal growth and accountability for our Front-Yard Missions.

# From Lynn, Prayer Director,

2020 will always be the year I'll remember as the "Be Still" year. It has been filled with difficult circumstances that we never would have imagined, but through it all has been the whisper of God to be still, press in, and grow in intimacy, trust and surrender. So many of you have shared the impact this season has had on your personal prayer life. Spending more time with God and more time being "still" with God and the ways the Lord is changing your hearts have been common themes. Beauty from ashes...the Lord always redeems.

Here are a few of the calls to prayer that have taken place in 2020: New Years Day of Prayer: 112 People prayed 133 hours. Between 1/1/2020-2/9/2020 hundreds of hours of prayer took place as people committed to pray for one hour a day. On 1/21/2020 we had 24 hours of prayer, and 90 people prayed for a total of 115 hours.

At the Edge of Breakthrough Prayer took place the week of 3/23-3/29 (right as PA went into Shelter in Place) and 213 plus people (it included many groups of people) prayed for over 790 hours. On April 13th, we launched our City-Wide 24/7 Prayer for Central PA which is still going on! That has included 31 different churches, 327 people, and 593 hours of prayer/week! And finally, from 7/6-7/17, we used the Dry Bones Prayer Guide and encouraged 1000 Hours of Prayer...we didn't quite reach 1000 hours, but we had 146 people who prayed for 677 total hours. We had Flood Prayer and Worship services outside at Harvest Fields while the weather was warm enough; Zoom Prayer Meetings; Facebook Live Prayer and Worship; Calvary has had a Facebook prayer page where hundreds of people have been prayed for; so many of you have been praying for your neighbors and neighborhoods, and more! It has been a year of prayer! Thank you! As we begin 2021, the emphasis on prayer will continue as we commit to pray until we see breakthrough and revival!

One of the things I have valued about 2020 is the emphasis on our Front-Yard Mission. Even Dan's Mom and Dad have been joining in during the last 10 months. Here's a glimpse at some of the ways they're blessing their neighbors in Sioux Falls, SD! They wrote,

"We've written about 240 thank you to schools. First God said you need to bless counselors, then it was social workers and the list just grew. The neat thing is I couldn't just get thank you's and just sign them. Nope God said find out something about them and write a personal note. Took about three weeks but wow how God blessed me. Then we've been taking goodies to neighbors, paid it forward, gave a \$20 tip to the girl that fills my donut order at 6 am on Tuesday. Then we got an unexpected \$60 check so we gave \$20 to random servers. As soon as school is over we will go to around 30 schools and pray in the parking lots for safety when they reopen. But I cry and just sing out because God blessed us this way. Isn't it amazing the way He blesses us! We are seeing God all over our neighborhood!

#### A Prayer Request,

 Pray that God continues to increase our hearts for prayer...that prayer becomes a passion for us and that our intimacy with Christ deepens as we surrender to Him and all that He has for us. Pray for Revival in Central PA and beyond!

There is so much more...from supporting missionaries to another round of Leadership Advance; from our Abide Women's Ministry to a group of a dozen people certified as life-coaches; from packing 100,000 meals for refugees in the midst of a pandemic to sermons and zoom lifegroups and micro-groups and reading the Bible through in 60 Days. This has been quite a year.

I'm so thankful to God...and yet asking Him for More!

# FINALLY A HANDFUL OF PERSONAL-TO-YOU REQUESTS

- 1. List one area of brokenness in Central PA, which God might be putting on your heart for prayer.
- 2. List the names of the neighbors you know, for whom you are praying; your hashtag; your Front-Yard Mission. Ask God to give you opportunities to pray for, love and invite them into your home, to church and to Christ!
- 3. List the names of five people whose marriages are going through a rough time. Pray for God's grace, mercy and love to be poured out upon them.
- 4. List the names of five people who are wrestling with mental health problems. Pray for God's peace, joy and his gracious hand of healing to be on them!
- 5. List the names of five people from the next generation. Pray for them to be lit on fire with the presence of Christ.
- 6. Praying for an all-out increase of his presence and power poured out on people in Central PA, that we would be a people of revival, a people filled with the presence of God.
- 7. Finally, go back and pray one of the prayers at the beginning of this book!