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Good day in the Lord to You,

I am so excited to sit down and recount to you all that God done has this year and in the last three years in Central Utah, and to the ends of the earth through the ministry here at Calvary Chapel Sevier Valley. It seems like only yesterday that I was sitting down to write our 6-month update, amazed that we were already functioning as a full-fledged gospel ministry. To think that we have been ministering here for three years already is mind blowing, although it is merely a drop in the bucket compared to what I pray is a long term gospel presence in Central Utah.

Our vision from the very beginning has been to Equip, Encourage, and Engage through the ministry here and beyond. We began with the dreams to plant ten churches in ten years, have a dynamic ministry that impacts the lives of local youth, and to raise up leaders to be sent out to plant new ministries from our humble little church. God is faithfully making all these things come to pass in the immensity of His sovereignty and the wisdom of His timing. We have seen just this year two more gospel centered community church services begin in both Marysvale and Gunnison. Both of these new plants began as home groups and have grown into Sunday morning services.

The first was the Calvary Chapel service in Marysvale, about 30 min south of Richfield, that began in late March. This ministry grew out of the home group started by some of our longest attending and faithful members. It is now a Sunday morning service at 9am and we meet in the community center in Marysvale. The members there take care of the entire ministry, so that on Sundays the only responsibility left for those of us coming to preach is to love the people and share the Word.

The other ministry that has begun is in Gunnison, about 30 min north of Richfield, and this grew out of a couple different home groups, one from Calvary and the other from Ephraim Church of the Bible. This new church plant is called Gunnison Valley Fellowship Church and was born out of a desire on the part of Calvary Sevier and the Ephraim Church to, "see a church planted for Jesus" in the Gunnison Valley. The pastor of this new church is Carl Wimmer and he is surrounded by great leaders including his wife and some of the best elders and leaders from both Calvary and Ephraim. It has been truly amazing to see God send people out from our service in Richfield to Marysvale and Gunnison to begin a new work, while in the process bringing a whole new group of people into the Richfield Sunday morning services!

Another phenomenal blessing has been the explosion of our Youth Refuge ministry on Friday nights. With youth ministry being such a huge part of our vision for this area, we began with a “Rec-Center” type open house on Fridays immediately upon beginning ministry in July of 2014. It has grown from maybe 10 kids on Fridays to well over an average of 50-60 kids on Friday nights, with over 120 different kids signed in with a permission slip and waiver form.

It is truly “organic” gospel ministry as we do not do a Bible study or programming of any kind, but instead the multitude of our young adults that serve in the ministry have one-on-one conversations with kids all night long and point them to the purpose and love of God in Jesus. It is a huge demonstration of answered prayer and the fulfillment of a vision born long before we ever came.

One of our newest ministries is one that has already had great success around the world. It is called “Celebrate Recovery” and it is already having a radical impact on our community and our church. This is a ministry designed to apply the principles of the Beatitudes to the “hurts, habits, and hang-ups” we all struggle with. We are seeing some dynamic spiritual growth in the lives and families in our community as they work through how the gospel of Jesus’ love impacts every area of their lives.

Finally, our outreach from our “Jerusalem (Richfield) to the ends of the Earth (world missions) has been growing exponentially since the very beginning. From an “all church” Good Friday outreach this year that included 7 different local churches, to our Refuge ministry, benevolence, and partnering with missionaries in N. Africa and Thailand, our church gave away more than 25% of our income as an “outreach offering” each of the last two years. We are on pace to give away over 30% of our income this year to outside ministries both locally and globally, because it truly is more blessed to give than to receive. Our ultimate dream is to be a 50/50 church that gives away more than 50% of our income to gospel outreach!

None of this would be possible without the wisdom of the Father, the love of the Son, or the power of the Spirit. This God lead ministry along with the devotion and dedication of our church family, the many, many, servants of the Lord that minister from one end of Central Utah to the other, as well as those individuals and ministries that have felt called to support our ministry with continuous prayer and the investment of their time, talent and treasure even from far away, is having any impact we could have never imagined. All glory be to God for His excellence, in the way He has provided so powerfully, for the accomplishment of His ministry, which is transforming the lives of people here in Central Utah and to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Sincerely,

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