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Dear Friends and Family,

The fact that this is a five year update, and the last update was a three year update, should be a key to explaining what an awesome and incredible couple of years it has been. The Lord has truly blessed our little church with some incredibly open doors in the last two years. We have seen the planting of a new church in Gunnison Ut., a new small town Bible study in Monroe Ut., the expansion of our missions support abilities, the establishment of the Sevier Valley Youth Refuge as a fixture of student assistance in our community, and finally the purchase and remodel of our very own church building.

So much of what we have planned from the very beginning has been to be a church that plants churches. We have had some setbacks along the way, but we could not be more pleased with how the Spirit has moved in both Gunnison and Monroe these last couple of years. The Gunnison church is a co-planting venture led by Pastor Carl Wimmer out of Ephraim Church of the Bible. We are pleased to partner with Carl, his family, and ECB to bring a gospel centered fellowship to the Gunnison Valley. In Monroe Utah, at the south end of the Sevier Valley, Pastor Allen Widdows and his wonderful family have begun a fresh new work to reach the, "Little Green Valley" with the love of our Savior. Allen and Aleacia Widdows along with their two daughters, and their young-adult-son Robbie moved here from Monrovia, Ca. after several years of prayer and connection with us for the heart of Central Utah. They have been an enormous blessing.

God has also made a number of additions to our church family with many new families calling Calvary Chapel Sevier Valley their home. So much so that we had to add a second Sunday morning service in February. So many vital and Integral pieces have been added to our ministry over the past two years that have enabled us to reach our community, our nation, and our world in some incredibly powerful ways. There has also been some exciting growth in our leadership, as four out of five of the young men who have been a part of our pastoral internship program have all become engaged and married to incredibly wonderful and godly women while serving here in Richfield. What an amazing reward from the Lord.

Our missions ministry has continued to expand in breadth and depth as we continue to look to the 1040 Window for opportunities to see Christ named where He has not been (or has not been for centuries). As always we want the decree of God in Psalm 82:3-4, to “Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked”, to be fulfilled through us to the ends of the earth. We are excited to continue our support of the Family Home (a disabled children’s home on the Thai-Burma Border). This is vital to our overall mission as a church. We also support another missionary along the Thai-Burma border, as well as a missionary who is very close to our hearts in a creative access country in Africa, with some very exciting develops coming in the next couple years!

The Sevier Valley Youth Refuge has reached levels that we only dreamed of five years ago. We now occupy our own building in the dead-center of town only two doors down from the new church building. Our Friday night open-house and community center is still in full swing, as well as the addition of free tutoring during the week for middle school and high school students.

The staff at the Refuge has been invited to participate in the Prevention Coalition (a six-county-wide organization to assist and support our local youth). We are also on the brink of opening "Refuge Thrift", a non-profit thrift store that will support the expanding vision of the Youth Refuge. All of these openings will lead to the SVYR becoming its own educational non-profit in the next few months and open up even more doors of opportunity to reach our local youth and beyond.

Finally, in an amazing and somewhat harrowing turn of events in the middle of 2018 we purchased a 3400 square foot space in the center of town and began the remodeling for a new church meeting space. It has been a wonderful and tremendously powerfilled work. We moved in February 10, 2019, and it would have been impossible without all the local individuals and other churches that helped along the way. We actually took out a full page ad in our local newspaper to thank all those in our community and beyond who helped to make this dream a reality.

So what is next? Wow, that is a great question. We want to continue to see the Lord fulfill His promises about bringing in the harvest that is ripe. We want to continue to be faithful to proclaim the pure and simple truths of the gospel in every aspect of our lives. We want to see the Lord move in power across this valley, this nation, and this world to turn hearts towards Him, so that the strongholds of destruction and darkness can be broken by the light of His love and glorious grace. He is faithful to continue to complete the work that He began long before we ever arrived!

Shalom in Christ Alone,

Pastor Ryan Shaddix and the Calvary Chapel Sevier Valley Family!