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Dear Friends and Family,

It is so wonderful to be able to sit down and to share another update with you. Who would have thought 6 years ago when we began this process that we would be where we are today as a church and as a family. 2020 has been a year like no other. It has proven to be one of the most trying and yet powerfully enriching years yet in our small little church plant. Our vision verse headed into 2020 was, "Cleansed and Sent" from Isaiah chapter six. It has proven to be another faithful and predictive Word from the LORD. We have had a great deal of change in the past year, but Jesus has continued to demonstrate radical faithful fullness to his Body.

The church has undergone a complete transition of workers as all of our faithful interns and their beautiful spouses have all moved on to the next season of life. We are so grateful for the amazing faithfulness that these young men and women have brought to our ministry over the last six years, and they will be sorely missed but we are so excited to celebrate with them their new successes and ventures of life. The church as a whole remains very healthy and continues to grow even in the midst of this crazy covid season. We have seen many folks move into our area and become plugged in here at Calvary Sevier, who are seasoned and mature followers of Jesus. It has been a true blessing.

One of the biggest updates is the new church plant that began in July of 2020 in Joseph, Utah. Pastor Allen and his wife Aleacia Widdows along with Robert and Robin Rodriguez have teamed up to start Little Green Valley Calvary Chapel in the south end of our valley. They currently have a Sunday evening service in Joseph at the community center, and a Thursday night home Bible study in Monroe. It is growing and really reaching a need in our community. They had over 25 people the Sunday evening before last, for their service. Our continued encouragement & fellowship with the Gunnison Valley church plant is a great blessing and relationship. Pastor Carl and his family have had to overcome a great deal of struggles in their local community, so please keep them in continuous prayer as they press into what God is doing in their valley.

Many of our mission's partnerships have been in a state of flux as many workers have had to come home due to Covid, but we know (and can definitely see) that God is working something really special in this season of waiting for them, and we continue to support and encourage them in their patient waiting.

Our Sevier Valley Refuge outreach has seen some amazing growth and change in the last year. We were able to finally open our Refuge Thrift Store this summer, and it is rocking and rolling along. It has already begun to cover its own expenses, including four employees. Our vision of reaching the youth in need in our area is growing day by day and we are excited to be able to offer our first scholarship in the 2020-2021 school year (\$1000) for a student that meets the unique criteria (2.5 GPA, overcome major life trials, active in their community, focused on career certification or college degree). We know that it is only the beginning for this amazing program. The Refuge Peer Mentoring Program began this year, and we are already on the brink of having one youth finish the process of becoming a peer mentor.

Finally, the Shaddix Family is alive and well. It has surely been an interesting season for us as well. The topsy turvy reality of raising two teen daughters in our little town without a ton of evangelical peers for them to connect with has been tough, but the LORD has been faithful to grow our connection with them as we battle the day to day struggles of living in this world and not being of it. They are amazing young women, strong in the LORD and very successful in their studies. Caleb is doing really well, and growing up so quickly. He has an undying love for all things Lego, and is so incredibly creative. Sara is a substitute teacher now and is on multiple campuses every week, and recognized as Sophie's mom, and the Refuge lady. I was blessed with being named as the head football coach at Richfield High this year. So along with teaching Special Education & Language Arts I get the amazing opportunity to interact with some of the most amazing kids and coaches I have ever known. The LORD has opened a truly effectual door for us to reach our little town with the love of Jesus our Savior. We are so excited to see what the LORD has in store for us and the rest of our church family at Calvary Chapel Sevier Valley. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers, and your continued support for us and our ministry in Central Utah.

Shalom in Christ Alone,

Pastor Ryan Shaddix and the Calvary Chapel Sevier Valley Family!