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Dear Friends and Family,

It is such a blessing to sit down and write this letter to celebrate the 7th year (the year of completion) of our Calvary Chapel church plant in Richfield, Utah. I would say at this point we are no longer a church plant, but instead a full fledged church that has become a dynamic force for the gospel in our area. When we began this work in prayer over 8 years ago with our sending pastor Rick Nerud of Calvary Chapel St George, it was so surreal, and expectations were so ripe with wonder. The faithfulness the LORD has demonstrated to us in this ministry these last few years is such a testimony to the value of simply putting one foot in front of the other in seeking God's daily will. The LORD has truly moved in our church, in our community, and in our family.

Our church like so many others has undergone so many changes over the last year and a half since the word COVID came into our vocabulary. Thankfully so many of the changes have very little to do with the virus or the political posturing that it has produced in our world. Our church has not been immune from the impact of the disease, but we have really and truly been strengthened and purified by the trials that come with this season in our world. Our church's leadership has grown exponentially over the past couple years to include many new teachers, leaders, and potentially more elders to be

named in the coming year. This is by far the greatest blessing to me (Pastor Ryan) because of the weight of leadership being diversified and shared across more shoulders. People are being disciplined, and they are being loved. This is at the center of our vision to equip the body of believers for the work of the ministry.

In our community we have seen tremendous growth in our church body to get out and be a shining light during dark times. Weekly we get reports from folks in our fellowship who are connecting with family, friends, co-workers, and even strangers with gospel conversations. One of the greatest outreaches that we have going in our community is the Sevier Valley Youth Refuge, now its own independent nonprofit organization. Between the rec-center run by Sara Shaddix, the Refuge Thrift Store, or the multitude of grants we have given for local education and sports programs, counseling services, scholarships, and benevolence assistance; there is a shining light reaching into the lives and hearts of so many young people and their families in our community.

Finally we (the Shaddix Family), have come through some fiery trials of our own. God has been so incredibly gracious and present in our day-to-day lives as we continue to navigate the teen years, rural Utah life, and being at the tip of the spear in ministry life. In so many ways we have turned a corner on some very long-held prayer requests. There are still many that we are waiting for God's direction on. In it all God continues to use Sara, and I along with our kids in the lives of so many people outside and inside our little church. I am still teaching HS full-time along with being the head football coach at RHS. Sara is still subbing on all the campuses part-time. We are getting ready for Julia to graduate in the next year, Sophie will begin HS, and Caleb will still be at the elementary school.

When I look at all the LORD has entrusted to us, and the way that he has used Calvary Sevier in our valley and beyond to plant churches, support missionaries, and to reach the youth of our community, I am completely awestruck because I know how much of it is God's powerful work of grace in this little church. Thank you for all of your faithful prayer, support, and encouragement all these years. We look forward to spending time with many of you in the near future. God bless you.

Shalom in Christ Alone,

Pastor Ryan Shaddix and the Calvary Chapel Sevier Valley Family!