

NOV 2020

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

from the Hollidays

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." **Philippians 1:3-4**



Grateful for...

GOD'S FAITHFUL PROVISION



GENEROUS PARTNERS

Some of our Ministry Partners have had to cut back on their giving in 2020 because of financial challenges, though they have sacrificed to continue to give. Most of our Ministry Partners haven't skipped a beat, continuing to support our ministry with profound generosity. We couldn't do what God has called us to without YOU!

OPEN DOOR HAITI

We're dependent upon mission teams to go to Haiti, not only to assist with the work, but also to get excited about the vision, support what God is doing in Haiti, and share about the ministry's needs with their friends and family. We've had no mission teams in 2020, and we also weren't able to send a container filled with food in June because of Covid. God is faithful to provide though, as He put it on the heart of a restaurant owner here in Florida to help us send double the amount of food in December, along with clothes, shoes and toys for the orphanage!

SONLIFE MINISTRIES

Sonlife's team of missionaries have experienced God's faithful provision, just as we have, as their Ministry Partners have rallied around them during this season. Our operations, however, is dependent upon registration for events and store sales to function, and almost all our training events have had to be cancelled in 2020. We've equipped leaders in our online Zoom Cohorts, but this doesn't pay the bills. Back in April, we reached out to several key donors to ask if they could make contributions that would help carry us operationally (\$5000 a month) through the remainder of 2020. God provided! We are confident He will continue to provide in 2021!

RHYTHMS OF GRATITUDE #LIKEJESUS

Jesus would have participated in three Jewish pilgrimage festivals each year: the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Passover), the Festival of Weeks (Pentecost), and the Festival of Tabernacles (Shavuot). It was required for Jews to travel to Jerusalem and celebrate these three Festivals with worship at the Temple.

Of these three festivals, we're most familiar with Passover and align it's celebration with Easter, where we remember the sacrifice of our Passover lamb, the Lamb of God, for our sins, and His resurrection from the dead.

We associate Pentecost with the birth of the early church, but for the Jew, it was a sacred time to remember the giving of the Law to

Moses after the Israelites fled Egypt and wandered in the desert.

Shavuot, known as the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths or Shelters) or the the Festival of Ingathering, coincided with the Fall harvest and was a time to celebrate God's provision. This Festival is still celebrated in Israel today, and the unique feature of the event is the erecting of and living in tents for the duration of the Festival to remember how God provided for the people of Israel as they wandered in the desert, living in tents, before they entered the promised land. Much like our Thanksgiving, Sukuot is a powerful reminder of God's past faithfulness and His present provision.

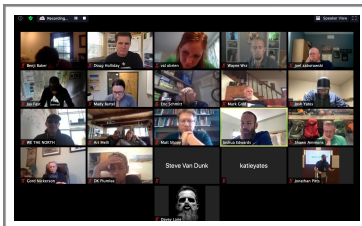


Open Door Haiti



Covid challenges prevented me from traveling to Haiti in 2020 until October 1st. Everything in Haiti shut down in April, May and June, so our Bible School couldn't finish out the 2019-2020 school year until September. It was great to invest in the new group of young leaders God has brought to us, and to see how God has so powerfully worked through this training program. Open Door Haiti has now planted over 30 churches in the last 12 years with leaders we've raised up through this disciple-making training.

Virtual Staff Retreat



Our team of 22 was scheduled to gather in mid-September for a Staff Retreat in Daytona Beach, but seeing as we were coming from multiple states as well as Canada, Covid made an in person retreat impossible to pull off. Our team does a lot on Zoom, so a two day "retreat" on Zoom was easy for us to adjust to. The hard part was missing our time together in person, as we are so seldom all in the same place. Our theme, in light of the challenges all ministries are facing in 2020 and stretching into 2021... *Improvise-Adapt-Overcome!*

To Rwanda With Love



In January 2020, Jennifer's brother Jonathan and his family moved to Rwanda to fulfill their dream of starting job-providing industry in Africa to help lift people out of poverty. Jennifer took a week off from work to travel back to Africa for the first time since we lived in Kenya in 2005-06. We remember was an incredible blessing it was to have family visit us when we were so far from home, so we considered it a joy and a privilege to love on Jonathan, Ryanne, and their kids in this way.

Equipping in Arkansas



Back in May, I participated in a virtual Disciple-Making Forum that drew over 3000 participants. One of the pastors that came to Sonlife's breakout training in the virtual Forum was hungry to see his church in Arkansas become a disciple-making church. He reached out, we set up a Zoom meeting, and eventually set up a time when Covid restrictions would loosen up for me to fly in for a weekend, consult with his leadership team, train the volunteer leaders, and preach to the congregation. It's only the beginning.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
UPCOMING

Disciple-Making Impact

Open Door Haiti

December 1-8 / SOYM

I'll be training our young leaders in the character and priorities of Jesus and how they can BE disciple-makers wherever God sends them.

Sonlife Training Events

January 14-16 / St. Augustine, FL

February 25-25 / Colleyville, TX

April 29-May 1 / Timonium, MD

Sonlife is planning regional disciple-making conferences where we will gather leaders and expose them to ministries that are modeling making disciples as Jesus did.

In light of covid restriction challenges, we are praying through whether we should shift all of these regional in-person gatherings to a virtual event.

Global Leadership

April 12-16 / Croatia

Sonlife's global disciple-making partners will gather together in Croatia to pray for one another, encourage one another, and work through strategic leadership challenges as we work together to see disciple-making movements in 153 countries across the globe by 2030.

Life of Christ Study Tour

June 7-17 / Israel

35-40 ministry leaders will join Sonlife in Israel for a chronological study of the life of Christ, on location, as we examine together what it looks like to "walk as Jesus walked" while we're walking where Jesus walked. There is still room on next year's Study Tour if you'd like to join me. The Tour cost is \$2500 plus airfare. Contact me for more details.



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"Pray for us that God may open a
door for our message!"
Colossians 4:3