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2020: Year in Review

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Hope Overflowing

By Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

Here is a quote from my newsletter article one year ago this month:

"Welcome to 2020 friends!!! The future of House of Faith has never looked clearer and brighter!!! We are so excited to begin this year and the feeling of excitement and joy and anticipation has NEVER BEEN GREATER!"

(...pause...) Oh my, how we had no idea how the world would change!

In light of that statement, it is tempting to look back on 2020 and think of how it could not have been more wrong. As is the case with the whole world, we could never have known what kinds of changes and issues we would soon walk into, and "the new normal" that would arrive for us all.

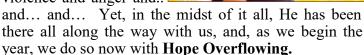
I love the hope and enthusiasm that is reflected in my statement from the beginning of last year. Anticipation, excitement, joy – "NEVER BEEN GREATER," I said. Again, it is tempting to point this out as being incorrect. But a closer look, even in the midst of all the terrible details, reveals something different entirely.

The verse from Romans 15:13 at the beginning of this article is in the future tense, where Paul is giving this blessing as something that The Lord **WILL DO**; and yet, as I look back on 2020, I see that this is the very



thing that The Lord **HAS DONE**.

Yes, there has been so much difficulty and struggle and sickness and death and chaos and violence and anger and..



He has Sustained us. Empowered us. Enabled us. Provided for us. Protected us. Led us. Comforted us. Used us. Emptied us. Partnered with us. Given us hope.

In fact, looking ahead toward 2021, I find myself with an even **GREATER** sense of clarity and excitement and joy and anticipation, more so even than this time last year. In fact, again... it has NEVER BEEN GREATER! Why would I say such a thing?

People are angry. Children are hurting. Youth are confused. Families are scared. And, in the midst of it all, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are finding more and more opportunities to <u>Take JESUS</u> to neighborhood Children, Youth, and Families.

As I read Romans 15 it seems to me to be all about **TRUST**. Hope overflowing comes by the power of the Holy Spirit through the filling with joy and peace by the God of Hope **AS WE TRUST IN HIM.**

That is our prayer for all of you this year. That you find your trust in Him and receive Hope Overflowing. The Lord really is a **God of hope** and it is our prayer that He fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that this year, you may **overflow with hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit within you!

Please know that we are so very grateful for your faithful support, for **TRUSTING WITH US**, especially this past year. We are still here and we are still out there Taking **JESUS** to neighborhood Children, Youth, and Families.

Blessings of The Lord surround you during this new year!

In Him and for them, lev





- 1. In May 2020, House of Faith hosted a **Reverse Parade** to **celebrate our 5th graders** and introduce them to our building where we hold the House of Faith youth program.
- 2. Of course, a major highlight of 2020 were the months spent doing **House of Faith virtually**, via videos and fun, interactive newsletters mailed to the children!
- 3. Family Blessing Bags were packed and delivered to our 1,100 families in June!
- 4. **Overnight camps** looked a lot different last summer! We took 150 students in 4 different groups for 4 shorter, smaller camps. Students enjoyed swimming, playing, worshipping and learning from the Sermon on the Mount at each camp!



- 7. In the spring we had **discipleship meetings** with smaller groups of our students where students were coached on how to read Scripture for themselves, and challenged to share it with their friends and families, as well.
- 8. 400 families (over 1800 people) were blessed at the **Family Christmas Party** drive-in events held at Fort Concho National Historic Landmark!