

This past year has been one of the most difficult years in our ministry. But I am reminded of 2 Timothy 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." God allows difficulties in our life to grow us and challenge us in our walk with Him.

In praise and heartache, we share this update. In our last prayer letter, we mentioned a man in the church that was fighting Caleb on about everything that was going on in the church. While in the process of church discipline, we were at the point of the most painful step of removing this man from the church. Instead of having to take this step, this man made the decision to leave the church on his own freewill. Since the time he left, he has taken six other people from the church and has started his own Bible study. What has broken our hearts the most is people being deceived by this man's lies and refusing to hear the truth. We continue to love these and pray that they see truth before much damage is done. I ask everyone to continue to pray over this situation and that God will reveal truth in his time. We have questioned ourselves so much this past year but continue to stay faithful to what God has called us to and to trust him through the storms and know that he is in control and that he has a purpose!

In our last prayer letter I mentioned a man named Dee who was growing in the Lord and was involved in our music ministry. It breaks our hearts to tell you that through a difficult family situation he had to move from Las Cruces and leave the church. Please pray that God will work Dee's family situation out and help him to find a church where he can continue to grow in the Lord.

Despite these difficulties we are looking forward to 2024. We are continuing to look unto Jesus as we are encouraged to do in Hebrew 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;" We are excited about our revival this year with Evangelist Paul Schwanke in June. In October of this year, we are having a Men's Conference "Chasing the Heart of God". Our main speaker will be Pastor Samuel Mills from our home church. We cannot wait to see how our men will be challenged to be men after God's own heart.

We are encouraged by the Spiritual Growth that has taken place in many of our members during the last couple of months. We are excited to see some visitors come in the last couple of months. Tanya and her daughter have come a couple of times. And just recently Gordon and Sarah have started visiting our church, as well as Sabian who has been coming regular. Please pray for Sabian's salvation. We have had a few other visitors and some returning that have not been in a long time. Pray they will continue and that there will be much spiritual growth. Caleb has been preaching hard on giving your all to the Lord over the last two months and we have seen some tremendous steps in several of our people and love seeing them dig deeper into the Word.

Many times, I think about Paul's ministry in the New Testament. He was stoned to death, put in prison, and was shipwrecked. He was knocked down, but he always got back up and kept moving forward for the Lord. Philippians 3:13-14 states, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Christian, we may get knocked down, but we all need to get back up and get in the fight.

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