

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107:2

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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

"As for God, His way is perfect..." Psalm 18:30a

The New Year began with our Old Year service. At midnight, as a church, we prayed in the New Year and promised to "Live God's Way" in 2022. This year we will also be reading the Old Testament books of history to learn more about the importance of living God's way.

The New Year brought a surge of Covid cases. We are thankful that pre-school was only delayed one week because the students are so far behind. We are struggling to get them caught up, and we still have one learning remotely due to health problems.

With the New Year came some sadness. We lost two faithful church members who we also helped with food and medicine. Jessica had multiple terminal health issues, but in the end, it was Covid that took her life. She had been coming to our church since she was four years old. She found many ways to serve the Lord and was twenty-three when she died. Our second loss came in March. Mr. Lloyd was diabetic and blind. An ulcer formed on his foot and would not heal. At the funeral, many of the relatives talked about how much Mr. Lloyd had changed in the past few years. What we remember the most about Mr. Lloyd is that no matter what problems or trials came into his life, he would always say, "We just have to keep praising the Lord." Robert preached both funerals and challenged the family members to receive Christ.

On a happier note, Ms. Francis visited our church on a Sunday morning and asked the Lord to save her. Also Mr. Andy, who's house burned, has finished rebuilding his house and moved in. We are thankful for those who gave that enabled us to provide some of the concrete and lumber he needed.

Over and over these months, we have remembered the verse in Esther that says, "...For such a time as this?" We have been encouraged and thankful to be here, and we look forward to seeing what 2022 will bring as we seek to "Live God's Way."

In Christ,

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