

Dehuts in Louisville, KY

Winter, 2021

"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart." - 2 Cor. . 4:1

I would assume that over the course of the last twelve months many of us have felt exhaustion and monotony. There are days where I have felt like I was trudging through deep mud, like I wasn't making the progress I had planned for myself and my work. But by God's grace there are so many passages where He encourages us to not lose heart, to not grow weary in doing good and to keep serving others (Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13). As I start 2021 and once again begin filling up the calendar, I will trust in God's goodness and sovereignty and remember that everything I'm trying to do in service to him is by his mercy and he measures success by my faithfulness to him.

1. Evangelism

Here are some of the local studies taking place:

- Local Evangelism: Since I last wrote, I am excited to share that I was finally able to hold a gospel meeting in December! It was the first meeting I have held since the pandemic began last March. The Warfield Blvd. congregation in Clarksville, TN invited me to hold a weekend meeting on, "The Life of Christ" (you can find the audio for this series here <u>bit.ly/3pL3vuT</u>). In February I have been invited to preach several times.
 - Feb. 14th Preaching at Oldham Woods in La Grange, KY
 - Feb. 21st Preaching at Eastland in Louisville, KY
 - Feb. 27th Preaching two sermons in a winter lectureship in Hammond, IN

- **Teen Studies:** Our teen studies in Daniel and Romans have continued through the school year. In January we covered Daniel 7 & 8 and made it through Romans 4. Lord willing, we will conclude Daniel sometime in March. We will have to discuss if we want to pick up the pace of Romans to conclude it before the end of the school year, or if we want to maintain our current speed and make it our goal to cover it through 2021.
- 2021 Bible Camp Preparations: Over the weekend of January 14–16, the staff of SALT and LIGHT Bible camps met to work on our plans for 2021. Our theme for this year will be, "It Is Well With My Soul". We are currently working on updating our web site and getting online registration ready. The date for these camps is June 13th–19th. If you have any questions about these camps, just send me an email or a phone call. The new website will be <u>saltandlightbiblecamps.com</u> We also have Facebook pages for each camp.

2. Edification & Equipping of the Saints (Biblical Counseling)



Studies in Process – The average duration for many of these studies is 8–12 weeks. However, with everything happening in 2020 many of these studies are going longer than normal.

Studies on the Waiting List – These are people who have requested studies, and are waiting for an opening in the schedule.

Consultation – Over the last year God has provided more opportunities to help brainstorm with Christians in other places who are seeking advice on how to serve people they are studying with. I usually share Biblical texts, principles and possible resources. Depending on the particular situation these consultations can be as short as a single phone call, or multiple calls & texts per week. I am grateful for the men and women God is using to compassionately minister his word to people in need!

Studies Completed – These are studies that have concluded because the students have matured, grown, overcome whatever it is that brought them our way.

Thank you for your support and so I can can provide these studies free of charge!

Suggested resource: I'm often contacted by elders, evangelists and family members looking for resources as they try to help friends and family mature in Christ. I thought I would share a resource this month with the understanding that just because I find a resource helpful does not mean that I agree with the author on everything that he says.



The "31-Day Devotionals for Life" series is a resource that I have found superhelpful. It gives small but thoughtful daily devotionals for a month of reading and application of Biblical principles. Great for one-on-one or small group studies, I have appreciated how applicable these have been. I have personally used the books on Anxiety, Grief and Contentment in my counseling work. The best price I have found for these books is at the following site: <u>bit.ly/</u> <u>2MR2mmM</u>

EQUIPPING OTHERS:

- On February 8th-12th, 6 people will be joining me for the annual Biblical counseling training conference. The training is being done virtually this year, but we will all gather in Louisville and watch our lectures together.
- I have a couple of people interested in starting a 3-month long counseling training class via Zoom. If you are interested in joining our class, please email or text me and we will pick a weekly day and time to begin this group study.

WORKSHOPS:

The 2021 fall Single's Workshop is scheduled for September 16th-18th! We are still working on our location and theme, but we want to get the dates on as many calendars as early as we can. To receive updates about this event and eventually register, contact me via email or text.

3. Bible Study Tools (Appian Media)

A LOT has been happening with Appian Media since my last report. In October of 2020 God provided the opening the team needed to make the various trips necessary to get principal production completed for our new project on Revelation's Seven Churches called, "Trial & Triumph"! I have tried to include a photo from various locations we visited in Quarter 4 of 2020.

In January, 2021 post-production began. We have also begun writing the study guide that will accompany the documentary.

Besides "Trial & Triumph", the team has continued to record various podcasts and video content which is being uploaded to our online platforms every week (find us on Facebook, YouTube and as always, <u>appianmedia.org</u>).

2020 "Trial & Triumph" Production Trip



FLYING INTO TURKEY.



REVIEWING MY NOTES IN THE VAN IN TURKEY.



CRAIG AND STUART REVIEWING THE DAY AT EPHESUS.



2020 PRODUCTION TEAM PHOTO IN LAODICEA.





VISITING TIMES SQUARE IN NY. WE HAD SOME INTERVIEWS TO GET THE NEXT DAY.



I WAS TRUSTED TO BABYSIT THE LUGGAGE ON A TRIP TO TAMPA FOR AN INTERVIEW. VISITED OKLAHOMA FOR SOME INTERVIEWS.



THE TEAM GETTING FOOTAGE IN TURKEY.

Support Update

(502) 645-3098

With excitement and extreme gratitude, I am able to share that beginning in January of 2021 God has provided us with full support! Because of the generous support of those who have partnered with me from the beginning, along with some new supporters, our monthly goal of \$6,500 a month has been met with commitments for the remainder of 2021.

Request Snapshot:	"Thank you," just doesn't seem sufficient. If there is any way I can be of service to any of you directly, please let me know.
 Total support/month: \$6,500, of which \$6,500 has been 	As always, if you have any questions about the work I am doing or if there is anything I can do for you, please do not
committed for 2021!	
• Projected time in Louisville,	hesitate to contact me.
2-5 years.	Thank you for your patience in receiving this report. The work did not slow down in the final quarter of last year, but to be frank, I was growing weary in seeking support in every report. I commit to doing better sending regular reports out.
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