

Southeast Alaska Island Ministries

Preaching the Risen Christ in Hard to Reach Places



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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

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So, how many of you thought that when the clock struck midnight and 2020 was finally behind us that there would be rainbows and unicorns as far as the eye could see? I'll admit, I kind of did. The reason, I think, was because my expectations were misaligned and my eyes were on my circumstances instead of on the Lord. Yep, I pulled a "Peter on the water". During the storm I took my eyes off the Lord and focused on the waves. I'll bet it's happened to you a few times this past year, and maybe even in January as well.

I am blessed and encouraged when I remember the Lord was right there to lift Peter out of the water and He is right here to lift us up as well. And if you'll allow me to be candid, last year was tough on us in the ministry. We saw no one saved and no one baptized. We examined ourselves to see if we were doing anything wrong. We even challenged some of our city's COVID protocols and mandates to try and do the work of the ministry better or more effectively. This is a difficult time, at least in Juneau, to get folks to visit a church when so much fear is being propagated through the news outlets.

But, we would be wrong to think that the Lord is not still blessing...because He is, greatly! We still have a solid core of people who are so very faithful in coming to services every week. We also have a very faithful group of folks who watch us on YouTube and Facebook Live; quite a few of those are living in outlying communities away from Juneau. So, the Word of God is still being faithfully taught and preached.

And, the pregnancy resource center (Juneau Pregnancy Resource Center) is open and flourishing with classes being sent to client's devices and baby items being delivered to doorsteps. Yesterday I even got to hold a baby of one of our clients. It was such a blessing to see him smile and hear him giggle! It might have just been my face that made him laugh, but I'll take it!

We did also have our Walk For Life march in January. I was invited to be the keynote speaker. So, in mid-20 degree weather, on the steps of our capital, the Lord gave me the privilege of sharing His pro-life position!

So, yes, 2020 was a bit rough. 2021 is starting to look familiar. But, so are the blessings of the Lord. I'm not big on New Year's Resolutions, but with the Lord's leading and empowerment, we are resolving to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Lord.



Thank you for your prayers and support through the trials and difficulties of this past year.

Jim and Becky Carter

Your missionaries to Southeast Alaska