



# Teach Them to Reach Them...

*equipping the next generation*

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## 2020 Oct—Dec Update

### EBI SS PROJECT

What do a pear, a scroll and a explorer have to do with each other. They are all part of the new Sunday School material we have been working on throughout this pandemic.

The Sunday School project has been a great success. We finished our preliminary formatting document and design to submit to our "formatter". The new material has a whole new look and format. It has new dynamics for teaching verses. It also includes teacher tips for the new and seasoned teachers. New icons have been created to make the material easy to follow and teach.

Our goal throughout the project has been to ensure that the gospel message is clear and strong. The highlight and hero of the material taught is our Savior. Often when we hear a Bible story the hero tends to be the main character of the story (Abraham, Joseph, Moses). Our goal is to show these amazing men and women as characters that are relatable to boys and girls. What makes these characters remarkable is their faith and obedience to a powerful loving, kind, righteous, and merciful God. It is what the Lord does through their obedience that makes their stories so awe-inspiring.

We've seen a preliminary printing already and WOW does it look great! We're in the final stages now of editing for the final printing. Pray for us as we get this last stage done. We have already begun work on Books 2 and 3.

### PUBLISHING IN A PANDEMIC

One of the blessings of publishing is that we have been able to continue the work despite the lockdown here and in Sebring, FL. Our office in Sebring has not been opened to the public since the beginning of the pandemic. Our Sebring team moved work projects to home. The move has been seamless. For those of us working on the Sunday School project we use a platform available through Microsoft Teams called SharePoint. The program is a cross between Google Drive and Zoom, we can share the document and see each other as we work.

Most days I sign on in the morning with my teammate Lisa Burkholder, (we're responsible for the content) to work on the Sunday School document. It allows us to corroborate in real time to create and edit Thankfully our timeline has stayed intact during this time.

We are excited about the series and cannot wait for it to be ready for release. It has been exciting to see this project come together from conception to almost being ready for a final print. Thank you for praying for us.

### CODE RED

Once again we are in a Code Red status (we never quite made it back to Code Green), meaning we can't physically meet for church. We currently rent an event hall to meet, so we are limited by their restrictions. Going back to a straight Zoom service was not something we were looking forward to, so we made some adjustments. Our team meets at the Pastor's house where he preaches to us and we Zoom the service for our congregation. Our congregation have been faithful. The greater majority of our congregation have been meeting on Zoom because of health restrictions so this was an adjustment for us and the few that are able to meet physically. The modified Zoom meeting has allowed us to keep the service dynamic despite being on Zoom.

The restrictions also affected how we celebrate Christmas as a church. This year instead of a celebration with the church family, we decided to focus outward. We have teamed with a shelter that houses children that have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or drug abuse. There are currently 33 children housed in this shelter, they range in age from 1– 8 and one child that is disabled age 18. The largest group are the 1 and 4 year olds. We were given a list of toy requests for the children. Each family of the church has "adopted" one of the children to provide them their requested gift. The response from the church family has been wonderful. Within hours of the release of the lists we were getting responses. Many of the gifts have been sent to us via Amazon, Mercado Libre (like ebay) and package delivery. We will deliver the gifts next week in time for Three Kings Day, the traditional day for giving gifts to children.

### PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES

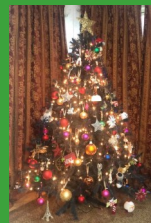
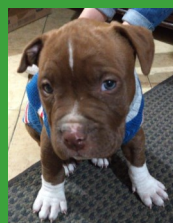
#### Praises

- We have remained healthy
- Héctor continues with his internship at a nearby clinic
- We added a puppy to our family (pray for us). He's a cute stinker

#### Prayer Requests

- Our Sunday School Curriculum is progressing wonderfully
- Ladies Bible study is still very well attended. Our ladies are closer even via Zoom. They are growing in the Lord.
- Several of our families from church have been affected by Covid
- Pray as we minister to this shelter of children

*We wish for you a Happy New Year. We pray that's God's richest blessings are realized for you and yours in 2021. Thank you for your faithful financial and prayer support.*



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**