



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



## Photo of the Year

The most popular photos on my FaceBook page every year are the ones about my family. This year it was a Father's Day collage and one of Anna's graduation from college. The Photo of the Year I chose is the one of all the male Johnsons (now there is one more). I took eight short trips to visit family in Turlock or Bellevue last year and feel the need to continue that tradition.

## Insight of the Year

People who oppose Christianity are not the enemy. You can't reach someone you want to defeat. Jesus didn't come to condemn the world and Christians should shine the light rather than just curse the darkness.

## Going Back Inside

I still remember the email I received back in May that said in person ministry would resume on June 1st. Fairly quickly I was back doing most of my normal activities and life felt good. Many times I had wondered what type of ministry I would come back to. But then I realized there was nothing to worry about. Many of the staff were glad to see programming return and the unpleasantness of the previous fifteen months began to fade away.

## New Title

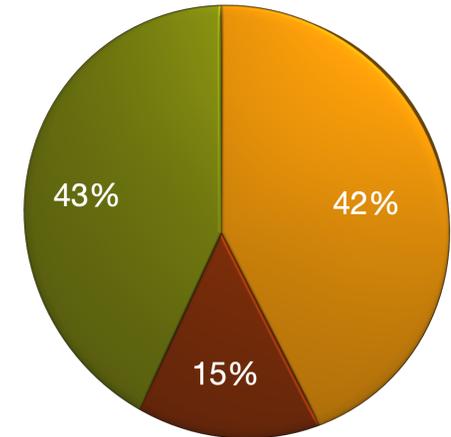
After a religious services meeting last August, Chaplain Steve was getting ready to drive home and mentioned that I could change my title to Supervising Chaplain. He would remain the Senior Chaplain but would primarily handle volunteer training and meetings with probation administration. I didn't go out and print new business cards but I did begin to feel the weight of having new responsibilities.

- Recruit and process new volunteers
- Assign and supervise all volunteers
- Lead the monthly staff meetings
- Handle extra administrative duties

With the departure of our volunteer coordinator, I am definitely going to be a full-time chaplain. No one will be able to totally fill the hole Chaplain Sheri left but I am going to have to try.

Chaplain Tim Alexander was asked to join the board of Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries as the Vice President. He has a full time job but covers for me on my Sunday off and teaches in the XSR Units and at the YGC Bible Study once a month.

## Types of Contacts



## What Isn't Normal

Church services and bible studies are being attended, youth are requesting one on one counseling and discipleship, aftercare is taking place, and bibles and literature are being distributed.

However, things are still not back to normal. The youth are quarantined for two weeks in the three intake units and can only request a one on one. Several times over the past six months, a staff member got sick and the unit he or she worked in was quarantined for ten days or more. This has decreased attendance and prevented our volunteers from serving weekly.

Masks must be worn at all times within each of the facilities and that includes while I try to lead worship. The medical unit does not want the units to mix with each other so outreach activities have not resumed. Three of our volunteers are on a leave of absence because they are not able to provide proof of vaccination or a weekly negative test.

## Street Light Church

Community contacts increased dramatically this year because of my role at Street Light Church. The church began meeting in person in February and for a few months I was teaching every Sunday evening and most Friday evenings. Now I only teach on Fridays. On Sundays, I open in prayer, help lead worship, make announcements, handle the prayer requests, and lead the monthly communion service.

The Parole Department is thrilled that the church is hosting their monthly orientation meetings for those just released from prison. Almost every month I meet a parolee who remembers me from their time spent in Juvenile Hall.

## Direct Deposit

Dennis has been Pacific Youth's bookkeeper for many years but sold his clients awhile back to another accounting firm in the San Bernardino area. When Chaplain Steve met with them, he felt good about their reputation. I am pleased to announce that copies of your checks will no longer be sent through the mail. This firm uses direct deposit and then a donation report is emailed to me twice a month!

## Raising Support

Last year, I went to a workshop at the missions conference and was told to let my supporters know about my exit plan. My goal is to raise financial support until 2027 and take social security at that time. I will hopefully be able to turn some of my support over to my replacement chaplain but don't plan to stop serving full time until I am seventy years old in 2030. I am praying for the Lord to continue to protect and use the ministry so I can stay full-time until then.

## What Was Taught?

Whether the crowd is large or small, I still spend the same amount of time studying and preparing my notes, the handouts, and the keynote presentations. Most of my messages were from these four topics.

- Ten Commandments (11 part series)
- Being a Disciple (17 part series)
- Spiritual Growth (5 part series)
- What is Wisdom? (5 part series)

I taught at 95 church services on Sundays (JH & YGC) or Thursdays (YLA) and helped lead 50 bible studies on Wednesdays (YGC).

## Praise List

Last year I stopped to write down 56 answers to prayer or blessings from the Lord. I am still amazed at how the Lord spoke to me during an individual prayer session I signed up for at the missions conference last January. Having enough encouraging information and updates to fill my monthly prayer newsletter has been a sign of God's faithfulness to me.

I had aftercare contact with 52 different youth but Marcos (61 contacts) and Jesus have been the most encouraging. Marcos is finishing his schooling and faithfully attending his church. Sometimes he also goes to Street Light with me. Jesus got back in touch with me after several years and has made some major progress in his life. Leonel (65 contacts) has become much more emotionally stable but still needs to connect with a church.

I wrote 46 letters to inmates in jail or prison and received 47 letters back. I was also able to send 40 emails and received 150 back.

## My Ministry Contacts

<b>Church Services:</b>	<b>910</b>
<b>Bible Studies:</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Chaplain Requests:</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>Counseling:</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Discipleship:</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Aftercare:</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>Outreach Activities:</b>	<b>82</b>



This past year I also spoke at a funeral, the Salvation Army Shelter, two Sunday School classes, three Sunday morning church services, led two prayer gatherings, made twenty-one visits to jail, and one to a prison.

Besides the mission's conference, I also attended a pastor's conference, and the virtual Correctional Ministry & Chaplain's Association conference.

Thank you for your part in keeping me full-time on the mission field. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the year.

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