

PRESSING ON IN 2020

A MINISTRY REVIEW

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."

~ 2 Corinthians 13:5

1. Take Time to Review

- a. Church should function as the pillar (uphold) and ground (affirm) of the truth - 1Tim 3:15
- b. It is easy to lose track of time = then, we cannot redeem it - Eph 5:16
- c. We are told to examine ourselves ... prove our ministry - 2 Cor 13:5, 2 Tim 2:15

2. Why We Exist

- a. Grace Ambassadors Bible Fellowship - what's in a name? Not much: a reminder.
- b. Life in Christ defined = Salvation, standing, walking, helping others ... in Jesus Christ.
 - i. Or ... Souls saved, saints edified, walk worthy, to make all men see
 - ii. Or ... saved, stablished, sanctified, serving - 1 Tim 2:4, Col 1:10, Eph 3:9
 - iii. Or ... make the gospel clear, right division, make grace work, make all men see

3. How?

- a. A question worthy of thought - *"how do we explode this message?"*
- b. 2000 years is a long "explosion" ... it has been more like a fizzle.
- c. Ingredients for a successful impact:
 - i. 1 - Compelling clear communication (Preaching, teaching, resources)
 - ii. 2 - Exposure (public, propagation, people, repeatable)
 - iii. 3 - Established churches (assembly, place, personal, long-term, work)
- d. All 3 are essential for "explosion" (power pressed together preached to many people)

4. What Have We Been Doing?

- a. We spent time not online: Q&A, children's class, meals, conversations, guests/visitors, seminar, ambassadors workshops, fairs, administration, development.
 - i. 121 days of scheduled ministry; many more days of work at home.
- b. We spent money: building (28%), books (20%), seminar (20%), web (15%), events (10%), administration (8%), salaries and staff (0%)
- c. We've been creating resources: 154 meetings plus children, toddlers, and others.
- d. *What's coming up?* Building improvements, new technology, new channels, workshops

5. What Now?

- a. What did you do in 2019? Where was time spent? What sort of work? Did you walk worthy?
- b. Time should be = things learned, experience earned, fruit returned. If not ... get help!
 - i. Are you growing? Looks like -> encouraged, joy, peace, praise, thanks
 - ii. Stuck looks like -> discouraged, depressed, doubts, confused, hard, hopeless
- c. Our ministry is you complete in Christ, how is Christ in you? Col 1:27
- d. The key to continued growth is faithfulness. In 2020 we will continue pressing... Phi 3:14