



Dear Prayer Partners,

Our family went to see a local light display this past week. One of the sponsors had a display that read *“In a 1 star year, the only star that matters”*, referencing and showing the star that led the wise men to Jesus. Although 2020 may not have been a stellar year by human standards, we can be wise and continue to seek Him, to find that there is 5-star evidence of His work. Here are just a few from this past year:

**1 Star View**

- Many camps nationwide shut down
- Reduced number of campers allowed
- Large number of summer cancellations
- Concern over camper health and safety
- Canceled retreats & retreat income loss
- Loss of monthly financial supporters

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**5 Star View**

- vs. We had camp and saw several campers come to know Christ
- vs. Small groups of campers developed closer bonds with each other.
- vs. Waiting lists of kids who filled those slots quickly.
- vs. Safe, happy and successful summer for campers and staff
- vs. Increase in special gifts from churches and individuals
- vs. New individuals that have stepped up and partnered with us this year.

As we head look ahead at 2021, we don't know what the year will hold, but we do know the Lord holds the year. Right now, we are actively planning our Summer Camp Brochure and recruiting staff. Our theme this summer will focus on the “Sermon on the Mount” and Jesus teachings on how we are to live in our world. We are also working with retreat groups through the spring to provide the safest and most fulfilling retreat that we can. Though we are doing what we can, we have seen several church groups cancel through the spring. Please pray with us as we navigate these state mandates with respect and yet still be wise to how we can effectively do ministry and continue to reach people.

Our family is doing well. We celebrated Christmas at home this year but plan to see many of our family members soon. We are grateful for each of you that prayed for us and encouraged us through the year. We appreciate your support for us and the ministry here at New Life. We are looking forward to all that the Lord will do in 2021.

In Christ,  
Chris, Johanna, Joses & Eran

