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October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2020	Globally Spreading the Gospel through Shoeboxes	<p><u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater</p> <p><u>Guest:</u> Kahanna Smith, Greater Long Beach and South Bay Area Coordinator, Operation Christmas Child (Long Beach, CA). www.samaritanspurse.org/occ</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Kahanna shared an example of how Operation Christmas Child impacted somebody's life. It not only can impact a child's life but also surrounding adults. Kahanna also shared how we can pack our own shoebox and be able to help spread the Gospel and impact someone across the world. For more information, please visit their website.</p>
November 7 & 14, 2020	Spreading the Gospel while Giving to U.S. and Other Children	<p><u>Host:</u> Daniel Ridings</p> <p><u>Guest:</u> Dana Williams, Media Relations Manager for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child (Franklin, TN). www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.</p> <p><u>Description:</u> The COVID-19 pandemic has not stopped the Gospel from spreading around the world through Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child! Shoeboxes are taken from drop off locations to processing centers where they are shipped internationally. Local ministry partners distribute the shoeboxes at children's outreach events and enroll children in the long-term discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey."</p>
November 21 & 28,* 2020	Honoring Veterans Matters in U.S. and Long Beach	<p><u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater</p> <p><u>Guest:</u> Joe Jacowitz, Pastor of Christ Bible Church and Vietnam War Veteran (San Ramon, CA).</p> <p><u>Description:</u> It is common for men and women in the military to come home after service and experience hardships mentally, physically, and emotionally. Pastor Joe described his history and experience within the Marine Corps, as well as some of his struggles when he returned home from the Vietnam War. Pastor Joe shared his experience through a Christian perspective and suggested different ways that we can express our gratefulness towards military members, with praying for them at the top of the list.</p>

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December 5,* 12,* 19* & 26,** 2020	Providing Individuals and Families in Long Beach with Food, Christmas Gifts, and Other Needs	<u>Host:</u> Charrie Slater <u>Guest:</u> Captain Sergio Garcia, Salvation Army (Long Beach, CA). www.longbeach.salvationarmy.org <u>Description:</u> Captain Sergio told us about current winter and Christmas programs that the Salvation Army offers during this time. Many families and individuals are blessed each year from these programs. Captain Sergio shared how their programs impact and bless people struggling or in need this time of year. Due to COVID-19, the needs of struggling individuals have increased. The Salvation Army’s needs have increased because of this so they are asking for donations, volunteers, and any financial contribution able to be made. For more information, please visit their website.

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September 5, 2020	Equipping yourself to get through financial turmoil matters. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Arthur Ally, Founder & President, Timothy Plan (Maitland, FL). www.timothyplan.com <u>Description:</u> Life is full of surprising twists and turns. Each new day often starts with certain expectations – your job allows you to pay the bills, pay for your children’s education, plan for vacation and other expenses but the unexpected can suddenly take a person down a different path. Arthur Ally discussed how believers do not really have a grip on how God wants us to handle money and our finances. He continued explaining the evidence shows that if an individual really believes it is God’s money, it will show in how in how he or she handles it – actual behavior defines real beliefs. He shared that most Christians live basically paycheck to paycheck (day to day) and live over their means. He gave listeners a formula for financial security and resources to help listeners become better equipped financially.
September 12, 2020	Choosing the best healthcare coverage/facility for you and your family is a process. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Anthony Hopp, Vice President of External Relations, Samaritan Ministries (Peoria, IL). www.samaritanministries.org <u>Description:</u> Healthcare in America can be very costly. A routine visit to the doctor or hospital can result in hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars for the care. Anthony Hopp informed listeners that the latest trend is showing Americans are moving away from hospitals and choosing urgent care. He explained why some experts are even saying urgent care clinics are changing how health care is delivered. He shared information about healthcare sharing and how it is a way for Christians to connect with each other and experience community, thus caring for the entire medical need.
September 19, 2020	There is hope and encouragement for those struggling with isolation, self-destructive thoughts, and incredible loss. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Dr. Bill Dymont, Christian Psychologist and CEO of Dymont & Associates (Huntington Beach, CA). www.drillspeaks.com <u>Description:</u> Many thoughts consume the minds of those impacted by isolation, loneliness, negative thoughts, and heartbreaking loss. Dr. Dymont shared how individuals who have had any struggle with these emotions prior to the pandemic are likely to be overwhelmed just trying to get through each day. He explained warning signs for which to look, gave

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		recommendations for how to cope, and highlighted the importance of connecting with others, explaining how to best reach out to the people who are struggling with isolation, self-destructive thoughts, and loss.
September 26, 2020	American Christians' voting is paramount, as Christians can help restore hope to the "American Dream." (25-minute program)	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser</p> <p><u>Guest:</u> Dr. Carol Swain, Award-Winning Political Scientist, Author and Speaker (Brentwood, TN). www.carolmswain.com</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Throughout the years, people have traveled to America in pursuit of a dream. A dream of religious freedom that has paved the way for many others to follow. Even today, people continue to pursue their own dreams – dreams of one day breaking through the bondage of poverty, striving for a better future, a more prosperous life, etc. Dr. Carol Swain gave examples of what the American dream is, what it means and shared her own personal story of how she pursued the American dream, and her life was changed. Dr. Swain expressed her belief that the November election is the most important election of our lifetimes and encouraged listeners to look at each party platform and vote for the individuals who line up with his or her values and best align with Biblical standards. She emphasized we are at a critical tipping point in America and the importance of having individuals in government who believe in absolute truths; that there is a God, there is accountability, and to protect and preserve our way of life is essential.</p>
October 3, 2020	Christian women in America can bring healing amid the current chaos. (25-minute program)	<p><u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser</p> <p><u>Guest:</u> Christie Hutcherson, CEO and Founder, Women Fighting for America (Jacksonville, FL). www.womenfightingforamerica.com</p> <p><u>Description:</u> People have looked upon the American flag and are reminded of those who have gone before us and who gave their lives for the freedom many have cherished throughout the years. Sadly, over the past few years, prayer has been removed from schools, Bibles and nativity scenes are prohibited in some areas, and more recently, churches have been declared 'non-essential' and banned from gathering only to be replaced by riots, anger, and chaos. Christie Hutcherson explained the morality once in this country is gone and how policies affect our lives. She talked about how <i>Women Fighting for America</i> is educating the populace on our founding, our Constitution, our amendments, our</p>

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		rights, and the Biblical principles that shaped our nation—principles that everyone in the world looks to as a beacon of hope as “One Nation Under God.” Christie shared how listeners can set up a HEART Chapter in their area, the importance of telling younger generations about the Holocaust, Pearl Harbor, and what socialism and communism looks like, with stories being passed down from one generation to another. She explained the Church has been silent too long and urged listeners to band together, push back on tyranny, be in constant prayer and worship, and to ultimately get out and vote.
October 10, 2020	Fear and anxiety can be stopped from consuming your life. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Josh Weidmann, Author, Pastor and Certified Biblical Counselor (Denver, CO). www.joshweidmann.com <u>Description:</u> Being alone, afraid of the dark, public speaking, even death are some of the many things of which people can be fearful. It happens to people of all ages and from all walks of life. Josh Weidmann talked about how Americans are feeling more anxious than ever before – trying to navigate through the ups and downs of life with family and job demands, the global pandemic, civil unrest, etc. He shared his own personal struggles with anxiety and how that during his struggles, the Lord was and still is with him. He explained the importance of turning to the Gospel because it teaches us that our strength is found when we trust God; when stricken with fear, we should seek Christ first.
October 17, 2020	The Constitution defines the Supreme Court, and the Bible defines the role of judges and Christian behavior related to a judge vacancy. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Brad Dacus, President, Pacific Justice Institute (Sacramento, CA). www.pacificjustice.org <u>Description:</u> Back in 1776, our Founding Fathers declared the United States of America and created the Constitution which divides the federal government into three (3) branches to make sure no individual or group will have too much power. Brad Dacus gave an overview of each of those branches, a brief summary of what the responsibility of each is when governing the United States and why the Constitution is an extremely important document that should be supported by all citizens of this great country. With the recent Supreme Court opening, he talked about the importance of having judges who are impartial, willing to listen, have high integrity, the ability to weigh both sides, and be of admirable character. He also explained the purpose of a

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		filibuster, reasons some nations are prosperous versus those that are not and the two (2) major fronts that are hanging in the balance and could tip either way based on the outcome of the upcoming election.
October 24, 2020	Getting a flu vaccine is important; there are differences between the flu and Covid-19. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Dr. Jeff Barrows, DO, MA, Senior Vice President of Bioethics and Public Policy, Christian Medical & Dental Association (Bristol, TN). www.cmda.org <u>Description:</u> It's that time of year again when supermarkets, pharmacies, and other places post signs reminding people to get their flu vaccine. Studies have shown the vaccine can prevent the spread of the flu. Some people think getting the flu vaccine is too much trouble, that it will increase their chance of getting it, they are concerned about vaccines, etc. Dr. Jeff Barrows spoke about the flu symptoms, who are the most vulnerable, the different types of flu vaccines available, and the possible side effects. He also shared what the differences are between the flu and Covid-19 and how the Center for Disease Control (CDC) comes up with the vaccine from year to year.
October 31, 2020	The miracle of Christmas can be shared especially during difficult times. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Vladimir (Vlad) Prokhnevskiy, Former Shoebox Gift Recipient (Boone, NC). www.samaritanspurse.org/occ <u>Description:</u> As a young boy growing up in the Ukraine in a family of nine children, Vladimir (Vlad) Prokhnevskiy wore clothes that were passed down from his older siblings, took turns playing outside because they did not have enough shoes for everyone and even shared a toothbrush amongst his siblings. They were Christians and they were poor. Post-Soviet culture at that time taught people that if you believed in God, you were weak. He was nine years old when he was invited to attend a special event for low-income families. He remembers the bus ride to the event, the welcoming American smiles, the snacks, singing songs, learning about Jesus, and the highlight of the event when he received a shoebox gift. He had never received a gift before, and it made him feel special because his family couldn't afford them. Vlad said his favorite thing in the box was dental floss (which he thought was candy). He talked about how the shoebox gift gave him an example of unconditional love...with no strings attached. Eventually, his family was able to immigrate

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		to the United States and now he shares the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Event with his family every year so it will bless another child and help his children also see God's unconditional love – just as the shoebox blessed him showed him so many years ago.
November 7, 2020	Missionary work is important here in the United States, as well as throughout the world. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Dr. David Curry, President and CEO, Open Doors USA (Santa Ana, CA). www.opendoorsusa.org <u>Description:</u> Missionary work has long been known as people answering calls to go the mission field to lands near and far to fulfill the Great Commission and spread the Good News of Christ Jesus. Here in America, we have the internet, news outlets, social media platforms and numerous other resources readily available which brings up questions as to whether missionary work/evangelism is still important with everything at our fingertips. In the United States, we are now seeing signs of oppression and intolerance being used against Christians and people of faith. Dr. David Curry spoke about the missionary work today is less in America about going somewhere and starting a church as it is about trying to help serve our brothers and sisters in practical ways. He also talked about how people in the United States are reluctant to share the Good News (even though we are completely free to do so), as most people think a script is needed, memorization, or some kind of answer sheet ready for every kind of objection. It is simply introducing people to what Jesus has done in your life by telling your own story.
November 14, 2020	Communities can become more resilient during times of disaster. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guest:</u> Kathy Rainey, Founder and President, Emergency Lifeline Corporation (Santa Ana, CA). www.emergencylifeline.com <u>Description:</u> A second or a couple of minutes may not seem like much, but disaster can happen in that time and, when it does, every second counts. In today's world, disasters seem to be more intense, especially with civil unrest, the pandemic, etc. Kathy Rainey talked about how disaster preparedness can make the disaster impact less impactful and how preparedness is like insurance – you hope you never need it but having it will give peace of mind. She shared how keeping the Word of God

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		constantly in our minds and hearts can help one to draw strength through Christ and ways people can prepare should disaster occur.
November 21, 2020	Sharing the value of living generously to your family matters. (25-minute program)	<u>Host:</u> Jenny Burkhiser <u>Guests:</u> Brad Formsma, Dad, Author, Founder & President and Drew Formsma, Son and Co-Author, <i>I Like Giving</i> (Colorado Springs, CO). www.ilikegiving.com <u>Description:</u> Today's society offers a multitude of ways for people to focus on "me first" instead of "us." Brad Formsma shared the story of how he observed how his grandfather living a life generous to others. It made such an impact on him that he began to model generosity and have a lifestyle of generosity, not only with money but with encouraging, affirming words, etc. Drew talked about how seeing his Dad's behavior impacted his life and how generosity can be used to connect with younger generations today. Brad and Drew shared seven (7) ways of living generously that can bring people together by turning the focus off of self and looking to help others.
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October 1, 2020	Offering A Random Act of Kindness	<u>Description:</u> A teenage McDonald’s employee from Ohio is being celebrated for the random act of kindness he gave to a customer. A mother of three children, Brittany Reed had a van full of crying kids as she pulled into the McDonald’s drive thru last week – as she reached for her credit card to pay, she realized she left her purse at home! When she explained to the cashier <i>Wyatt</i> that she needed to cancel the order, without hesitation, he took out his wallet and swiped his card to pay for her meal. Brittany shared her story on social media, saying that “This kind and compassionate young man has just changed this world for the better!”
October 5, 2020	Needed Organ Donations on the Rise	<u>Description:</u> New organ donation records were set in 2019 for the tenth consecutive year in the United States. Health care teams across the country performed nearly 40,000 transplants from both deceased and living organ donors. You can help by registering to be an organ donor at the National Donate Life Registry.
October 6, 2020	Eviction due to COVID-19	<u>Description:</u> With millions of Americans impacted by the economic downturn this year due to COVID, many are facing eviction. To help ease the strain on individuals, the COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project provides free legal counsel to tenants by pairing volunteer attorneys with tenants facing eviction. They can help individuals understand the new eviction moratorium and answer questions about eligibility.
October 8, 2020	Serving the Disabled	<u>Description:</u> A 22-year-old disabled woman in Greece has just fulfilled her dream of reaching the summit of Mount Olympus thanks to the sacrifice and support of a new friend. When climber Marios Giannakou heard about Eleftheria’s wish, he knew she could not do it alone and so he decided to help her by carrying her on his back the entire way—safely secured in a specially modified backpack. So, on October 5 th , 2020, after 10 hours of climbing, the couple reached the 3000-meter summit together. Marios said he was grateful to Eleftheria for the opportunity “to become a better person and to remember that we must live life without fear.”
October 12, 2020	Homelessness	<u>Description:</u> A Pennsylvania woman is on a mission to make a change in her community after losing a loved one. Alicia Sipe is making care packages to deliver to people experiencing homelessness. She is doing it in memory of her brother Robby, who struggled with addiction for years before dying of a heroin overdose in May. Now, she is turning her grief into action by collecting toiletries, clothing, and snacks to

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		give to people suffering from homelessness... a group in which many people face the same challenges with addiction as her brother did.
October 13, 2020	Backyard Gardening	<u>Description:</u> All that time cooped up at home due to the pandemic has paid off for backyard gardener Travis Geinger. He was the winner of San Francisco’s Half Moon Bay pumpkin contest this year – his gargantuan gourd weighed in at 2,350 pounds. In his free time, Travis said he watered his plants up to 10 times a day... feeding and fertilizing them at least twice each day. At \$7 per pound, this prized pumpkin earned him over \$16,000.
October 15, 2020	Sending Bibles to Tribal Nations	<u>Description:</u> A tribe in Papua New Guinea which used to kill missionaries, practice witchcraft, and engage in cannibalism is now following God and graciously accepting 2,500 Bibles flown to them. The Bibles came from Mission Aviation Fellowship, a Christian organization that flies Bibles to areas that cannot receive them in other ways. Members of the Yali tribe were reportedly celebrating by chanting in their local tongue and dancing. Praise God!
October 16, 2020	Inventions to Assist the Disabled	<u>Description:</u> A 14-year-old girl is inspiring millions of young people with disabilities through her incredible invention. <i>Jordan</i> of Columbia, Missouri, was born with a left arm that stopped developing beyond the elbow. At 10 years old, she attended a STEM workshop that encouraged kids with disabilities to think creatively about their condition—so with a 3D-printer at her disposal, she designed her own prosthetic arm that could shoot glitter from the tip. She hopes the design will encourage other kids to view disabilities as gifts rather than hindrances. Jordan and her mother have now turned their labor of love into the Born Just Right nonprofit so they can continue advocating for inclusivity.
October 17, 2020	Operation Christmas Child Shares Gifts and the Gospel	<u>Description:</u> COVID-19 has already robbed us of so much. But we do not have to let it rob children of their Christmas. For decades, the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child have brought the hope of Christ to kids across the world. This year due to the pandemic, Samaritan’s Purse says filling those shoeboxes has been harder than ever. With many churches still shutdown or at limited capacity, the volunteers needed to host packing events are on short supply. They are looking for volunteers to help safely fill those shoeboxes in time for National Collection Week beginning November 16 th , 2020. The

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October 22, 2020	Food Donations Offered	<u>Description:</u> As families continue to struggle from financial stress due to COVID, one Connecticut father’s plea for help brought a national response. After losing his job due to the pandemic, Michael Carey, a single father of a 3-year-old girl, took up driving for Uber Eats to make ends meet, but stopped after getting two flat tires and having his insurance lapse. So, he turned to Facebook asking for food donations for his daughter. Within minutes, he received over 200 comments and then people across the country began sending him food, clothes, and supplies. He said, “I’ve gotten packages coming from Illinois, New Hampshire, and Maine. Don’t be afraid to ask for help – helping hands are there for you!”
October 27, 2020	Assisting the Disabled	<u>Description:</u> A simple act of kindness by a police officer in Maryland is going viral. Earlier this month, Corporal Gray Maloy had spotted someone in a wheelchair who wanted to cross a road and so he pulled over, stopped traffic at the busy intersection, and helped push the man's wheelchair across the road and onto his destination. The Sheriff's Office received over 700 reactions on social media, with one person writing that, “Class and integrity starts at the top and works its way down.” Others said the officer's actions showed how we all need to be on the lookout for ways to help in our communities.
October 28, 2020	Donating Meals for Thanksgiving	<u>Description:</u> How can kindness change a nation? One 5th grader in North Texas is showing us how by giving the gift of compassion in the wake of this pandemic! <i>Orion</i> has a goal of donating 100,000 meals to those in need by Thanksgiving. He is asking everyone from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Dallas, Texas, to join him in a race to kindness by going to select drop off points and donating simple meals which also contain a positive message. So far, he has collected over 4,000 meal donations and he’s hoping you’ll join him in the race!
October 29, 2020	Personal Protective Equipment Donations	<u>Description:</u> <i>Liem</i> may only be 13 years old, but he’s already spent the past seven years of his life serving his community. Since the start of COVID back in March, Liem has donated more than 5,000 masks, as well as sanitizer, food, clothing, and shelter to others as part of his Giving Hope Project. Adopted as an 11-month-old from Vietnam, his family has been cheering him on as he also hosts coat drives and other campaigns for vulnerable kids in his state.

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November 3, 2020	Importance of Adoption	<u>Description:</u> An Ohio man has gone from single foster dad to father of five. Growing up in foster care himself, Robert Carter knew what it was like to be separated from family and he did not want to see this happen to other children. His memories motivated him to change the path of a family of siblings by adopting all five of them so that they would never be separated again. Carter is looking forward to making new memories with his children. Every night he tells them, “I’m your dad forever. I know what it’s like, and I’m always here for you.”
November 5, 2020	Abortion Prevention	<u>Description:</u> With all the attention on the presidential election, you may not have heard that Louisiana Voters Passed a pro-life Amendment Tuesday declaring that Abortion Is Not A Constitutional Right! The Love Life Amendment, penned by a pro-life Democrat, was co-sponsored by people on both sides of the political aisle and takes an important step toward protecting the sanctity of human life and ending abortion on demand in the state. So, let us continue to pray that the protection of human life will continue to strengthen and that other states will follow Louisiana’s lead.
November 9, 2020	Individuals with Down Syndrome Triumph	<u>Description:</u> A 21-year-old Florida man has made history as the first person with Down syndrome to complete an Ironman triathlon, which includes a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in a single day. Chris Nikic battled his way to the end alongside his coach, who said it was an honor to bring Chris all the way to the finish line. Chris says this was all about showing others like him that anything is possible.
November 10, 2020	New Ways of Learning during COVID Pandemic	<u>Description:</u> As the pandemic has forced many public schools into remote learning, several churches nationwide have opened their doors to students in need. In Texas, over a dozen Houston-based churches are partnering with the Houston School District to serve as distance learning centers. The centers have been dubbed, “Sanctuaries of Learning,” and they are helping approximately 500 students navigate virtual learning. As a result, similar centers are cropping up in other cities like Los Angeles to fill the gap for those in need.
November 12, 2020	Support for Teens with COVID	<u>Description:</u> In Colorado, about 11% of COVID-19 cases are in people ages 10 to 19 years old. Now, a 16-year-old from Broomfield, Colorado, is hoping to help teens with COVID-19 feel more connected. Marlo created a support group called “Teens with Covid” online and

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		through social media apps. She says she had lots of friends and family who video chatted with her and helped her get through her isolation with COVID. She wants others to feel the same support.
November 13, 2020	Flags of Gratitude Spread Kindness	<u>Description:</u> An 11-year-old artist is spreading kindness in New Jersey by making flags of gratitude for veterans and health care workers. Ever since the pandemic started in March, <i>Callie</i> has been placing homemade painted flags around her town, each with an inspirational message of support and appreciation. So far, Callie has made 2,000 flags to encourage and uplift others—all of which can be seen on the Flags of Gratitude Facebook page.
November 18, 2020	Honoring Veterans	<u>Description:</u> An annual event honoring fallen American soldiers will still take place in December, despite having canceled the event 24 hours prior due to the pandemic. Organizers of <i>Wreaths Across America</i> - an event in which tens of thousands of volunteers lay wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers – announced that with the help of U.S. Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy the event is still on for Dec. 19, 2020. The wreath laying will take place at over 2,000 locations nationwide and overseas.
November 19, 2020	Bibles to Muslim Nations	<u>Description:</u> One Christian organization is sending 27,000 Bibles and books to Albania, helping to spread the Gospel to the Muslim-majority nation. Mission Cry President Jason Woolford says the Bibles in the container cost a half a million dollars and are now being put into the hands of new believers hungry to learn more. In Albania, the Church has grown rapidly but the number of Bibles remains low. Jason says that, “The need for Bibles outweighs the need for food and water. You can give someone a cup of water and it will satisfy them for a minute, but when you give them the Word, it will satisfy them for all eternity.”
November 22, 2020	Feeding the Hungry on Thanksgiving	<u>Description:</u> Walmart has teamed up with several brands to offer a free Thanksgiving dinner to customers during the pandemic; the dinner comes complete with a turkey breast roast, canned soup, green beans and all the trimmings. Following a purchase, individuals just download an app and scan the receipt to get the 100% cash back. Several other organizations are helping struggling Americans, as well.... In New York, the Food Bank for New York City handed out 500 turkeys to families in the Harlem neighborhood Monday and it plans to give away 2,000 more over the next two weeks. Over the weekend, the North Texas Food Bank gave out 600,000 pounds to 25,000 people.

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November 23, 2020	Developing Life Skills for Youth	<u>Description:</u> A West Virginia nonprofit organization that helps troubled teens transition into adulthood is reminding us that sometimes the biggest gifts come in small packages. For its latest project, <i>Stepping Stones</i> , is building tiny homes for youth to help them learn stability and independence, just as if they were leasing out an apartment in their own community. Thanks to donations from local businesses and foundations, they are offering a true first steppingstone to crucial life skills, putting a new roof over their heads just in time for the holidays.
November 30, 2020	Helping the Poor during the Holidays	<u>Description:</u> Of all the gifts our kids ask for this Christmas, frozen turkey likely will not make the list – much less 100 of them! But that's what 9-year-old Reese of North Carolina asked of her friends and neighbors this year. She says that since COVID started, her local food pantry needs more help than ever to serve hundreds of families in the Mooresville area. After raising more than \$1,250 dollars, Reese went shopping, lugging into grocery carts 107 turkeys, 35 hams and 48 boxes of stuffing. Her hope is for others to give in meaningful ways.
December 4, 2020	Knitted Clothing Donations	<u>Description:</u> COVID-19 continues to dramatically change how we live our lives. For 90-year-old Janet Breeden of Texas, it was an opportunity to serve others. Ms. Breeden had plenty of time on her hands AND plenty of yarn – since she loved knitting and loved people, she figured putting the two together would be a great way to pass time. She said, “I couldn’t go to Bible study or church and that’s what I missed most, but I love to look out and see God’s creation.” The first 50 scarves she knitted were donated to the homeless refuge in Amarillo. The next special delivery was to a Children’s Advocacy Center. In total, Ms. Breeden prayerfully handcrafted 100 scarves for strangers in her community that she may never meet!
December 7, 2020	Fighting Hunger with Generosity	<u>Description:</u> With many Americans facing hunger and homelessness over the holidays, one Korean War veteran who experienced hunger firsthand as a prisoner of war is generously purchasing hundreds of meals to provide relief! The 91-year-old veteran, who preferred to remain anonymous, walked into his local grocery store and wrote a \$1,500 check for the store's "Holidays Without Hunger" program. He also wrote a \$500 check for 100 pre-packaged meal boxes which provides meals for a family of four. The man spent two years as a prisoner of war and knows what it's like not to know where the next

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		meal is going to come from, or when. It was the largest single donation by an individual in the program's 17-year history.
December 8, 2020	Supporting the Infirm during COVID	<u>Description:</u> A Pennsylvania woman is on a mission to help others avoid the pain she felt, not able to communicate with her dying mother in the ICU as she battled COVID-19. With no one allowed into the hospital, Karen Pearson knew that her mother felt scared and alone and with only a limited number of iPads at the hospital, the two felt like they are a million miles away. That is why Karen started iPads for Patients, a GoFundMe campaign that has raised almost \$18,000 in days. She says, “The goal is to have every single patient when they check-in have an iPad at their disposal. It’s not just a comfort, but a way to advocate for your loved ones.” With enough to buy 50 iPads so far, their goal is to have no family go through what they did. The first batch of iPads will be delivered to Pennsylvania hospitals next week.
December 11, 2020	Fulfilling Impoverished Children’s Needs	<u>Description:</u> As sports stadiums around the world remain nearly empty due to COVID, an organization comprised of current and former professional athletes is asking us all to help fill a stadium of a different kind. The outreach program, <i>Fill the Stadium</i> , is asking individuals to go “on the offense” for 70,000 children and fulfill their needs with items such as food, medical care and clothing. An average football stadium fits 70,000 people; the hope is to raise enough money to help that many children around the world.
December 14, 2020	Helping Military Families’ Spiritual and Bible Needs	<u>Description:</u> Amid this pandemic, many people are struggling with isolation and discouragement, and that is especially true for military families. Due to soldiers' deployment and COVID restrictions, seeing family is not an option. As a way of offering support to our service members, the American Bible Society's Armed Services Ministry recently launched a program called “Hero Squad.” The program provides a welcome box, as well as four annual gift packages to children with a parent serving in the military. Included in the boxes are an age-appropriate Bible, military-specific devotionals, and Bible-based mental health resources. One military mother said, “We try to encourage people who are struggling and lonely to find their place in their love through God. He's the one that's going stay with us and sustain us, and never leave us.”
December 15, 2020	Overdue Utility Bills Paid	<u>Description:</u> When God blesses us with much, Scripture in turn calls us to give much. That is what one Florida man has done for 114 families

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		in his community by covering their overdue utility bills. Michael Esmond says he is almost ashamed to admit it, but 2020 was a good year for him and his business. Seeing how the pandemic has affected the people around him, he felt the need to share the blessing. Mr. Esmond donated over \$7,500 dollars to pay for the past-due bills. This week, all residents will receive a mailed holiday card notifying them of the surprise gift.
December 17, 2020	Mentoring Prison Inmates	<u>Description:</u> A man in North Carolina is using his trade skills to give back to the community by helping people turn mistakes into opportunities. For the last 15 years, David Moore has been mentoring the incarcerated and at-risk youth in his auto body shop. He founded <i>Southside Rides Foundation</i> to help people who, because of their pasts, have few other options. Moore said “growth starts with being brave enough to try on your own. Just go out there and see what you can do!” Local dealerships have hired over 200 people who have gone through his program and around 30 have opened their own businesses.
December 23, 2020	Christmas Gift Donations	<u>Description:</u> A woman in Florida is spreading holiday cheer by delivering Christmas trees to families in need this year. Kathy Jones noticed that struggling families were posting on social media about needing Christmas trees back in October. She decided to ask for donations on a local Facebook group and since then has delivered more than 100 artificial trees to Florida families. Kathy said that her faith is what drives her to deliver the Christmas trees adding, "Christmas for me is all about Christ."
December 28, 2020	Supporting Army Veterans	<u>Description:</u> A New Jersey community is rallying behind the family of a U.S. Army veteran who lost their home and two dogs in a Christmas Eve fire. For Randy Mojica, who served two tours in Iraq, buying that house symbolized years of hard work paying off -- a lesson he wanted to impart to his children. On Christmas Eve around 8:20 p.m., the home caught on fire while the Mojicas and their four children were at a friend's house for a holiday party. In the days since the blaze, the Mojicas have received an outpouring of support. The Fuccile Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping local families affected by tragedies, has raised nearly \$84,000. Also, neighbors started a GoFundMe page that has raised more than \$43,000.

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December 29, 2020	Nashville Bombing Results in Police Bravery	<u>Description:</u> A Nashville police officer is praising God for saving his life after a massive explosion from a recreational vehicle rocked the city on Christmas Day. Metropolitan Nashville Police Officer James Wells, who describes himself as a “spiritual person,” detailed how God told him at the last minute to move away from the vehicle before the blast. As soon as the bomb detonated, Wells said he temporarily lost his hearing before seeing "the biggest flames" of his life. At a news conference Sunday, Wells insisted that he wouldn't shy away from praising God because “that's what saved my life. That is what got me to see my kids and my wife on Christmas. And 'good to see you' has a completely different meaning for me now.”
December 30, 2020	Year-Round Christmas Gifts Shared	<u>Description:</u> Christmas may have ended for most folks, but not for Mike and Judy Sullivan; they are bringing Christmas joy all year round. The married couple of 50 years spends most days in their home workshop making toys which they then donate to local charities each holiday season. With many families struggling to get by this year, Mike and Judy doubled their efforts, creating and distributing close to 1,400 toys... all of them free of charge! With their out-of-pocket costs estimated at close to \$19,000 last year, a GoFundMe page was launched to make sure the flow of toys keeps coming. The couple admits that while they very rarely get a chance to see the kids as they receive their gifts, just knowing a family's Christmas will be much merrier thanks to their efforts makes it all worthwhile.
December 31, 2020	Support for Nashville	<u>Description:</u> More than 30 people are heading into the New Year without a home following the Christmas morning explosion in downtown Nashville. However, several groups and individuals are coming together to help each other in their time of need. Lauren Whatley, who lost everything in the blast including her home, is now creating lists of what all her neighbors need and sending them texts and emails with resources. Camping World has launched a 30-day campaign, already contributing \$500,000 to help downtown Nashville business owners affected by the bombing. <i>Project 615</i> is selling “Nashville Strong” t-shirts, with 100% of proceeds going to victims and businesses as well.