



How will we choose to remember 2020?

If this had been a normal year, whatever that is, I would be writing enthusiastically about how we started 2020 with two international ministry trips to Asia, one to Japan and the other to Malaysia. Then, I'd talk about our time down in New Zealand and Australia (which didn't happen, though planned). I would have been excited to report to you not only the different places we had been, but more importantly, the people we'd connected with. It would have been my pleasure to share their Jesus stories with you.

However, this has been a different kind of year, to put it mildly. A global pandemic and our fight against the coronavirus will forever mark our memories of this year. For whatever it was and could have been, we are likely to remember what it wasn't. Nothing has seemed normal. Some years are like that for individuals but this one has affected us all. In some way or another, we may remember 2020 as the year we would like to forget!

Perspective

In trying times, as many are still facing today, perspective is everything. It allows us to see the cup half full rather than half empty. When we made an unplanned return to Canada from Asia back in March, we didn't imagine it was to spend the rest of the year in our small apartment in Airdrie, Alberta. We found ourselves, like so many other people, facing the reality of working from home. After 25 years of itinerant ministry, this has been a strange alternative to the way we normally roll. It has not been without its challenges, but surprisingly, we have been able to accomplish a lot:

- Back in April, I published my second book "Beyond The Cross", releasing it digitally on Pentecost Sunday. (Currently, it is only available in digital format and can be purchased for download from four different platforms. We have plans to print the book as soon as we are able to travel again.)
- I welcomed the opportunity to record a number of Sunday morning messages for online services of our partner church in Malaysia.
- I was asked to pre-record a two-part lecture entitled "The Inner Life of a Shepherd" for a Malaysian Bible college.
- Thanks to connectivity over the internet, we've been able to continue our regular ministry of prayer counselling, mentoring, training and networking with many individuals and groups in different places in the world.
- We had the opportunity to rebuild and launch our website, which was no small task!
- After much prayer and consideration, we are planning to launch a podcast. The breakthrough for this came when Mark was asked if he would consider hosting a ten-episode show for a ministry based in Vancouver. We see this as a real God-opportunity.

Thankful

And so, looking back over the year, we're thankful that we have been able to continue to advance the Kingdom of God in a number of different ways. In all these things and more, we give God the glory, ever recognizing His abiding presence, enabling grace and perfect peace!

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