

# Calvary Relief

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## STEPPING IT UP IN 2021

What exactly does a life saved from eternal wrath and damnation and redeemed by Christ look like? These days it seems it's harder to tell! So many have "purchased" fire insurance rather than realizing all that The LORD sacrificed so that we could be redeemed. So many "Christian" lives are proof that they either have no knowledge of Him (are not saved) or they have no desire to actually live for Him (which could also mean that they are not saved).

2020 was a crazy year and 2021 appears to be continuing on a downward spiral and I'm not talking politics. God is clear in His Word about what will happen as Christ's return gets closer. Romans 1:28, 32 says, And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

While we see this going on all around us, what are we as true believers/followers of Christ supposed to live like? Paul tells us in Romans 1:16-17, For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

If we know our Bibles, what's going on in this world shouldn't surprise us. Instead we should be ready and I'm not talking about physical fighting, but rather *spiritually* as Paul instructs in Ephesians 6:10-20. As ambassadors for Christ in a world that we are NOT citizens of, we're wasting too much time on foolishness and getting sucked into things of this world. We've been stepping down and it is past time to start stepping it up.

Jesus told us that things will get worse. He told us that we will suffer for His Name's sake when we truly live for Him, but He has also promised us that we can rest assured knowing that He is in charge and will continue to give us His peace in the midst of this crooked and perverse world. We need to rely on Him as He is always faithful. Are we relying on Him?

I've recently started doing some blogs of devos meant to spur us on to good works and I pray they will encourage you. If you'd like read them, here's the link, [calvaryrelief.com/index.php/blog-home-page/bible-studies](http://calvaryrelief.com/index.php/blog-home-page/bible-studies).

We pray that you would continue on in Christ this year. Please pray for us that we would do the same.



## ONGOING NEEDS

The LORD continues to faithfully supply our needs. We're so thankful to all those who sacrificially support and pray for us as we continue to serve Him!



We started part time in 2004, and then "accidentally" went full time in 2012. It is still just the two of us (though we continue to pray for others to come alongside of us full time), and we now have 2 pickups, a 15-passenger van, a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel home, a bunkhouse for volunteers, and a tool trailer! We've also got enough tools for clean up, tear down, and remodel/rebuild to keep short-term mission teams busy without needing to bring anything with them!

Maintaining all of this means that there is so much to do before we even begin working on a home! We just realized that since going full time, we have never taken the time to go through everything and catch up on anything that wasn't considered "emergency" so that is part of what we are doing now.

We did a lot of major repairs/replacements this year and are thankful God provided the time and money. Last year we mentioned having to replace our refrigerator, which was quite an undertaking, but we got that done. We also discovered some axle issues on our tool trailer and were able to find someone we could trust to get that done for us. We finally found an "old" diesel guy who understands our truck. After fixing a few more things, I think the truck will finally be performing as it was meant to be!

Of course this means more needs, but we know this is what God has us doing and we know He will continue to supply our needs. We covet your prayers as we live out our mission!



## 2020 IN REVIEW

We began 2020 continuing our deployment in AR/OK. We were mainly rebuilding two homes, though we served on a quite a few others doing remediations, electrical, etc as we were asked and could help out. The first rebuild was Leo & Edna, a couple who had been married for 68 years, and the second was Reba, a widow. All of them were in their 80's and had no insurance.

Leo was diagnosed with terminal cancer during our rebuild efforts. We worked extra hard to get him home. He was able to live in his rebuilt home for about two months before he went home to be with Jesus. He was very appreciative of our efforts, especially knowing that Edna would have a nice home to live in after he was gone.

Reba was very particular because she wanted things to be as much like her husband had made them for her. This did pose quite a few challenges, but her house turned out nice and we were able to get her back in by the end of June. There were a few things we couldn't do because of some supply issues, but none of them were keeping Reba from moving back in, and we left those details in the her hands.

Next we started working on our own maintenance issues and made some headway. We had to then take a trip home to work on some issues on our house, some expected and some not! From there, we headed to TN to look into some potential rebuild projects from their Easter-weekend tornados. We made some contacts and put some things in place, and then Hurricane Sally hit Alabama.

We were in touch with some friends and churches in Foley, in particular the Calvary there and Pastor Joe. I asked what they needed and he said for us to get there and help out with first response. We got there as soon as we could and spent a little over a month and served at about 100 homes, assessing damages, giving insurance claim guidance, tarping/fixing roofs, and lots of tree/yard work.

From there we headed back to AR, packed up Camp Calvary, and moved to TN. We've mostly been doing quite of bit of maintenance on our stuff, the first time we've officially done this in over 16 years! We've also helped our friends from CAM get set up with a few things to help them in their relief efforts here, and we already have a team scheduled to come help in the spring.

It is always great to get to see the progress and especially the finished product of the physical work we get to do. But what we do is really about the relationships we build and the discipleship that takes place. None of it is measurable –hearts that are touched, special friendships of iron sharpening iron, and people, who maybe for the first time see a true picture of the love of Christ (despite how human we are!). Often, we never even get to know what really happened in the areas we have served but we are encouraged that our only role is to be faithful to what the Lord has called us to do, even in these strange times, and He is faithful to take care of the results.

Please keep us in your prayers—that we would honor Him with all we do!



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We live on the road and are in constant need of prayer. We do our best to stay in touch and have several ways for you to stay connected to us.

Our website is [CalvaryRelief.com](http://CalvaryRelief.com)

Our blog is [Calvaryrelief.com/index.php/blog](http://Calvaryrelief.com/index.php/blog)



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