

Good News and Great Joy from 2020

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In the face of unprecedented trials and challenges in 2020, God was faithful and prepared the way for Samaritan's Purse to take Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, even in a pandemic year... Despite a challenging year, you continued working with your church, and shoebox packers stepped up to provide Gospel Opportunities for boys and girls around the world. Now the official numbers are in, and we're thrilled to celebrate over **9,113,853 shoebox gifts donated worldwide in 2020!** This includes **7,809,410 donated in the U.S.**, with **415,403 built online!** Our **Central New Mexico Area** alone contributed **22,679 Gospel Opportunities.**

It was a record year for Build a Shoebox Online. In communities across the U.S., more people than ever chose to participate in this way. What an amazing example of God's faithfulness - His work continues in every season!

We praise God that these shoebox gifts will open doors for local believers to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with hurting children in their communities. As the gifts make their way around the world and into the hands of boys and girls, please continue joining with us in prayer that hearts will be opened to the Gospel. Also know that many children will have the chance to connect with a local church for on-going follow up and discipleship through The Greatest Journey.

We trust God will multiply your efforts and use your faithful service to bring many children into a relationship with Himself. We thank Him for your partnership in this ministry - it's a privilege to serve with you.

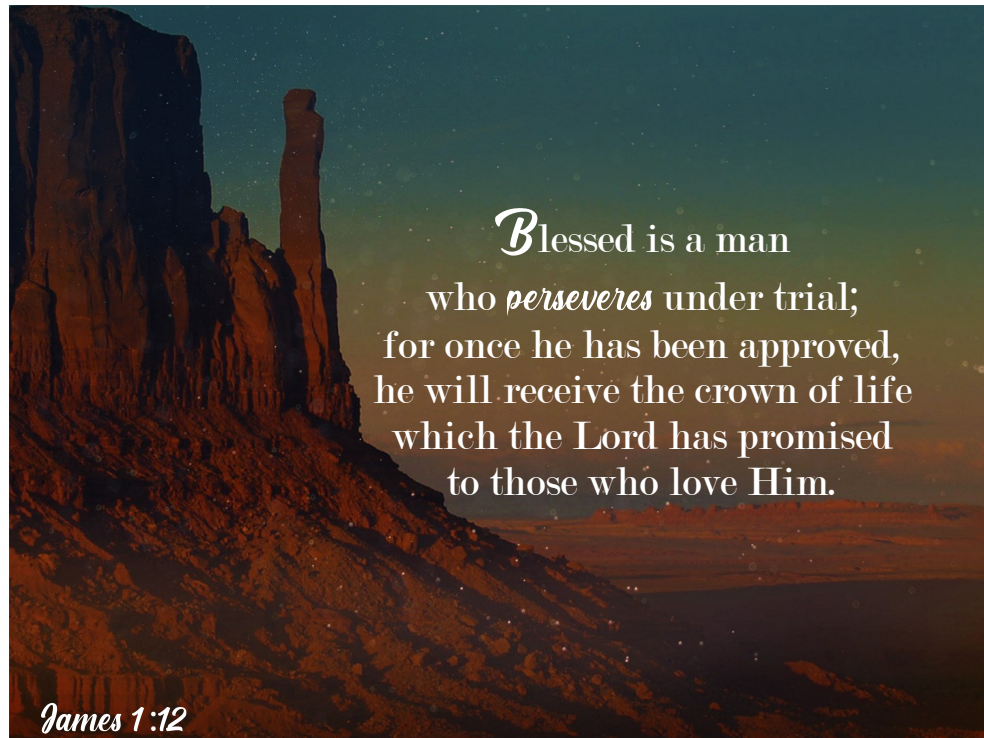
Our shoeboxes this year went to these African Nations: Lesotho, Gabon, Togo, Madagascar and Liberia. They also went to Mexico, Haiti and two "Hard to Reach" Countries.

Thank you all for giving so generously!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BELEN

Pastor David Guerrero . Pastor Ernest Sanchez

April 25, 2021



Welcome to Church!

If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a "Connect Card" and visit our Connection Desk. We would love an opportunity to get to know you better and encourage you in your spiritual walk, as well as answer any questions!

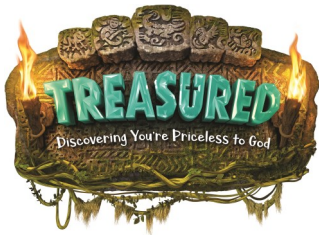
Contact Information for our Pastoral and Office Staff is provided on our website at www.fbcbelen.net, or you may call us at 864-8621.

Men's Smoke - Off & Lunch

Saturday, May 22nd -
Sunday, May 23rd

Behind the MAC
Bring Your Own Smoker
The Church will provide
the meat.
Sign up at the CC Desk.

Sunday, May 23rd
All are invited to enjoy the delicious
results of the smoke off!
Lunch will be served in the
MAC following Worship Service.
Please sign up to bring a side dish/
dessert at the Connection Desk.



It's VBS Time!

Embark with us on an epic quest through hidden ruins,
ancient caves & dense jungles as we help kids discover
that God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold -
it's them!

Monday, June 21st - Friday, June 25th
9 a.m. - 12 noon (doors will open at 8:45 a.m.)

Helpers are needed. If you are interested in joining us on this Adventure,
please sign up at the Connection Desk.

NM School of Christian Leadership
announces Summer/Fall Classes

**Cost Per Class: \$160.00 + books/
All Classes Offered
In Person & Online**

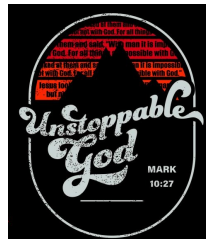
If interested, fliers with more
information are at the
Connection Desk.

Baby Church Available

The P-5 classroom is open to all
parents/grandparents with babies.
Baby Church is a self-service
nursery available for those who
wish to step out of service to stay
with their child and hear the sermon.

MusiCamp is an opportunity for children who
have completed grades 2 - 6 to learn drama,
vocal, dance, puppets & instrumental layers of
a musical production. It is a great way to share
Jesus with your children!

- ◆ **Cost: \$200 per camper**
 - ◆ **Full/partial scholarships Appreciated**
- If you would like to help us send our children
to camp, please designate **Children's Camp**
on your donation. **Thank you** for giving!



July 26th - 30th
@Inlow Baptist
Camp

Church Office Hours

Monday: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. . Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm . Friday: Closed

FBC Belen Denim & Diamonds Ladies Tea

Saturday, May 8th
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. - In the MAC

Sign ups are necessary to attend - sign up deadline is Friday, April 30th
Please sign up at the Connection Desk or contact the Church Office.

If you would like to help with food, please see Nadine.

Brokenness

is for a season,
but lessons from it
are for a

Lifetime

- Priscilla Shirer -

Deacons of the Week:
Phil Gregory
Lloyd Cary

Safety Team - May 2nd:

Howard Curry
Allen Hancock
Danny Martinez

Activities for the Week

Sunday - April 25th
Spanish Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Young Adults @ the Sanchez'
home - 7:00 p.m.

Monday - April 26th

Tuesday - April 27th
Ladies Bible Study - 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday - April 28th
Deaf Fellowship - 5:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study
Children's Ministry
Choir Practice
Rooted Youth
6:00 p.m.

Thursday - April 29th

Friday - April 30th

Saturday - May 1st

Offering Boxes are located in the back of the Sanctuary
for your Tithes/Offerings/Prayer Requests