

December 2021

*The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become
children of God, even to those who believe in His name.*

*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
(Romans 6:23b; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 9:15)*

All of us at **Make It Clear Ministries** would like to close out 2021 with some timely thoughts from our founder and president, Dr. Stan Ponz:

The merriest of Christmases and happiest of New Years come when a person fully understands the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ and then places their faith in Christ alone to receive that gift of eternal life.

It is impossible to adequately describe the high cost of the gift from God (God’s only Son), the unworthiness of the receiver (all of us have sinned against a righteous God), the ease of receiving this gift (not by doing good deeds, but by faith in Christ alone), and the eternity of this gift (we can’t lose it or have it taken back). This is the gift for which we all should be the most thankful!

Isn’t it amazing how full of grace the Lord is? 2021 was a wonderful year of God allowing us to share His gifts with the world. He continues to bestow so many more gifts on us in so many ways, using so many different people through which to give His many gifts. Carol and I are genuinely overwhelmed by His grace in the financial giving to Make It Clear Ministries through family and friends like you. Just this year, your gifts have enabled us to “gift” others with the clear message of God’s love and eternal salvation.



For example...

1. Our speaking team traveled about 50,000 miles this year, all within the US, to communicate the message of salvation and discipleship. (Watch for some international travel next year!) We ministered in at least 25 states. Between our radio, podcast, and live events, our speakers reached over 100,000 people. It is difficult to know how many people trusted Christ for salvation this year, but our personal contacts identify at least 50 to 100. We anticipate many more through our broadcasts and films.
2. Approximately 3,000 **The Word for You Today** devotionals were sent in the US and globally to individuals, missionaries, Christian leaders, ministries, and prisoners...all without charge.
3. Nearly 150 items are now available on our Marketplace: Tracts, books, films, music, sermons, podcasts, and other items are available. You can trust all items we make available on the Marketplace.
4. Our Studio has won dozens and dozens of awards for our films such as the **Trafficked** video, **The Bible Says**, **Issues and Answers for Today**.
5. We are honored to partner with these Make It Clear Associates:
 - **Michael and Alesha Bateman**, who work with our Studio ministry out of Georgia.
 - **John and Lynn Boehm**: John is staff and associate serving out of Ohio as our *Make It Clear* Executive Vice President, on our Board of Trustees, and many other valuable parts of **Make It Clear**.
 - **Karl and Terry Elkins**, serve in Texas and run the **Christway Counseling Center** in Houston.
 - **Tim Rupp** serves out of Idaho with The Blue Line and Cop Church.

- **Jon and Peggy Sperling**, who serves as both associates and staff out of Colorado. Jon is our Director of Ministry Development, and Peggy is Director of Women's Ministry.
- **Doug and Amy Stroup** are also Staff and Associates living in Georgia. Doug is the Director of **Make It Clear Studio**.
- **Tony and Valerie Vecchio** are Associates living in Tennessee. Tony provides training and fills the pulpit in the area. He is also on our board of trustees.
- **Syd and Kathy Wyncoop** pastor a church in Oregon.

Deep Dive into 2021 With Tim Rupp

Let's take a deep dive into 2021 with our Make It Clear Associate, Tim Rupp. Tim traveled from Idaho to Oregon, Northern Idaho, Montana, Virginia, and Minnesota, providing pastoral, shepherding, teaching, and discipleship for chaplains, military members, and Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs). Throughout 2021, Tim led seminars for LEOs, and military personnel, and chaplains such as **Suicide is Not an Option**, and **Pistol in the Pulpit**, and Chaplain Seminars. He also is a speaker for men's breakfasts, 911 Services, recognition dinners for LEOs, mental health training in high schools, memorial services, and *many* more! Tim estimates he addressed about 2,700 people this year connected, especially in ministry to LEOs. He estimates he traveled 15,000 miles for events in 2021.



Tim with his wife Sherry in Virginia.

In 2021, you partnered with us and, by extension, partnered with our team by providing funds to do these ministries and so much more! Your special year-end gifts help us get a jump-start on 2022 ministries such as:

2022 Plans for Make It Clear

1. **Make It Clear** has been growing and expanding significantly over the past few years. We plan for 2022 to continue this trend. We are in the early stages of planning some workshops and seminars for next summer featuring Stan, our staff and, and our associates. These events will focus on topics such as:
 - Developing Effective Leaders in Your Ministry
 - Evangelism and Discipleship Tools That Really Work
 - Discover Your Divine Design (to reduce conflict in home/church and increase ministry involvement)
 - How to Be An Effective Parent
 - Making Marriage Work
 - Making Marriage and Family Work
 - How to Grow A Healthy Small Church
 - How to Get to Know Your Bible
2. **Make It Clear Studios** has a big goal, and a "big ask", to fully fund (\$250,000) the feature-length, theatrical release, **My Name is Melissa**, by January 22, 2022 (National Right-to-Life Day). Other Studio plans for 2022 include more episodes of **Issues and Answers for Today** (\$3,000 for each) and more films in **The Bible Says** series (\$6,000 each).
3. We would also like to add funding for one more full-time couple to our senior leadership team for 2022.
4. The official launch of our Women's Ministry.
5. And maybe our biggest goal and ask...a training center location with office space for staff and recording studio to more centralize our ministry.

This is your opportunity to make a special year end gift to any of these ministries by mail or by clicking the *Donate* button at www.makeitclear.org

You have touched our lives in very unique and wonderful ways. How truly blessed we are. We pray you and your loved ones will have a very Merry Christmas and fruitful New Year!

For His glory alone, From our Senior Leadership Team, *Stan, John and Jon*

In keeping with *Make It Clear Ministries'* core value of not asking for money, we make known our needs to you **FOR PRAYER**. Our ministry expansions must be funded above our **current** budget. You may give by check or by going to www.makeitclear.org and giving conveniently and securely online. Thank you for your prayers and consideration in our specialized gospel advancing ministries!