



# annual report

## 2020

# bible studies

2 PETER	RUTH WARKENTIN <b>total = 88 new = 5 online = 12</b>
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN PT 7	JOHN GOULD <b>total = 95 new = 1 online = 16</b>
COLOSSIANS	RUTH WARKENTIN <b>total = 86 new = 1 online = 25</b>
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN PT 8	JOHN GOULD <b>total = 82 new = 0 online = 19</b>
MALACHI	RUTH WARKENTIN <b>total = 88 new = 4 (ZOOM)</b>
THE FINAL HOUR	JOHN GOULD <b>total = 140 new = 9 (ZOOM)</b>
WHAT'S NEXT?	RUTH WARKENTIN <b>total = 119 new = 11 online = 43</b>
THE GOSPEL OF JOHN PT 9	JOHN GOULD <b>total = 94 new = 2 online = 27</b>

## kid's ministry

MATTHEW PT 2 Wendy Wiens Catherine Browne	<b>total = 9 new = 2</b>
THE FEASTS OF THE LORD Wendy Wiens	<b>total = 12 new = 2</b>
MATTHEW PT 3 Wendy Wiens Catherine Browne	<b>total = 14 new = 4</b>

## financials

beginning balance >>>	\$110,260
revenue >>>	\$274,347
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISERS	\$221,937
COURSES/SEMINARS	\$47,170
OTHER	\$5,240
expenses >>>	\$239,783
TEACHERS/OFFICE	\$181,123
FACILITY/LEASE	\$29,853
COURSES/SEMINARS	\$4,470
SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES	\$24,337
ending balance >>>	\$144,824

**274**  
STUDENTS TAUGHT

**827**  
REGISTRATIONS

**41**  
NEW STUDENTS

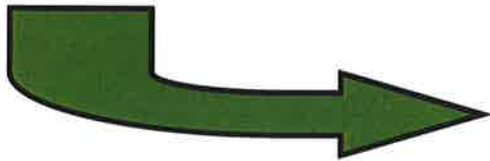
\*DETAILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.  
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# Is Zoom here to stay??



The year 2020 had its challenges for everyone, especially in relation to COVID-19. For Solid Ground, we faced the big shift from meeting live for in-class lessons, which most of us prefer, to finding a way to communicate with our students from afar. When we say “**from afar**”, that is exactly what we mean. We now have students from as far away as Texas, Tennessee, Winnipeg and Nova Scotia – and at one point we even had a student from Thailand. During this period of transition, we have also come to realize that some students prefer online attendance so class can be “attended” at a time that better suits their personal needs. We are all different, and some of us find learning and absorbing the material easier in different environments. So, why not learn in a space you thrive in? We

at Solid Ground desire that the Word be taught so that understanding and application become personal for every student, and that every one of us will be open to the Lord having total control of our lives. We pray this is happening in your life.



The answer to the “**is Zoom here to stay??**” question is – **Yes! Zoom is here to stay!** Even though the Board, teachers and staff of Solid Ground eagerly look forward to resuming live classes at our facility, we also recognize that we need to continue to provide learning opportunities for our students from afar. We hope that God will continue to build upon what has started until the day He calls us home, or better yet, until we are raptured.

## Kids' ministry

In 2020, Solid Ground offered three Bible studies designed specifically for children ages 10 to 13. After beginning our study of the **Gospel of Matthew** in the fall of 2019, we continued a 10-lesson study of **Matthew (Pt 2)**. For the first five lessons, we were able to meet in person, however, the final five lessons were completed on Zoom due to COVID restrictions. In July, we switched topics to a four-lesson study on **The Feasts of the Lord**. All classes were held via Zoom with students having their video cameras on and mics unmuted—creating an almost classroom-like setting. At the end of the study, students commented that although they prefer to be in-person, the Zoom lessons worked well and they enjoyed 'seeing' the other students. We finished the year with the completion the **Gospel of Matthew (Pt 3)** having to once again switch from in-person classes to Zoom. The students made the format switch seamlessly and we were grateful that we could continue our study in this virtual format. We are so thankful for all the students who attended classes faithfully and especially for the 8 new students who joined us in 2020! We appreciate all who pray for the children and teens and for the ongoing support of this exciting ministry.

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## volunteers

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who serve so selflessly in so many areas of the ministry – you are truly a blessing to all of us!