

NEWSLETTER | FALL 2020

Calling Women to Freedom, Fullness, and Fruitfulness in Christ

Landing the Plane, Preparing for Takeoff

Dear Friends,

Whenever I'm on a long flight, I'm always relieved when the captain comes over the loudspeaker and announces that we've begun our descent. No matter how endless or tiring the trip may have felt, as I hear the whir of the landing gear dropping, I'm heartened that we're almost "there" and I can look forward to what lies ahead.

For many of us, these last weeks of 2020 may feel the same way. This year has been a bumpy ride (to put it mildly), and at times it's felt like it would never end. We're ready to be on the ground, to move to the next (hopefully smoother) stage of our journey.

Before the plane lands on 2020, I want to take time to reflect back on the hand of God throughout this year. **Although His ways have not always been easy to understand, we can trust that this journey is one the Lord has planned.**

Nothing that's happened has taken God by surprise—not the coronavirus, economic hardships, racial tension, election results, or, more personally, my husband Robert's back-to-back cancer diagnoses. *Nothing.*

Our Captain filed this flight plan long ago, and we can rest secure in the knowledge that He knows what He is doing and will get us safely to our final destination.

In the midst of a year chock-full of changes and challenges, I could not be more grateful for the goodness and mercies of God in my own life and for the ways He's used *Revive Our Hearts* to point women to His Word and to help them trust more deeply in His ways.

While this leg of our trip is not quite finished, *Revive Our Hearts* is already preparing to take off on a new adventure. As we move into 2021, we're eagerly anticipating the new ministry opportunities before us and seeing the gospel at work in the lives of women around the world!

As you start your own descent on this year and begin preparations for the next, it's my prayer that you'll be able to see how He has been at work in your life. May the knowledge of His sovereign love and care give you hope, confidence, and peace for whatever the year ahead may hold.

Trusting Him,

Nancy



Looking Back on the Journey

“Any man can sing in the day,” said Charles Spurgeon, “. . . It is easy to sing when we can read the notes by daylight; but he is skillful who sings when there is not a ray of light to read by—who sings from his heart.”

As we make our final approach toward the close of this calendar year, the *Revive Our Hearts* staff took time to reflect upon God’s faithfulness in the midst of 2020’s challenges. **Here’s a sampling of His goodness as seen through the eyes of a few *Revive Our Hearts* staffers.**

Having been part of *ROH* since nearly the beginning, it has been an exciting and faith-building journey as we’ve seen God walk us through an untold number of “Red Sea” moments. Whether navigating new digital platforms, starting conferences, creating resources, reaching international audiences, or surviving economic downturns, God has taken this little band of believers between walls of the unknown.

—TAMMY ZEBELL, WEB CONTENT MANAGER

God has been good to us in so many ways. This year we’ve been reminded:

- **He is our Provider**—bringing new staff, financial provision, and funds for project needs.
- **He is our Way Maker**—releasing us from contractual agreements related to the postponement of True Woman ’20.
- **He is our Rock and Sustainer**—even during COVID-19, our team has stayed connected and on mission, spreading hope to women.

—MONICA VAUGHT, EVENTS MANAGER/INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

By the grace of God, the outreaches of *Revive Our Hearts* have continued to thrive and grow in the midst of the pandemic. The Lord has used this season to lead us into even more fruitful ministry.

To name just one example, the live daily videocast, *Grounded*, went from concept to launch in six days in late March, bringing thousands of women a daily dose of hope and perspective in the first months of the pandemic.

God has been so faithful to provide everything that we need, and I truly believe that the most fruitful days of ministry are ahead of us.

—MARTIN JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As our staff looks back upon this year, it’s clear that God has truly given us “songs in the night” (Job 35:10). We couldn’t be more grateful.

For a flyover view of all the ways He’s provided, check out our 2020 Annual Report. Find it at ReviveOurHearts.com/report. We’ve even included a preview, especially for you!

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Looking Ahead to Fruitful Ministry

Usually at this time of year, the *Revive Our Hearts* Ambassadors are calling all True Woman attendees, looking to potentially meet to share more about the Ambassador Program. At the conference, there are times to connect with an ambassador in the onsite Ambassadors’ suite, attend a meeting, and discuss the possibility of becoming an ambassador. Due to the postponement of the conference, women missed out on face-to-face time with the Ambassador team as well as an infusion of the energy that propels them to persevere.

While we can add this to the list of opportunities missed this year, **we are abundantly grateful for what God is doing in women’s lives through *Revive Our Hearts*, and ambassadors are still greatly needed.**

Is God calling you to a new ministry? Do you have a passion to come alongside women teaching women? If God is prompting you to a role like this, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining our Ambassador Program. Find out more or take the next step today at ReviveOurHearts.com/ambassadors.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, “Songs in the Night,” The Spurgeon Library, The Spurgeon Center, <https://www.spurgeon.org/resource-library/sermons/songs-in-the-night/#flipbook/>.

Preparing for Takeoff

Exciting Opportunities Ahead

YOU CLICK YOUR SEATBELT AND PRESS YOUR FACE UP AGAINST THE WINDOW. THE PILOT'S VOICE CRACKLES THROUGH THE INTERCOM, WELCOMING YOU ABOARD THE FLIGHT. THE PLANE BEGINS GLIDING ALONG THE RUNWAY, AND YOUR ANTICIPATION GROWS AS YOU PREPARE FOR THE ADVENTURE TO COME.

Much like a plane readying for takeoff, *Revive Our Hearts* is gearing up for 2021. God has worked in amazing ways this year, and we're eager to see what He does in the next.

Here are some of the exciting opportunities we're embracing in the year ahead:

New Women of the Bible Studies

Two brand-new studies, *Ruth* and *Deborah*, will be released! We hope you'll join us on the journey of studying the lives of these women and what God is teaching us through them. See these familiar stories from a new perspective with your small group, circle of friends, or through your own personal study.

Meet the *Revive Our Hearts* Podcast Family

We're expanding! In addition to our existing podcasts, we are eager to begin adding new features. Each one will bring fresh perspective from a variety of hosts, different voices, and encouraging and biblical truths. Be watching for announcements of these new releases soon!

Revive Our Hearts Weekend

Grounded

The Deep Well with Erin Davis

And more . . .



Together Again at Revive '21

Coronavirus concerns prompted us to postpone our 2020 conference, causing us to look forward with even greater anticipation to being together in 2021. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for the Revive '21 conference in Indianapolis on October 8–9! More details to come. ❤️

Help Us Meet Our Year-End Need

As we look forward to 2021, we see opportunities to reach women with this hope—*Christ is King*.

Would you consider giving toward our December need? We're asking the Lord to provide \$2.2 million by year-end. The message of *Revive Our Hearts* is desperately needed. Join us in trusting God for greater impact in the year ahead.

GIVE AT REVIVEOURHEARTS.COM/DONATE



Finish Strong

HOW WILL YOU SPEND THE FINAL DAYS OF 2020?

AS THE END OF **2020** NEARS, YOU MAY BE LOOKING FORWARD TO SWITCHING YOUR CALENDAR WITH ANTICIPATION, *PERHAPS MORE THAN EVER BEFORE*. IN A YEAR FULL OF DISAPPOINTMENT, HEARTACHE, UNCERTAINTIES, AND MANY OTHER CHALLENGES, IT'S ESPECIALLY EASY TO LOOK AHEAD AND LONG FOR THE FRESH START A NEW YEAR BRINGS.

Before you skip ahead, remember that an opportunity waits for you right now. It's an invitation to pause and let the moment sink in. To look back on all God has brought you through this year. To see evidence of His grace along the way. To give thanks for His faithfulness. And to ask how the Lord wants you to spend the rest of your days while it's still 2020.

No matter what your story has been this past year, it's not over yet. God is still directing your steps, giving you purpose, reminding you to keep your eyes on Him and finish strong.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. (Heb. 12:1–2)

What will you do with the final days of 2020? Take a moment now to consider how to finish this year strong.

Here are some ideas to get you started:


- Get into a Bible reading plan before the new year starts.
- Drop off a care package for a church member who has been unable to return to services.
- Mail an encouraging note to someone who is facing difficult circumstances.

Take a minute to list two to three ways you plan to finish the year strong:



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RISE ABOVE



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God sees the beginning and the end and everything in between; we only see this present moment. He has a wide-angle lens and sees the whole mural He is painting in all of history. We see only the little speck of time and space we occupy at this moment.

—Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Robert Wolgemuth in
You Can Trust God to Write Your Story

Reaching Women in 2020



“I have been so blessed this week by the program *Grounded* with Dannah Gresh and Erin Davis. It has reminded me to stop and be thankful for the peace I find in the storms around me, for the ways I am able to stop and invest in others, and for the way I can spend more time with my God. *My soul has been encouraged* to press on, to be intentional in prayer, and to be thankful.”

“Thank you for [*Grounded*]. It brings such *hope to my heart*. I keep feeling the waves of fear washing over me, but I am going to choose to put on my ‘life preserver of faith’ and rest beside Jesus!”

From Costa Rica: “Nancy, I always hear your studies and even have the app in my phone. *You have no idea how the Lord has used you* to encourage me. My life has not been easy. My three children chose very wrong paths. At this point, I am raising my grandson who is eleven. Every time I listen, the Lord God Almighty comforts my soul and keeps helping me to look forward to His strength for me. As it is written, “The joy of the Lord is my strength.””

“Thank you so much for your ministry.

I have been a wobbly-kneed Christian for years, tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine, because fear ruled in my heart more than faith. Your ministry is helping me surrender to Christ, trust Him, and enjoy the good news of the gospel! Thank you for your commitment to the permanence of marriage, to biblical womanhood, and to ministering to so many struggling, hurting women.”



God's Timing

Just days before a near-global shutdown in response to the spread of COVID-19, the *Revive Our Hearts* team was in Monterrey, Mexico challenging thousands of Latin American women to be deeply rooted in God's Word. As you'll see in the pages that follow, MV '20 is one among many examples in which the Lord wove together events on *His timeline* and the ministry of *Revive Our Hearts* to change hearts and homes during this year of extraordinary challenges.

Use the timeline to see . . .

- God's provision for our team as we pressed forward in ministry.
- God's providence at work as He prepared our hearts for the months ahead.
- God's plan orchestrated for our good and for His glory.

JANUARY 7

World Health Organization is notified of a new virus, then known as 2019-nCov, sickening people in China.

JANUARY 20

CDC announces the first coronavirus case in the United States.

FEBRUARY 5

President Trump is acquitted by the U.S. Senate.

FEBRUARY 11

Novel coronavirus named COVID-19 by the World Health Organization.

MARCH 9

Italy becomes the first country to implement a nationwide lockdown in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

MARCH 16

The Dow Jones Industrial Average experiences the biggest point loss ever in response to pandemic fears.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

JANUARY 6

Abigail study and podcast season releases.

FEBRUARY 25

Joven Verdadera book releases.



MARCH 13-14

True Woman conference in Monterrey, Mexico.



FEBRUARY 1

Living Out the One Anothers of Scripture devotional releases.



MARCH 5

Réveille Nos Coeurs
Reveille Nos Coeurs (French ROH) releases *Seeking Him* in French.

MARCH 23

Grounded launches.

MARCH 8

Robert Wolgemuth is diagnosed with melanoma.

APRIL 2

Global coronavirus cases surpass one million.

MAY 25

George Floyd dies while in police custody in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Floyd's death sparks protests around the world.

MAY 30

SpaceX launches two NASA astronauts into space, becoming the first ever commercial launch on U.S. soil.

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

APRIL 13

Revive Our Hearts episodes now available in French.

APRIL 21

Revive Our Hearts hosts its first ever partner event via Zoom.

MAY 4



True Girl launches summer subscription plan.

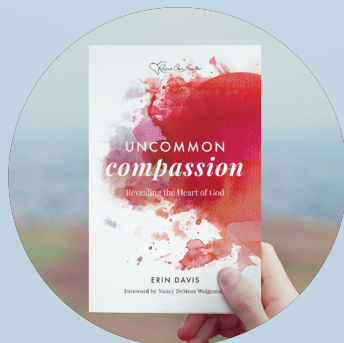
MAY 12-14

Revive Our Hearts Ambassadors meet for annual summit, this year via Zoom.



MAY 1

Uncommon Compassion: Revealing the Heart of God booklet releases.



JUNE 9

Recommissioned webinar.

JUNE 23

Online study of *Rahab* launches for women's ministry leaders.



JUNE 2-6

Thirty-seven women stranded following MV '20 return safely to their homes.



JULY 31

One-third of Bangladesh affected by floodwaters, displacing up to 50 million people.

SEPTEMBER

Most students in the United States begin the school year with new procedures in place including digital classrooms, mask mandates, and daily temperature checks.

AUGUST 10

Derecho storm hits Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana causing massive crop losses.

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

AUGUST 17

Aviva Nossos Corações
Portuguese website goes live.

SEPTEMBER 3

Revive Our Hearts
SOUTH AFRICA
Revive Our Hearts South Africa releases Seeking Him daily podcast in Afrikaans.

AUGUST 3

Rahab study and podcast season releases.

SEPTEMBER 3

You Can Trust God to Write Your Story turns one. Robert begins chemo treatments.



AUGUST 25

Robert diagnosed with B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.



SEPTEMBER 30

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Production completed on the first forty *Revive Our Hearts* podcasts in Farsi.

NOVEMBER

U.S. presidential election.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

OCTOBER 5

Grounded returns and expands for greater reach.



OCTOBER 1



More than 50,000 women around the globe join in prayer.

OCTOBER 12

Advent devotional *Born and Child and Yet a King* releases.



NOVEMBER 10-12

Six new *Revive Our Hearts* Ambassadors in training.

NOVEMBER 12

Heaven Rules 2021 calendar releases.



DECEMBER

Lord, we are amazed by You! We trust You to work in our lives and through this ministry for all of 2020 and beyond. You are writing our ministry story. We ask You to use us in the days ahead to call many women to freedom, fullness, and fruitfulness in Christ. ♡

A New Journey Awaits

GET PREPPED WITH OUR 2021
WALL CALENDAR

Whether the thought of a fresh, empty calendar brings you anxiety or joy, find refuge, peace, strength, and grace in the fact that “Heaven rules.”

The 2021 *Revive Our Hearts* calendar was designed to remind you of that truth—to steady your heart when fear and uncertainty threaten to overwhelm you. With visually soothing watercolor artwork by Virginia Graham and quotes from Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, you’ll turn the page to each new month feeling confident and comforted that indeed, “Heaven rules.”

Request your copy today!



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