

Vision for 2024

Dear Church,

Last year, we were able to accomplish much for the Kingdom! Our teams ministered in Santa Monica to the homeless with ***On the Beach Ministries***; to the poor and hard to reach in the **Amazon** Region of Bolivia alongside **Micah and Karissa Adams**; to the needy and those on alcohol and drugs in Tijuana and Rosarito, Mexico; to the orphans at **Rancho La Hermosa** in Primo Tapia, Mexico; to the **Kumiai Indians** of San Jose de la Zorra in Northern Baja; and shared the Gospel with the people of Los Angeles at **Redondo Beach Pier**. I am thankful for all those who stepped up to advance the Gospel and share the love of Jesus!

The vision for 2024 is to “**persevere in the new year.**” We need to press forward in faith, in spite of setbacks and challenges we are facing in our personal lives and in our culture.

God wants us to . . .

- 1. Persevere in what God has given you to do.** *Galatians 6:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:13*
- 2. Persevere in the face of opposition.** *Isaiah 50:4-11, James 1:12*
- 3. Persevere in prayer.** *Luke 11:5-9, Colossian 4:2-6*
- 4. Persevere through pain.** *Romans 5:3-5, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18*

Let's not shrink back. Keep up your daily spiritual discipline so you will be ready for whatever comes. Pray, worship, read the Word, and fellowship. And begin to exercise your faith. Witness. Use your spiritual gifts. You will find joy as you serve. And the joy will help you persevere.

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who

has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” –Hebrews 12:1-3

Because of His mercy,

Pastor Ross