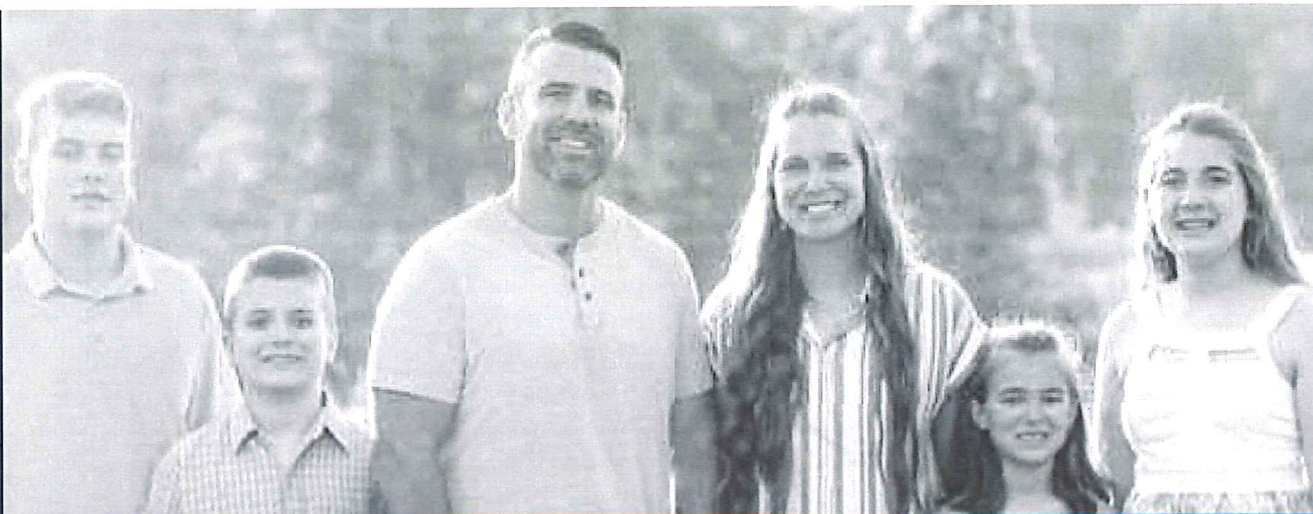


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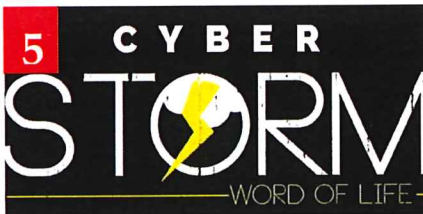
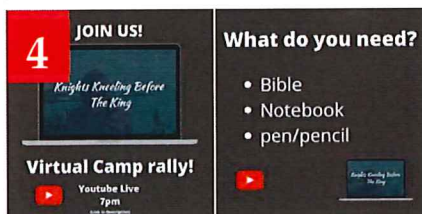
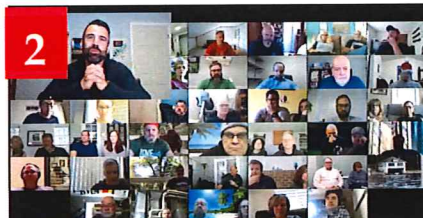


## UNIQUE TIMES CALL FOR UNIQUE METHODS

What a year it has been! In January, we could have never predicted how much our lives would be affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. As events and appointments were being erased from our calendars, we were forced to begin thinking outside the box. How could we continue to minister to churches and the youth of our generation while staying isolated inside our homes and socially distancing from people? We needed to start thinking of this season as an "OPPORTUNITY", not merely an obstacle. Beginning in mid-March, and for the following 9 weeks, Brent produced a daily "Family Connection Point" video (#1). The intention behind these devotion ideas, was to help parents be able to connect the passage from Word of Life's Quiet Time books with their children's lives. We wanted to encourage families to continue in their spiritual disciplines, even throughout the quarantine period.

In May, instead of us traveling to hold our National Staff Meetings in person, we held them virtually. Brent was able to lead a session on "Spiritual Habits" – encouraging our national missionaries to continue to grow in their spiritual disciplines (#2).

In June, Brent was able to travel down to Word of Life's camp in Florida to be the Bible Hour speaker for the week (Stacy and the kids joined virtually this year) (#3). One of the events erased from our calendar this year, was traveling as a family to Bermuda for Brent to speak at Word of Life's camp on Grace Island. Thankfully, because of our advances in technology, Bermuda's missionaries were able to run a "virtual camp", where he was still able to speak to the students for a couple sessions (#4).



This summer, our region of missionaries was able to run a "Cyber S.T.O.R.M." evangelistic event where students invited their friends to join a private Zoom meeting where the students played games, had the opportunity to win prizes & have fun- all while the Gospel was clearly presented (#5)! Because social restrictions were still in place at the end of the summer, our annual Leadership Development Conference also had to be held virtually and became a multi-region effort. We are so thankful that there were over 600 people registered, representing 90+ churches and at least 6 countries. Despite the pandemic, our regional teams were still able to minister to our church leaders, and for that, we are extremely grateful (#6)!

Just a couple weeks ago, we were able to host our region's fall staff meetings, here in Alabama. We loved having our team all together in person (some had to join virtually) for a couple days!