



SHADOW MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Dear Members and Friends of Shadow Mountain,

Sometimes I have to pinch myself and ask, “Is this really happening to us?” It all seems so surreal. And yet, here we all are, all of us impacted by this pandemic. We may not all be sick, but we are all affected by the ramifications of this world wide sickness. In the midst of all this, we can see with our own eyes, and sense in our own hearts, that God is up to something. This will make us better if we don’t allow it to make us bitter.

Every week I see the evidence of a spiritual renewal among God’s people. And once again, this last weekend we had many who received Jesus Christ as their personal Savior at the end of our online service (487). That’s almost 1,500 people who have made this all-important decision since we began this unorthodox method of having church. Here are the online numbers from the weekend:

- Saturday Turning Point at 5:00 pm: 5,100
- Saturday Shadow Mountain at 5:00 pm: 4,584
- Sunday Shadow Mountain at 9:00 am: 13,681
- Sunday Shadow Mountain at 10:45 am: 4,937
- Sunday Shadow Mountain en Español at 2:00 pm: 7,184
- Sunday Shadow Mountain in Arabic: 4,200
- Wednesday Shadow Mountain in Arabic Live Bible Study: 2,700

TOTAL: 42,386

A couple of notes on the list above: As we learned last weekend, for each viewing site, we need to multiply by two. So the total number of people engaged in our services was 84,772. Eric Zaldaña is preaching to 14,368 Hispanics, and Robert Helou is ministering to 13,800 through our Arabic Ministry. Who could ever have imagined that all this could happen during one of the most difficult times in history?

And it’s not just here in San Diego that we are ministering. The following are some of messages we have received from people from all over the world:

Adam, “Greetings and blessings from Australia.”

Linda Ringenberg, “Watched from Indonesia! We are some of your missionaries.”

Tsfb, “Mngomezulu South Africa is watching...”

Caralee Albarian Loring, "Watching from Albania." (Also our missionaries.)
Noelene, "Watching from Durbin, South Africa."
Jannette, "Celebrating and worshiping with you in the Spirit from the Philippines."
Helio, "Watching in Fortaleza, Brazil"
Maxine, "Watching from Belfast, Northern Ireland"

Last Friday, we again had the joy of providing food for 1,000 families. I was there for the whole experience, and it is moving to see the excitement and joy that flows from our Shadow Mountain servants as they hand out this food. Here is a sampling of the notes I received from some of the recipients of our love and from some of our Shadow Mountain people who are cheering us on:

Andromeda, "My family and I were overwhelmed! We came into our house crying...thanks, thanks."
Nancy, "Thank you so much for the groceries last week, and this week. It was such a blessing to come home and open those boxes and find all that delicious food..."
Sherry, "No words can describe seeing the church hand out food to families. God showed up big time."
Marjorie, "Thank you so much for being God's hands & feet by serving our community in this way!"

We will be distributing food again on Friday, beginning at noon and going until the products run out. Pray that every box finds it's way to a family in need.

As we stand in the midst of all of these things, I am so energized. We are obeying the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel. And we are obeying the Great Commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves. And now this weekend we get to do it all again. Here are some closing thoughts:

- All that is happening is being made possible by your faithfulness in giving. Your tithes and offerings are the life-blood of all that we are doing. If God enables you to do something special during this time, I think you can see that we know what to do with it.
- This weekend, we start a brand new series on Turning Point Television. "The Jesus You May Not Know" will be seen in its entirety over the next ten weeks. I recently shared this series at Shadow Mountain, but these words take on new meaning during a coronavirus pandemic.
- I want to urge you to do two things that will make this weekend better. Number one: Pray for the food distribution, and pray for the weekend services. I mean pray. We all have some extra time. Let's use it eternally! Number two: Send a text message to someone and invite them to watch the services this weekend. That's such an easy thing to do. We just need to do it!

We are working toward reopening some of our ministries in the near future. We need God's wisdom in many decisions that are before us. And He has promised that wisdom to us, and to you as well.

So proud to be your pastor,



David Jeremiah