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Re: WCA Testimony

Dear ACSI:

We would like to share some of our testimony of how in the midst of great tragedy God can do the miraculous.

The principal of Westmoreland Christian Academy unexpectedly passed away on January 1, 2020. He left behind two young sons: Blake, 9, and Kaleb, 7. He also left a great void in his family's life and also in the WCA family.

In the midst of great grief, we had less than a week to reorganize and to be prepared to open the school after Christmas break. Jordan's brother, Rev. Justin Tomson, having taught in the school for thirteen years, accepted the appointment as the new administrator.

The challenge was great in every way. Jordan's death started rumors that we were going to close. Then like all the other schools in Pennsylvania, we had to close the face-to-face aspect of our school because of the virus, but the Lord blessed that time also. Many families left because of the rumors which had no substance at all, but Satan hates our school and all of the children that have been blessed by it over the last 22 years with probably hundreds of salvations. That is how we were left shortly after the school year ended with twelve students.

The next step was to see how we could prepare for another school year with only twelve students. Many came to Pastor Tomson, president of WCA's Board of Directors, with questions. He said that if God wanted to close the school, He had had many opportunities to do it over the preceding few months. God provided miraculously in so many ways, and we knew He could do it again.

The Lighthouse of Hope Church is a small congregation that has taken WCA to heart. The church does not have the financial means to underwrite the school, but they have a heart to reach as many young people as possible to be a part of WCA because Christian education is more important than ever. Pastor Tomson called the church to prayer and fasting. We said that we may not understand the "why" about everything that happened, but that we know the "Who" who is faithful and true. That "Who" is someone we can depend on who is still our miracle worker – that "Who" is Jesus!

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Weeks passed by with nothing happening. The enemy was fighting on every hand. We began to pray, "Lord, we believe we will start the school year with more than we ended with the previous year. That will bring defeat to the enemy because he thought he had succeeded in closing the school!" We ended the school year with thirty students, but as we told you it quickly dropped down to twelve who wanted to return.

Every day was a battle with very little progress being made. Then we signed up the first student, then another. However, we were a long way from victory.

One night the Lord gave Pastor Tomson a dream. The Lord walked with him and said: "Are you still willing to do whatever it takes to reach my children?" He replied, "Yes, Lord. You called us forth and said that we are on a rescue mission to rescue as many of Your children as possible."

Then he saw the children along a wall as far as the eye could see – dirty, disheveled, and whimpering because they were too weak to cry. The Lord spoke again: "If you are willing to reach my children, I will provide and make a way."

The people of Lighthouse of Hope Church rejoiced and increased their prayer and fasting. The calls started to come, and students signed up until we reached twenty nine. Satan was determined that we would not surpass thirty. It was like we hit a wall. It was great to see twenty-nine, but we were not going to settle for that. Therefore, the people increased their prayer and fasting until two more children came that put us at thirty-one. What a miracle! What a victory! The Lord continued bringing them in until we now have forty-one students.

There is something you must understand – 90% of the students are on scholarship – large scholarships – because most of these families have very little. We will not turn them away unless because of severe situations we do not have the staff or means to help them.

We are not saying that God is asking everyone to do this. But we are here to declare the faithfulness of the Lord.

We would be amiss not to mention our administrator and the teaching staff who do not receive nearly what we would like to do for them. There is a walk of faith in their lives that must touch the heart of God.

This year our teachers have led eighteen students to the Lord right in the classroom and during chapel. Yes, we want to provide a good education, but our first obligation as a Christian school is to lead them to Christ.

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Real faith is not seeing what we can get out of God, but it is faith to trust Him when we are in the fire that He is more than enough to see us through. He is our way maker!

Each year, we do not have 50-75% of our budget, but we want to testify of God's unending faithfulness – especially this past year. Only God can do such mighty things, and what He has done for us He will do for you.

We cannot thank ACSI enough for all the help and support you have given to our school. What a blessing you are, and we thank the Lord for this organization! We have been greatly blessed by the scholarship fund and the countless families that have been blessed.

Let us all choose to believe God for greater things this year even in the midst of great adversity. Our prayer is that God would help all of us – every Christian school – to reach many young people for the Lord. Give us a great harvest in 2021!

Thank you so much for allowing us to share our testimony.

Yours in Christ,

The WCA Board of Directors