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THE DOES GOD EXIST? YEAR END REPORT FOR 2020

INTRODUCTION: When John Clayton came out of many years of being an atheist, he searched for a ministry that he could use to utilize his teaching skills as a public high school science teacher. God answered his prayers and led him to a work that has now concluded 53 years of teaching the evidence that science and faith support each other. With the support of many individuals and congregations, God has blessed that ministry with some incredible results. This is our report for the calendar year 2020. As we all know, 2020 has been a very unusual year, but a very good year for this ministry. Because of COVID-19, we had to cancel all of our lectureships for 2020. Not only could we not put several hundred people into an auditorium, but travel became impossible. There is an old saying that when God “closes one door, somewhere he opens a window.” That is what happened to our ministry in 2020. This report is designed to inform those who have supported this work or have an interest in the work of what happened in the calendar year 2020, and how the finances made available to the ministry were used.

WORK ON THE WEB IN 2020: Over 30 years ago, an engineer working with a national phone company told me that eventually, my material would need to go on an electronic network that he was working on and that he would help me do that. He got us on the Web with our doesgodexist.org website and soon added doesgodexist.com. His name was Lyle Lindholm, and because we were one of the first sites on the Web, we have been able to keep our original sites despite numerous attempts to take them from us. As I mentioned, our public lectureships have stopped due to COVID-19. Still the total number of people we are studying with and being able to teach is vastly greater than it ever was in our public presentations on college campuses and public venues. In 2004, Roland Earnst joined our ministry. He manages most of our websites. Roland owned a business that worked with electronic media, but he also has been a gospel preacher. We have studied with far more people than the 10,000 or so we used to speak to during a year with our lectureships. During the pandemic, many people were quarantined, giving them time to search the Web and study our materials. The growth in our e-mails and how many people are taking our courses, watching our DVDs, and reading our sites has been phenomenal. Here is a more detailed report on this part of our work in 2020 from Roland.

THE YEAR-END REPORT FOR 2020 OF “DOES GOD EXIST?” ON THE WEB: Keeping a presence on the Web and keeping up with it has become more and more challenging each year. The **Does God Exist?** ministry maintains ten active websites. Our oldest website is www.doesgodexist.org, and it remains popular. It contains an archive of many of our printed journals over the years, that people can read for free. Also, our charts, booklets, and pamphlets are featured there.

DoesGodExist.today is our website, which is updated daily. We publish daily postings of news, commentary, and Bible thoughts relating to apologetics and faith. Since we are continually updating this website, we can report on events while they are current, which is not possible with the printed journal. That website receives about 5,000 page views per month. The majority of our visitors are in the United States, followed by Canada, United Kingdom, India, the Philippines, and Australia. The next two are Kenya and Malaysia, followed by many countries around the world. The Lord has allowed us to take the message into countries where missionaries cannot go.

We also have daily postings on Facebook at www.facebook.com/evidence4god. Those daily posts relate to evidence for God in the design of living things. Thousands of people see those postings each day, and the page has 20,000 regular followers. One-third of the followers are young men between the ages of 18 and 24, and that is a category we especially want to reach. The majority of the followers are in the United States, but many are in other countries. In fact,

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there are 500 or more followers in each of these countries: the Philippines, India, Angola, Madagascar, Mexico, Indonesia, and Kenya.

We publish a weekly e-mail newsletter every Monday morning. The e-mail shows the “Best of the Week” from both our Facebook and DoesGodExist.today websites. People have to request to sign up to receive those e-mails, and we now have 1,300 subscribers. There is a link to sign up on our Facebook page as well as the DoesGodExist.today website. We have a daily posting on Twitter, which links to the daily posts on the DoesGodExist.today website. The Twitter address is @powervine. Twitter and our Facebook page also publish the weekly “Best Of” to reach thousands of people in addition to our e-mail subscribers.

Our other websites include doesgodexist.tv, which has links to all of our video and audio series and is free. We have www.grandpajohn.club, which features all of our children’s books and videos which people can watch for free. Www.whypain.org deals with the question of why God allows pain and suffering. Www.dandydesigns.org features evidence of design in creation. We designed www.scienceterrific.com for kids. Both DandyDesigns and ScienceTerrific will soon be updated/replaced by a new and fresh website that we think will be very popular. Www.existedios.org has some of our videos in Spanish.

The questions and comments we receive from people in various countries tell us that people are looking for answers to the fundamental issues in life. The most crucial question is, “Does God Exist?” The answer people find for that question determines their worldview and the way they live. We answer that question with a resounding, “Yes!” Then we add, “. . . and God loves you.” That is why Jesus came into the world to restore sinners to God. We appreciate your helping us to send that message across the globe!

Thank you, Roland. Send any questions about that to Roland at his e-mail, which is re@gmail.com. My e-mail address (jncdge@aol.com) is listed on everything we send out, and people are encouraged to contact me with questions and problems related to apologetics. This is my main use of the Web, and I continue to get about 200 e-mails every day. Almost half of those are junk mail, but the rest are teaching and contact opportunities.

PRODUCTION OF DVDS FOR OTHER AUTHORS: Jimmy Hinton: *Spiritual Warfare: Safeguarding Churches from Child Predators*. Jimmy Hinton’s father was a gospel preacher who engaged in abusive sexual behavior and was put in prison when Jimmy exposed his conduct. Jimmy made a set of DVDs with us to help congregations deal with this issue. This problem is current and critical in this day of clergy abuse by Catholic priests and denominational leaders. The problem is that congregations of the Churches of Christ are in denial, refusing to admit that sexual abuse by church leaders ever happens in our fellowship. The fact is that it does. We sent out many sets of brother Hinton’s material to individual elders in 2020, but the use of this material has been personal and limited.

Glynn Langston, an international ministry to the blind, has been blind since birth but has been a missionary in Europe most of his life. He speaks five languages fluently and knows how to manage electronic material for the blind. Roland and Glynn mail out our materials to the blind and visually impaired in braille, CDs, cassettes, and readers for the blind. Glynn’s work has produced the conversions of dozens of blind people throughout the world. He has 78 people on his regular mailings of our quarterly and other material.

Samuel Raj, who is a minister in Sathy, India, uses our apologetic materials. He has translated our printed material into Hindi and used it publicly. We help brother Raj with expenses, and the material is used in his personal work and public outreach. Atheism is growing in India as people are becoming disenchanted with Hinduism and Buddhism. Brother Raj’s work has produced dozens of baptisms in the past year, and we are glad to be able to help him in his good work.

John Cooper is an expert in the history of the early church and how we got the Bible. We are working on a new DVD series with John, which will be on the validity of the Bible as the Word of God, and the evidence to support the biblical account of the life of Christ and the early church as well as the claim that Jesus is the Son of God. We have some new items given to us to use in this series, including a replica of the Rosetta Stone. John has an amazing collection of pictures he took while visiting these archaeological sites. In 2020, we were able to find an independent Christian business called Synergy owned by Joe Jones in Grand Junction, Colorado. About 80% of the series titled “Beyond Reasonable Doubt” is completed, and the remainder should be done in early 2021. A teacher’s guide is in the final stages of being edited so that the series can be taught as a Bible class or VBS subject. The quality of this work is

very high, and it has been filmed at our museum in York, Nebraska, using Foster Stanback’s collection, which is in the museum. We are excited about this project and anxious to get it done.

PRISON MINISTRY AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSE WORK IN 2020: Before this ministry began in 1968, I was involved in prison work. Our 13-lesson basic correspondence course was written for elementary students, but we found out early that it was a good tool for prisoners most of whom were in prison at least partially as a result of rejecting any faith in God or the Bible. Later we found that some prisoners were well educated and found the basic course too easy, so we adapted our college-level course to prison work. In 2020 our enrollment in these two courses passed 4,500 students, and about half of those are active. I personally grade all of the enrollees in our two courses.

When students finish our courses, they are invited to continue to study other courses graded by a team of volunteers. We have nine other courses, with two of them being a basic Bible study, three being general Bible studies, and two being advanced courses. We have one special needs course which deals with substance abuse and addiction from a biblical perspective. We are connected with the Kings Crossings Prison Ministries in Corpus Christi, Texas, who handle much of the follow up of our courses, including baptisms and special courses they offer for prisoners with drug problems in what they call “NewLife Behavior Ministry.” Last year they had 14,615 baptisms, but how many of those started with us are unknown. We had 566 prisoners who completed courses with us in 2020, including 223 students who are new to us.

THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL IN 2020: Our quarterly journal has evolved from a one-page black and white news sheet mailed to 50 people monthly to a four-color 32-page journal mailed to 12,502 people personally with nearly 2,000 copies sent by bulk mail or personal handout. Roland Earnst puts the journal together. Karl Marcussen and Linda Glover handle the editing and mailing, and Karl puts the journal online at doesgodexist.org. Many of our readers of the journal get it online on our doesgodexist.org website. A large number of our e-mail and snail mail questions come from the quarterly.

THE CLAYTON MUSEUM OF ANCIENT HISTORY IN YORK, NEBRASKA: In 2014, Foster Stanback working with York College, built a museum on campus to display the artifacts he had collected from the Holy Land. Because I was involved in his conversion when he was a young college student, he named it “The John Clayton Museum of Ancient History.” York College, under the capable leadership of Steven Eckman, has added interactive exhibits and a children’s area, so the museum has become well known. In 2019 the Nebraska State Tourism Commission selected the museum as a Nebraska State Passport Site. We have now had over 10,000 visitors to the museum, including the yearly “RoundUp” week-long seminar for senior members of the church, which we hope will be revived in 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020: We have two funds that we use to support this ministry. One is a working fund where money sent to us to pay for material purchased, honorariums, and equipment that has been bought and sold is placed. No donated money is used in this fund. Our main fund where donated money is placed and most of our expenses are paid is what we are reporting on. We started 2020 with a zero balance. In 2020 we had \$248,032.99 donated to this ministry. Our total expenses were \$227,247.75.

Here is a breakdown of our expenses:

Postage	\$15,990.38	Utilities	\$2,640.00
Printing	\$30,717.93	Payroll	\$124,514.97
Repair/Maintenance	\$2,400.00	Missions	\$9,778.36
Insurance	\$10,549.60	Payroll taxes	\$9,067.14
Car expense	\$5,403.86	Office supplies	\$57.36
Computers: toner, software, equipment	\$2,896.63	Rent	\$3,800.00
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Equipment	\$6,334.49	Miscellaneous	\$3,091.46

Total expenses	\$227,247.45		
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EXPLANATIONS: We rent office space from our printer and storage space from a member of the Dowagiac congregation. We also rent a postage meter from Pitney Boles. Our apologetics courses are funded by us, but when students move on to Bible study courses that are not in apologetics they study with a team of volunteers in the Michiana area, and this ministry has its own donations and pays its own expenses. Our payroll is for three workers: Karl Marcussen, Linda Glover, and Roland Earnst. John Clayton is not paid a salary, but some of his expenses are included: insurance, utilities, magazine subscriptions (part of miscellaneous), and car allowance being the main ones. This report is prepared by Linda Glover, our business manager and accountant. Karl Marcussen assists Linda, Roland, and John and manages our mailings.

If you have questions about the accounting contact Linda. If you have questions about the use of the monies given, contact John.

We hope this report is clear and complete. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions you have. We hope to have 20/20 vision in 2021 as to what the Lord would have us do. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely in Christ,



John Clayton
Roland Earnst
Linda Glover
Karl Marcussen