

2020 Ministry Report

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Hello everyone,

Thank you for your constant prayers and support. This has been such an unusual year filled with many unexpected turns. God has been stretching me greatly as a minister and as a person. I just wanted to update you about some of the things that I've been up to this year.



Since March, we were unable to meet at church due to the situation with COVID-19. Since in-person interaction is such a key element of youth ministry (and ministry in general), it was a challenge to come up with creative ideas for our group. We started meeting over Zoom for our Sunday and Friday services. I preached from my living room and had a few students lead worship from their homes. After Sunday worship, our teachers would lead small groups via Zoom breakout rooms.

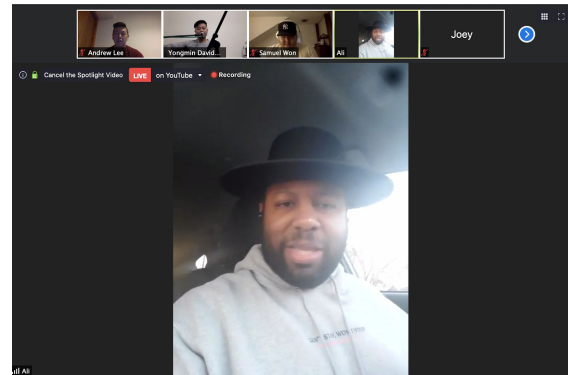


On some Fridays, we had activity nights consisting of small group discussions or games. Since we couldn't spend time in person, we tried our best to build a community through online formats.

Throughout this year, I led weekly discipleship small groups every week for students to go deeper in the Word of God and to create a space for them to ask difficult questions. This allowed me to form deeper relationships with students who normally wouldn't be as involved.



From April to June, I rallied several regional pastors and leaders to form an online prayer meeting every Thursday night.



Our vision was to pray for hope, vision, and unity within our respective churches and our region as a whole. I had different people lead worship, share words of exhortation, and lift up prayer topics every week.



For the three month period, we gathered about 40-50 people every week from different churches and areas in our region.



This September, I was given the honor of directing this year's Youth Hallelujah in association with Asian Youth Center, a regional ministry that serves the youth of New York. Our theme this year was "Live" which came from Ezekiel 37. In a season filled with despair and brokenness, we wanted to prophesy life over our region and to ask God to breathe upon us. We originally intended to make it an outdoor event with limited in-person attendance, but we

decided to live stream the event from a local church so that we could reach a larger audience among the region's youth and young adults. It was a powerful time of worship and proclaiming the Gospel.



In the latter half of the year, we tried everything we could think of as a ministry to reach our youth students. We delivered care packages to our students. We had a senior banquet via Zoom. We even visited each senior's house to perform a mini drive-through graduation for each of them.

This has been a challenging year to say the least. However, I have learned so much about the faithfulness of God in this season. He always gives us enough for every need in every situation. I have also learned the power of hope, especially in times of despair.

In February, before our church and nation were thrown into quarantine, I was able to visit Israel with our youth group. I had the opportunity to stand and pray near the location of the Garden of Gethsemane. This was where our Lord submitted to God and said, "Not my will but yours be done."



This year taught me to pray the same prayer every day. When I don't understand, when I can't see the future, when I don't know what tomorrow holds, let His will be done.

Through your continued support, and by the grace of God, I am continuing to press on towards the call that Christ has given me and towards the crown of life set before me. Thank you so much.

Blessings,

Andrew