

What do you long for in 2021? The hardware store clerk had it right when he said, "People don't want a quarter-inch drill bit. They want a quarter-inch hole!" What does my heart really want? The longings we feel are God-given, and Thanksgiving is a good time to talk about our heart's desires. We each long for more than simply an end to a pandemic!

You have been a blessing to us this year. Thank you for encouraging us to proclaim Jesus Christ as the true provision for all that we hope for. We love declaring the truth about Him, and we love singing His praise: "In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my joy, my song."

Today, progress continues on our new heated carpenters' shop. The phone is ringing as youth leaders make plans to bring teens to Winter Retreats. The programers are putting water on the rink, and operating the skate sharpener. We're glad to be in a spirit of *preparation* for 2021.

At the same time, we look forward with a spirit of *expectation* to the day when we see Christ reigning without rival. We agree with the Apostle John, "Come, Lord Jesus." New-earth perfection is what we really long for.

Yours for Christ-exalting camping,

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