

2020 McGlenn yearend report. Or what we and our mission did during COVID-19 lockdown.

Not having school or museum visits, we “Redeemed the time,” Eph.5:16, preparing for when God will reopen our ministry.

January Built: Pterodactyl 2 x 12-foot-wide floor puzzle. (photo)
Noah’s Ark. Four 2-foot-long by 12-inch-wide modules. For a total of 8 feet long that comes apart for transport in my smaller car. It’s for a game called Load the Ark. Kids roll the dice, move their marker on the playing board to collect animals, Ark construction materials and people before the Ark is ready for the rain.
Velociraptor rebuild. I took apart a 5 x 6’ 3-D dinosaur. Then I fixed it so the kids can put it together as a puzzle.



This was all in preparation for Heartland Homeschool Camp in May and a 5-day Bible Camp at a Chinese Church in Fremont, CA for June. In March we were told it was canceled because of COVID-19. Last year we had 45 students. We hope to return in 2021.

January 23. Amy and I put on a three-day seminar at a public school on Egypt. It was very well received.

February

Packed and planned to go to Taiwan for a 10-day mission. We would do a 5-day Bible Camp with about 30 kids. It was canceled the day we were getting on the airplane because of COVID-19. This month I had to canceled all my homeschool classes until Fall.

February 15 started building a portable HO model railroad. This is to be used at the Juvenile Justice Center and in retirement homes with men who are interested in working with their hands and getting out of their rooms.

March through May

Model Rail Road, sort papers and books to store or throw away and small projects too numerous to mention for future teaching.



June

Spent a week carving a 4-foot reproduction of a Hadrosaurus femur out of Styrofoam found in the local dumpster. This was to replace the one that was from the dinosaur dig in South Dakota. It belonged to one of my supporters, Mrs. Engholm. I delivered the original to her along with some other fossils and artifacts that I made for her mini dinosaur museum.



Amy’s sister-in-law passed away after a five-year bout with Parkinson’s disease. I helped with the funeral service as well as laying out the design for the headstone for her grave here in Santa Maria.

July

I redid one of the displays in the bone room using the new femur replica that I made. I also repaired and made several bones that I had cast with cement and cast several others to give to Mrs. Engholm. My good friend John Sterken and I spent a couple of days cleaning up the dinosaur dig site that I have behind the museum. We thought we were going to have a group come but we had to cancel because of COVID-19. I had taken out nearly all the artifacts and replicas, cleaned them up, repainted some and then re-buried them. It’s ready for visitors when the virus is over.

Sculpture. I worked on making a clay sculpture of Amy for about three weeks off and on in between other activities at the museum. It was a good experience. It didn’t look like her as much as I would’ve liked but I learned from it. Five years ago, I had made a bust of Joseph based on an archeology find at Goshen, Egypt.

Storage. For 16 years, since we moved from Minnesota, some friends had a horse barn where I had kept some thirty boxes of teaching supplies. They called and said they had sold the farm and for me to be sure I got whatever I wanted out of the barn. I spent about a week cleaning and hauling everything down to the museum to sort and throw away as well as refurbish some of the games and fossil artifacts. Thank you, Linda and Jeff, for your generosity and use of the barn.

August

I had a large packing box that I had kept my mammoth skull replica in for many years. It was 4 feet long 2 feet high and 2 feet wide. I upcycled it with a pitched roof for Amy's nephew's 10-month-old daughter. Great fun to make a playhouse.

September - October

Tuesday the 15th I did a zoom talk for our mission the Twin Cities Creation Science Association. It was on comparing the circulatory system of the giant 130-foot-long Apatosaurus with that of a giraffe and the 100-foot-long blue whale. The second part of the talk was comparing the giant Pterodactyl with a 40-foot wingspan with the Wolf Bat that has a 6-foot wingspan. The talk is at the TCCSA website in a video format.

www.TCCSA.TC We hope we can go to MN in Sept. 2021.

In preparing for the talk, I rebuild some cement castings I had made of the pterodactyl as they had gotten beat up and broken from transporting them to display at camps.

Books. I finished "Great Wall." An historical romantic adventure centered around the Great Wall of China in the 15th century. Started to revise Starquest a science fiction story that deals with the interaction of the freewill of humans with God's freewill.

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November

We had to cancel Fall classes because of the virus. I began working in earnest cleaning and reconstructing the bones of an 8-foot-tall ostrich. I had been given the bones in Minnesota some 20 years ago. They were stored for 16 years in the barn I mentioned above. It has been a great adventure. The ostrich is an incredible and highly designed example of God's handiwork. I'll be using it in class this Spring as an example of God's attribute of design omniscience.



December

I should mention that since February when I started the model railroad, I often worked one or two hours on it every day or in between the bigger projects like the ostrich. It's pretty much done. Now I add little details here and there and wait for the time I can use it in our ministry.

Guinness Book of Records for Dominos. We started playing dominoes the middle of February when the lockdown started. We would play 3 games in the evening. Two out of three made one of us the winner. By Dec.31 we had played 481 rounds. Amy is ahead by 330 to my 151! I don't mind as I tell her I am always a winner because I can be with her every day. It has been great fun. By the way, dominos as well as chess were invented by the Chinese. Now we have started a New Year contest.

2021 Plans for the New Year to Pray About:

I hoped to start **homeschool classes in Feb.** It looks like we have to cancel because of the virus upsurge. We are scheduled to be the science teachers to show God's handiwork at **Heartland Camp** near Bakersfield, CA in May. The Science & Bible camp may run at the **Chinese Church, Fremont** in June. Hopefully we can visit my kids in July at **Bend, Oregon**. For the future, pray that in February 2022 we can use the money that was given for our Chinese mission to go to **Taiwan**. Amy and I thank you for your continued prayer and financial support to keep our mission going during the past difficult year. In Him, Russ and Amy.