

Shortly after receiving notice that our grant application was approved, we sent a letter in August 2020 to all the Clerks of Session throughout the Lake Erie Presbytery and placed a notice in The Breeze, our presbytery's electronic newsletter.

During August of 2020, we also purchased the equipment needed for this project, which are depicted in the adjacent photos. This includes:

1. An HP laptop to be used for PowerPoint demonstrations and other teaching modalities.
2. Two 65-inch TVs.
3. The USB cable required to stream content from the laptop to remote audiences or download educational content.

We also recruited several volunteer instructors for this project.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any inquiries from the churches we targeted. We did speak by telephone to a number of senior citizens who did not attend church in person or watch by Internet, and none were interested in our new initiative.

Our strategy at this point is to reignite our outreach efforts after January 2021. We believe that the pandemic may be more manageable allowing potential students to come to Elmwood Church in Erie, PA, or to a convenient location for training. While a more conducive atmosphere for training is at the Elmwood Church location, we are prepared to take some of our equipment and travel to other churches. Other outreach strategies include emails sent to as many church members as possible and even "snail mail" letters. Calls to pastors in the targeted areas could also be completed and rerunning the announcement in The Breeze is definitely planned.