

44,406
SERVICE HOURS

**July 1, 2016-August 31, 2018*

REACH UPDATE

AUGUST 31, 2018

THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE FUELING A MOVEMENT

HAPPY FALL

Last month over 900 people served at 40 different work projects across Lake County. Over the next few months, our partners in Ghana, India and Turkey will take the next steps towards planting new churches. As you read this, our focus is pivoting to site four and Matthew Homes. Thanks for helping advance the REACH related initiatives.

Of course there are other things going on as well. The *What If? Conversations for a Better World* campaign is rolling ahead, small groups are meeting and hundreds of people are volunteering in many ways both inside and outside the walls of the church.

Be encouraged and know that what you do matters to God and others.

May the Lord guide us as we seek to fuel a movement that Reaches People and Renews Communities.



Press On,

Mike Woodruff

Senior Pastor / CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRISTCHURCH

FUELING A MOVEMENT THAT
REACHES PEOPLE AND RENEWS COMMUNITIES

SERVE YOUR CITY

Christ Church left the building on August 12 to further its vision to “Reach people and Renew communities”.

Whether it was sorting books at Bernie’s Book Bank, engaging with elderly residents at The Sheridan Place, rehabbing the City Hall War Monument in North Chicago or packing goodie bags for teachers or people in the hospital, Christ Church came together to serve. With over 900 that went out to serve at over 40 projects we saw our communities renewed with the love of God. This helps us fulfill part of our REACH vision campaign to serve 100,000 hours outside the walls of the church and in the community. Serve your City helps make this possible.

A special thank you goes out to the organizers, project managers, and all of you who came out, rolled up your sleeves and served our community.



DEAR CHRIST CHURCH,

Many thanks to all those who helped bless our veterans through the Serve Your City day on Sunday, August 12, 2018. I brought all the boxes over to the VA in three trips today! Wayne Bolden, who received the boxes, was so grateful and humbled. He is also a pastor and was so deeply moved by the kindness of the people of our church. He especially appreciated the enclosed messages and verses of encouragement in the gift bags that the team created.

“The beautifully prepared bags are filled with an overflowing abundance of gifts that will certainly be appreciated by our veterans. The personalization of the notes from those who served and the drawings from the youngest will truly minister to our veterans, many who have no family to bless them with such kind words.”

I was so humbled to have shared the generosity of Christ Church with our veterans. Our church vision – to reach and renew communities – has truly touched many. May we continue in these acts of service daily.

Laura Landoe

A NEW CHURCH

As part of our vision to REACH, we want to see ten new churches [communities of grace, hope, and love] started. Last quarter, we shared about three that are starting in India, Turkey and Ghana.

This quarter, we want to share about a fourth opportunity for a 2nd generation hispanic and multi-ethnic church right here in our Highland Park community. **Ben Torres**, our new pastor for Hispanic and Multi-ethnic services, joined us in May of 2018. Ben Torres has had a full and diverse ministry experience. He’s had the opportunity to serve as a campus minister, young adult’s pastor and senior pastor. In the corporate world, he was a visionary for a spectrum of iconic children’s entertainment brands, directing creative development and marketing strategies for a number of major companies. Ben is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, married and a father of five.

“I am very excited about this service because we have the opportunity to embrace the ‘otherness and unity’ we all share in Christ. We want to be accessible, so the service will be in English and all are welcome to attend,” said Ben.

It is Ben’s hope that the service will help attendees develop Christ-centered life rhythms so that the love of God can be demonstrated to others in significant ways. “We have already begun to develop relationships in the Highwood Community. We help at the food pantry twice a month and plans are underway to strengthen our partnership with Lake County’s Nuestro Center. We will also be partnering with other churches for various outreach events within the coming year,” said Ben.



LET US KNOW WHERE YOU SERVE!



If you serve regularly outside the walls of the church and want to help us reach our goal of 100,000 service hours, go to www.reach.christchurchil.org, fill out the volunteer hours form and add your hours to our service goal. Let’s Reach People and Renew our communities!



GOAL UPDATE

PRIMARY GOAL 100% ENGAGEMENT

509

TOTAL REACH COMMITMENTS

92

FIRST TIME GIVERS

903

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIVERS

SECONDARY GOAL \$19M OVER TWO YEARS

\$16.21M

TOTAL PROJECTED GIVING TO REACH

\$99K

FIRST TIME GIFTS

\$3.37M

DOLLARS COLLECTED

YOUR PERSONAL GIVING

There is still time to commit to this exciting initiative! You can pick up a commitment card in the lobby or fill one out online at www.reach.christchurchil.org.