



## CHRIST CHURCH VERNON HILLS

"Why Vernon Hills?" is often a question I get when I tell people about the location of our fourth campus. People point out that Lake Forest is only 15 minutes away, so..."why won't they just come here?"

Recently, my wife and I were in Vernon Hills looking to rent a house. The house we were looking at was owned by a man who has lived in Vernon Hills all his life and is a neighbor to a member of Christ Church. This man doesn't attend church, but has been invited by his neighbor to Christ Church often. His answer was always the same, "Why would I leave my community and drive all the way to Lake Forest?" As we began to talk, he naturally asked what I did for work, which led to a conversation about starting a church in Vernon Hills. When he heard that there was a church coming to his community, he responded: "I'd be interested in learning more about that."

There are people hungry for the Good News, but we can't expect them to come to us. Rather, we need to go to them. We are called to reach people and bring this Good News. I'm excited to be at a church willing to REACH into new communities.

Why Vernon Hills? Because there are people that won't come to us; but we can go to them.



# 201

## BAPTISMS

*\*Since July 1, 2016*



# 63,918

## SERVICE HOURS

*\*July 1, 2016-May 31, 2019*



# REACH»UPDATE

June 2019

## THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE FUELING A MOVEMENT

It is amazing how quickly life moves. The babies I dedicated when I started at Christ Church are now graduating from high school. In much the same way, ministries and campuses started a while back are becoming fully grown.

Our Vernon Hills campus is falling into that pattern. Jonathan and a core team are starting to make preparations for an official launch, and they are finding favor and opportunity in their path. Much has yet to be decided, but next steps are being taken and a small beginning is growing.

And that is true overseas as well. As you know, REACH extends well beyond Lake County. Our new works in India and Ghana are moving ahead. This does not mean it is easy – it is not. And much depends on your prayers and ongoing support. But we are taking ground, and God is graciously bringing wind to our backs.

Thanks for your participation in REACHing people and RENEWing communities. May we all walk in such a way that God uses us to make an eternal difference.



**Mike Woodruff**

Senior Pastor / CHRIST CHURCH

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# CHRISTCHURCH

**FUELING A MOVEMENT THAT  
REACHES PEOPLE AND RENEWS COMMUNITIES**





Inside the church



Outside the church



Dedication Plaque

## GHANA CHURCH PLANT

In April of this year, I had the opportunity to return to Ghana. For this trip, the agenda was substantively different than prior trips.

The primary objective of the trip was to attend the dedication of the Evangelical Family Church's new facility in Sogakope. Christ Church partnered with the community and International Needs (IN) to construct a wonderful new facility to replace a small temporary structure. On Saturday and Sunday, it was an overflowing congregation. The excitement and energy were comparable to the temperature - high! During the service, several people were recognized including a group of local "church planters" who - many years ago - pooled their limited funds to purchase the land, hoping someday God would build a church.

The next two days were full of interaction and inductive Bible training with local church planters and staff from International Needs. The time spent with these dedicated Christians was amazing. They are on the front line, riding bicycles and motorbikes from village to village - sharing the Gospel, reaching souls and establishing communities of faith. One day, an informal dinner turned into an evening of hymns and praise - all in the local language.

Later, we visited Kuve and other villages, all communities in which Christ Church and IN supplied basic necessities such as clean water, improved schools, sanitary restrooms, and medical services. While there is still much that needs to be done, it is clear that God is using Christ Church to help the people of Ghana.

-Michael Garner

Our church plant in India is taking off and we are so excited to see God at work. In late February, working through our partner, HBI, Pastor Mike had the opportunity to meet our new Campus Pastor - Solomon - and to see the new house that was leased where the church will operate.

The house is located in the IT corridor of Chennai, India - a major area of commerce where a lot of technology companies are located.

## INDIA CHURCH PLANT

There are thousands of men and women here, some with very stressful jobs, who don't know Jesus. HBI and Solomon are starting the church plant with 10 men and women who they have begun discipling. Once they finish this process, each of the 10 will build new teams of 10 more men and women to disciple. Using this approach over time will help build a strong core team, who can eventually move into a larger venue for corporate worship.

The new house will feature a coffee shop where men and women can come in off the street for coffee.

The new disciples will staff the house and be there for care, conversation and opportunities to engage with the gospel. Please be praying for this church, for the 10 disciples that are in training and for Pastor Solomon.



Outside of the new house



Pastor Mike and Solomon



Inside of the new house

# REACH»

PRIMARY GOAL 100% ENGAGEMENT

SECONDARY GOAL \$19M OVER TWO YEARS

535

247

1204

TOTAL REACH COMMITMENTS

FIRST TIME GIVERS

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIVERS

\$16.34M

TOTAL PROJECTED GIVING TO REACH

\$320K

FIRST TIME GIFTS

\$9.08M

DOLLARS COLLECTED

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](http://www.reach.christchurchil.org).

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