



Our Hispanic/
multi-ethnic service
hopes to launch
Easter Sunday 2019!



48,903
SERVICE HOURS
*July 1, 2016-October 31, 2018



Of the six churches we
hope to plant overseas,
we have teams working
on three of them!



The site four task force
has identified several
opportunities that we
are exploring!



THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE FUELING A MOVEMENT

2018 has been a big year for Christ Church. In January, we held an all campus worship service at The Genesee Theatre to kick off the REACH Initiative - almost 2,000 of you gathered to support the vision of *Reaching People and Renewing Communities*.

In March, we came together to commit to the vision. Our primary goal was to see 100% engagement and our secondary goal was to raise \$19 million to fund the vision. Our total projected giving to REACH is \$16.22 million as of this letter. Thanks for your generosity. Exciting things are happening and we continue to share stories of life transformation with you.

In this newsletter, we share about progress on two of our global church plants, about two gentlemen that got in the game to reach people and renew communities, and more. Over the next month, you will get to see more video stories about how we are working together to REACH out and share the Love of God.

Thanks for helping make all of this possible. Your prayers, service, faith and generosity make a difference.

Selling out for the Kingdom of God makes sense because we are going to live forever, and Eternity Changes Everything. As I said back in January, we need to live today in light of forever because life is short, eternity is not and opportunity is now.



Let's finish the year strong.

Mike Woodruff
Senior Pastor / CHRIST CHURCH

There is still time to commit to this exciting initiative!

*Over the last 2 years, we raised enough funds to purchase a new bus for the school. Previous to having a bus, the head school master transported some children two at a time on his scooter.

\$5.7M: REACHING PEOPLE

We want to see 10 communities of grace, hope, and love because of Christ Church's efforts to REACH.

Our weekly ministry environments are crucial to helping Christ Church reach people and helping them Discover Life with God.

We want to see renewal in our communities. Our goal is 100,000 volunteer hours by the end of 2020!

\$1.4M: RENEWING COMMUNITIES

\$12M: OPERATING BUDGET

I was helping with the Fuller Center when I heard about the Matthew Home program. I went to visit one of the houses and I commented on how incredible it was that a family would be blessed with such a gift, when I was asked "why not your family?" My wife and I discussed it and we realized that trying to help from outside the community was a lot harder than living in the community. So we made a leap of faith.

A Matthew Home was a blessing of abundance to my family. The money and time we save on a traditional mortgage means that we have more money and time to invest in our neighborhood. We thought we were blessing the community with our presence when we started, but we have come to the realization that we were the ones that were blessed instead.

Over the last year we've been able to build strong relationships with all of our neighbors. We've been able to start a community micro-farming program and we're working on building a unique school based on self-directed learning. We now have the ability to serve the community through our house...because someone was willing to serve by building this Matthew Home.

-MICHAEL BRANKIN



GHANA

The construction team broke ground on the new church site, a pastor has been hired and a team is meeting on the site weekly. We sent a missions team on November 1 to see the site, pray with the teams and the new pastor, and to learn how we can continue to support them as they build a church. To see more pictures, visit www.reach.christchurchil.org.



MIDDLE EAST

Our missions partner, who planted 3 churches in Turkey, is now working to establish a fourth church among Afghan refugees. Their interns are young believers who are growing in their faith and are passionate about serving the lost. Of their 5 interns, one is an Afghan. His faith journey began while he was imprisoned in Istanbul, and confronted by a believer. Since accepting Christ, his family has rejected him, but he has developed a new family rooted in the disciples he has met through his work with our partner and in Istanbul. He is growing, flourishing and sharing his faith with other Afghan's that he meets.

My name is George Zorich, and I have been a member at Christ Church for 10 years. As I was getting to retirement, I wanted to get off the sidelines and get more involved. I started serving as a part of a new mentoring group with Renew Communities in North Chicago.

Part of the mentoring process is just being in the students lives, but also teaching them a good work ethic and helping them set goals. We are proud that in a school that graduates only 57%, that the students in our group had a 95% graduation rate.

We came to realize we love these kids and would do anything for them.

12 of the 19 students headed off to college in September and for those that didn't, we tried to guide them into a job and the start of a career. Cordell was a young man who was overcoming tremendous odds and was getting ready to start a career. He was shot in the chest on July 4th and almost died, but he wasn't going to be kept down, because he has goals and a future in front of him.

The cool thing about REACH is there is a place for everyone to serve. As a business guy I look at the last four years with these students and realize it's been one of the best returns on investment that I've ever made. For all of you out there looking to get off the sidelines, there are so many ways to serve with REACH. We have some really fun fundraising events we are planning for 2019 for ReNew. Please email me at GeorgeZorich@gmail.com if you are interested in joining one of our committees.

-GEORGE ZORICH

PRIMARY GOAL 100% ENGAGEMENT

510

TOTAL REACH COMMITMENTS

135

FIRST TIME GIVERS

1010

TOTAL NUMBER OF GIVERS

SECONDARY GOAL \$19M OVER TWO YEARS

\$16.22M

TOTAL PROJECTED GIVING TO REACH

\$129K

FIRST TIME GIFTS

\$4.29M

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 it out online at www.reach.christchurchil.org.