

## **REACH** UPDATE

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### THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE **FUELING A MOVEMENT**

We are officially off and running on our vision to fuel a movement that Reaches People and Renews Communities. Thanks for helping make this possible.

As you may remember, a big part of the REACH Initiative has centered on the church. We are focusing on the church because it is God's plan and because of how important and strategic the church has been over the last two thousand years. In light of this, our goals include: helping start six churches through our global partners; helping local churches grow and thrive; and starting three new Christ Church campuses.

We are taking steps forward on all three of these fronts - and we are also moving ahead on our commitment to do more about the local under-resourced- but in this update we are highlighting the steps we are taking to help our global partners start churches overseas.

Be encouraged and be prayerful.



Press On,

Mike Woodruff Senior Pastor / CHRIST CHURCH

## CHRISTCHURCH





151 BAPTISMS \*Since July 1, 2016



36,515

SERVICE HOURS

\*Since July 1, 2016

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# **GOAL UPDATE**

#### **PRIMARY GOAL** 100% ENGAGEMENT

TOTAL REACH	FIRST TIME	TOTAL NUMBER
COMMITMENTS	GIVERS	OF GIVERS
\$16.11M	\$33K	\$1.61M

**PROJECTED FUNDS** RAISED TO DATE

SEC

**FIRST TIME** GIFTS

YOUR PERSONAL GIVING







DOLLARS

COLLECTED

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**ISTANBUL, TURKEY** 

Known as Madras until 1996, from the British empire days, this is a city of more than 7M people, and one of the biggest cultural, economic, and educational centers of South India. Our partner, Hindustan Bible Institute (HBI), already has a church on their campus there, and is interested in reaching out to the young IT community with a new word-based, contemporary, English-speaking church in the tech corridor.

Christ Church plans to come alongside them to help establish a worshiping community to draw and disciple these Hindu and Muslim background young professionals. HBI's goal is to rent a building where they can begin with study groups, concerts, and children's programs. They hope, through other sources, to also develop funding for a coffee bar and day care center, which would attract people as well as provide a revenue source. HBI is laying the groundwork now, with prayer walks and research of the target area.

#### GHANA



How would you feel If a vision you had invested in 17 years ago looked like it might come true? If an answer to prayers you had prayed with fellow believers since 2001 was on the horizon? Through the REACH campaign, one of the global churches Christ Church will help fund is to be planted in Sogakope, Ghana, an urban area directly north of Accra, the bustling capital city of more than 2.3 M people. It's particularly strategic because Islam has been building mosques nearby in recent years.

Almost an acre of land was purchased by a group of visionary church planters in 2001. It is well situated near a hospital and main road. Forty believers currently meet on the empty lot, under a makeshift tarp and pole shelter they set up every Sunday. With our help, International Needs Ghana (INGH) will be able to construct a modest building, with space for 300 adults, plus kids' space, office space and lavatories. Locals will have "skin in the game" through the practice of ABCD, Asset Based Community Development, the belief that regardless of poverty, God has given all His children assets and gifts to be invested in His kingdom work.

### A MOVEMENT THAT REACHES PEOPLE

A city of over 15M, plus 2M refugees- this Eurasian center where East meets West, is where Christ Church partners with One Collective. Formerly ITeams, the new name reflects their mission: "We bring people together to help the oppressed."

This is the opportunity before Christ Church as we help them establish a church in the Zeytinburnu area of the city for the Afghan refugees. Fleeing continuous cycles of violence and destitution, they are smuggled into Turkey as cheap labor. Without legal status, employment rights, basic healthcare or education, Afghans are the bottom rung of the migrant hierarchy and very transient. There is no Afghan church there.

We hope to fund programs that work with these refugees in Istanbul- Moms & Tots, VBS, Discovery Bible studies and a tea house ministry. This will be a ministry of mercy and compassion, where Afghans can hear the Gospel in their language, probably for the first time, and possibly meet Jesus.



INDIA