



GARDEN CITY C H U R C H

Home Church Guide 10.2.2022

VISION WEEKEND

Wow, what an incredible time VISION WEEKEND was! From our 8 hours of prayer and worship as we engaged **COMMUNION** with the Lord, to our **COMMUNITY** pancake breakfast and service project, to celebrating how God has used us to **CULTIVATE** our city for the Kingdom, it was awesome!

(Part 1)

Today discuss with your Home Church what stood out to you the most when it comes to our 2022 IMPACT REPORT, and what you are looking forward to the most when it comes to our 2023 VISION FORECAST!

2022 Impact Report

- **8 COLUMBUS PASTORS PARTNERED WITH US FOR SIMPLY JESUS 2022**
- **11 HOME CHURCHES OVER THE LAST YEAR**
- **10 PRESENCE AND WORD GROUPS**
- **10 LOCAL OUTREACH PARTNERS HERE IN COLUMBUS**
 - Either supporting monthly or that we've been able to bless financially with one time gifts (this includes coming alongside 17 churches on the Westside of Columbus to support the opening of Westside Christian School at Memorial Baptist Church, a game changer for the Hilltop community!).
- **17 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED (not counting all those outside of the building!)**
- **18 PEOPLE SENT AND/OR SUPPORTED FOR SHORT TERM/LONG TERM MISSIONS**
 - New Mexico, Los Angeles, Richmond Virginia, Thailand, Middle East, Uganda, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Honduras
- **75 LEADERS AND CONSISTENT VOLUNTEERS**
- **180 STUDENTS & INTERNS HAVE BEEN TAUGHT & EQUIPPED**
 - School of Prayer & Worship/School of Theology/Summer Equipping Schools/Internship
- **256 HOURS IN THE PRAYER ROOM**
 - Mon. Wed. Fri. 6-8a & 12-2p
- **9 MONTHS OF THE FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM**
 - Prayers 110 - Families 254 - Meal - 23,793 - People 1,113 - Clothes Closet - 3,054
- **9 MONTHS MIRACLES AND DELIVERANCE SERVICES**

- 40-plus in attendance monthly with countless testimonies of breakthrough, deliverance and miracles
- **1 YEAR OF OUTREACH ON SULLIVANT**
 - 385 people have been served- 462 meals - 136 prayed for - 20 gospel shares
- **5 GLOBAL GOSPEL PARTNERS**
 - Highlight- WorldFire USA saw 7k decisions for Christ in Uganda
- **Financial Impact**
 - Over \$20k has been given toward local and global impact. \$156k was raised for our Eden Center Renovation. \$290k total went into renovating the Eden Center. That's a \$134k gap that our community met. Officially opened in August, we now have **two non-profits** who will be in the space as residents and four non-profits that will be using the space for programming, not to mention we opened up **Four Rivers Cafe!!!**

THAT'S OVER \$310K THIS COMMUNITY HAS RAISED AND GIVEN TO MINISTRY BEYOND THE WALLS

2023 Vision Forecast

1. YOUTH MINISTRY & YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

- Coming in 2023

2. DISCIPLESHIP AND EVANGELISM

- Next year we will be going through the 7 week School of Prayer and Worship again, and a 10 week School of Theology (Book of Romans). We'll have Equipping Schools on the topics of Church History, Servant Leadership and Missions. In addition, a team is working hard to develop strategies for intentional discipleship throughout each of our ministry lanes—we are very excited about this!

3. SPIRITUAL FORMATION

- A team is being assembled that will offer on a regular basis sessions in the areas of inner healing, deliverance, identity, and calling formation, all with the assistance of prophetic ministry! This is going to be a game changer for our church.

4. LOFI GLOBAL MINISTRIES

- We cannot wait for the LOFI (Living Out Faith Initiative) studios to be built in our Eden Center. Jason Corron, our creative director, has had a dream for years to partner with and support existing and planting ministries, nonprofits and social enterprises through creative content and Kingdom culture.

5. INCREASE OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LOCAL AND GLOBAL IMPACT EFFORTS

- We are partnering with ministries that share a passion for transformational impact through the gospel of Jesus Christ here in Columbus and in the nations. We want to increase our support by giving our time, talents and treasures. Local partners include Jayne and Kabi Newala, who serve the Wedgewood Apt. complex with predominantly Somali Bantu immigrants, the Dream Center who is serving

families in Southpark Apts. and Post Oak Station Apts.. RESET, RTNI, Out of Darkness, Young Life, Young Lives, Narrow Gate Ministries, the Reclaimed Project, Westside Christian School, and more locally. MAPS Global (Middle East, Asia, Northern Africa), WorldFire USA (East Africa and now Mexico), Vision House Project, and Take Courage International both serving Honduras, Global Catalytic Ministries (Middle East).

6. FIRST GARDEN CITY INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TRIP TO HONDURAS

- May 27th - June 5th 2023

7. EXPANDING SIMPLY JESUS

- SIMPLY JESUS NASHVILLE January 27-28 2023 (Partnering with Addison Bevere and Eleventh Hour Worship who both were here with us in April), to bring SIMPLY JESUS to Nashville. More details to come!
- SIMPLY JESUS COLUMBUS, April 13-16 2023

(Part 2)

In Pastor Gerald's one-on-one conversation with Elizabeth (MAPS Global Frontier Mission School director), the concept of prayer and missions was unpacked. There are over 7,400 unreached people groups in the earth, the majority of them are in the 10/40 Window, consisting of mostly Muslim, Hindu & Buddhist nations. This is where MAPS Global mainly focuses on raising up Houses of Prayer & Worship and discipleship centers.

In **Matthew 9:37-38**, Jesus told the disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. He said that the solution is to pray to Him, the Lord of the harvest, and that He would send out laborers.

We also see in **Psalms 2:8**, that the solution to the nations raging according is the Father telling the Son to ask Him, and He would make the nations the inheritance of the Son, and make the ends of the earth the Son's possession.

Discussion Questions

Where in Columbus and what nations do you most want to see Jesus send laborers to?

- After you discuss this, spend time intentionally praying and asking Jesus to send laborers to those places.

How often do you pray for Jesus to receive the nations as His inheritance? Is that a regular part of your prayer life? Why or why not?

- Spend time praying and asking the Holy Spirit to give you a greater passion to see Jesus receive the rewards of His suffering in the earth.

We know that in order for Israel to be saved, the fullness of the Gentiles (non Jewish people groups) must come to Christ (**Romans 11:25**). We also know that in order for Jesus to return the gospel of the Kingdom must be preached to every people group/nation (**Matthew 24:14**).

- Spend time praying for the gospel of the kingdom to go to every nation of the earth and also spend time praying for the salvation of Israel (Jewish people), that their eyes would be open to Jesus Christ being their Messiah (Savior and King).

Jesus is worthy of every nation singing of His worth, lifting up praises to Him in response to His salvation. Finish by reading **Psalm 67:1-5** out loud together.

Psalm 67:1-5** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, **your salvation among all nations.** May the peoples praise you, God; may **all the peoples praise you.** **May the nations be glad and sing for joy,** for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, God; **may all the peoples praise you.

Remember our 21 Day of Prayer & Communion

- Starting Sunday Sept. 25, as we wrap up VISION WEEKEND and celebrate our 2 year anniversary as a ministry, we want to engage in 21 days of prayer and taking the Lord's Supper. We are inviting everyone in the church to set aside time each day from **Sunday Sept. 25th - Sunday Oct. 16th** to spend time with the Lord in prayer and take communion. **Sept. 25** marks the beginning of **Rosh Hashanah** (Jewish New Year) and **Oct. 16th** marks the end of the **Feasts of Tabernacles/Sukkot**. Information on the significance of these Jewish Holy Days for us as followers of Jesus will be provided on our website.
- During this window, additionally pray for (1) **greater corporate revelation of who Jesus is**, (2) **the power of His gospel to encounter us corporately**, and (3) **an increased passion to advance His Kingdom on the earth through our lives and ministry.**