

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

TO REACH THE **DISCONNECTED** AND GROW THE **CONNECTED**

Faith Church is committed to reaching out to those disconnected from God and/or the Christian community. Our goal is to embrace them and connect them to a community of believers who can help them to grow and develop in their faith and Christian walk.

OUR VISION

A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN **RESTORING** & **TRANSFORMING** THE WORLD

OUR VALUES

RELATIONSHIP

INSPIRATION

INTEGRITY

TRANSFORMATION



Dear Faith Church Family & Friends,

As you may recall, Faith Church experienced a rebranding in 2016. You've seen this change reflected in our logo, the website - WeAreFaith.org - and outdoor signage, which is coming to every campus in 2017. While certain elements changed, our mission has remained the same, after all it's the Great Commission. Instruction from the resurrected Jesus Christ to His disciples to spread His teachings to all the nations of the world.

However, what we believe as a church, is the Great Commission cannot be lived out without relationships. This strong belief breathed life into our new tagline, "Restoring the World One Relationships at a Time." What's exciting is this tagline is an actionable step each of us can be a part of, including new attendees, by building relationships both inside and outside of Faith Church. I'm excited to witness how God will use each of us, myself included, to grow existing relationships and build new ones within our families, workplaces, schools, communities, etc.

As Senior Pastor, I have the pleasure of being privy to all the individual elements that make Faith Church what it is - campuses, ministries, staff, volunteers, events, sermon series, missions, small groups, weddings, baptisms, professions of faith, and the list goes on and on. This Annual Report was created so you could see the impact Faith Church, yourselves included, made in 2016. As you review each page, be reminded how the numbers illustrated also represent souls in our church body.

Like me, may you be encouraged by what you read and reinvigorated for the even greater impact we can make collectively for God's Kingdom in 2017 and beyond. I am continually honored to be a part of this church and I look forward to serving alongside of you as we build relationships in pursuit of God's great mission.

God Bless,

Pastor Bob Brown

WORSHIP

We have over **2,800** attendees in worship and **615** children participating in Faith Kids each week across all of our domestic campuses.

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CHILD
BAPTISMS

17

ADULT & YOUTH
BAPTISMS

218

NEW MEMBERS



5,821

ATTENDED CHRISTMAS SERVICES

43

REAFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

73

PROFESSION
OF FAITH

6,598

ATTENDED EASTER SERVICES

CONNECT

At Faith, we believe we get more from life and do better in our spiritual walks when we connect with other believers. There's just so much more for us to enjoy and experience when we walk alongside and serve with others in God's mission. We have a number of ministries connecting and serving members and attendees.

REFLECTORS			FAITH KIDS	FAITH STUDENTS
50 PARTICIPANTS Weekends in Dyer & Cedar Lake	100+ PARTICIPANTS Teen & Adult Socials	25 PARTICIPANTS Friendship Ministry	650 PARTICIPANTS	330 PARTICIPANTS

GROUPS

SMALL GROUPS

100 Groups & **1,579** participants

26 WOMEN'S GROUPS

7 MEN'S GROUPS

MOMSNATION

357 Moms participate

123 Volunteer leaders

371 Children who participate

CARE

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

- “Love of Your Life” Event - **200** attendees
- Marriage Enrichment - **15** couples
- Preparing for Marriage Class - **21** couples

CARE TEAMS

- 533 mentored

FAITH FAMILY MARKET

- Over 85 families served

FAITH FAMILY MARKET

- Support Groups (Divorce Care, Overcomers, Celebrate Recovery, Mental Health, Moms of LGBTQ children, Grief Support) have over **140** active members

SERVE

God has created each one of us to have unique gifts and talents. When we use those gifts to serve others, we become participants in God's plan to transform the world.



LOCAL (VOLUNTEERS)

- We have over **20** different Serve Teams representing over **1,700** volunteers.
- **200** Reflectors volunteers
- **325** Faith Kids & Students volunteers per weekend
- **46** Kids Hope mentors serve at 3 local schools

GLOBAL

- We gave prayer and financial support to 22 full time missionary families and an additional 35 local and global partners.

- **Serve Teams**

A team of 23 served at Joni and Friends Family Camp in Michigan

A team of 9 served God's Littlest Angels Orphanage in Haiti

MISSIONS

The focus of our efforts both locally and globally are directed toward one of three focus areas: **Leadership Development**, **Community Development** and **Unreached People Groups**.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Continued training **12** pastors through a cohort in Indonesia in partnership with Leadership Resources International.
- Sponsored **20** pastors in their final years of schooling at Onesimus Nesib Seminary (ONS) in Aira, Ethiopia.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

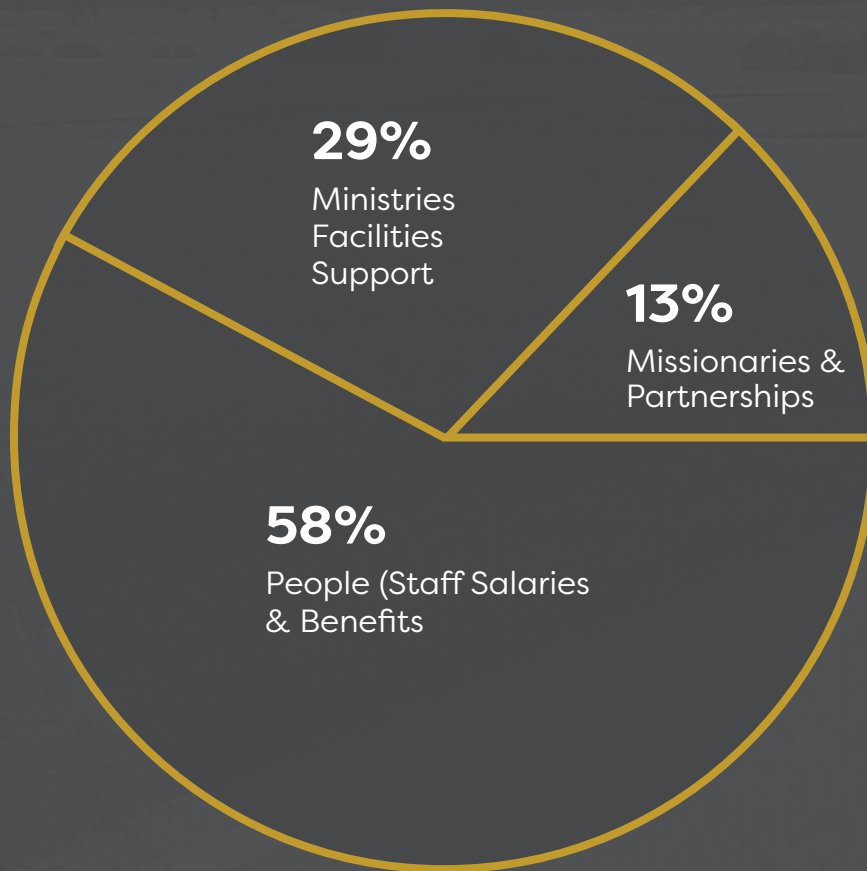
- Continued sponsorship of **727** children in Karaba, Rwanda as well as **95** children in crisis.
- Raised **\$102,000** through the ½ & full marathons with Team World Vision
- After 8 years of partnering in Karaba Rwanda, we celebrate the successful completion of an Area Development Project with World Vision
- Began new Area Development Project partnership in Simbi, Rwanda.
- We gave **\$23,722** which allowed us to pack **1,078** Promise Packs to send to children in Simbi.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

- Completed a project alongside Talking Bibles International to place **900** audio bibles in fishing villages along the coast in South East India. This partnership has resulted in the establishment of 2 churches with over **100** believers worshipping regularly.
- Through the REACH project, we began building a vocational school in Intapecau in partnership with IPM (First Presbyterian Church) of Manaus, Brazil.



BUDGET



GIVEN TO FAITH

- GENERAL FUND: \$6,163,027
- REACH: \$1,742,559
- DEBT REDUCTION: \$20,695
- CHRISTIAN AID: \$39,636
- FAITH FAMILY MARKET: \$26,410
- TOTAL GIVEN: \$7,992,327

THE REACH PROJECT

Faith's mission remains the same as it did more than 50 years ago. A move from South Holland to Dyer, Indiana has been blessed by God with tremendous growth, more than we could ever imagine. And now with the 8th campus of Faith Church launching in the fall of 2015, the heartbeat of this church strengthens with every story of life change. The velocity of change in Faith Church in the next five years may be greater than the past fifty. This project is about those who are already here, and those who are called to REACH.

CEDAR LAKE

- Attendance up **69%** from 2015
- Built a permanent location in the community

SCHERERVILLE

- Chapel remodel for Faith Kids space and for use by Campagna Academy

BRAZIL

- The building of a vocational school in conjunction with First Presbyterian Church of Manaus (IPM).

WEBSITE

- 400,855 Pageviews
- Visitors from all 7 continents
- 45.56% viewed from Desktop
- 45.51% viewed on Mobile Device

LIVESTREAM

- On average, we have about 130-180 unique viewers/weekend.

