

END OF THE YEAR REPORT 2020



DEAR HEIGHTS FAMILY

We don't have to tell you that 2020 was a year like no other. We all had to adjust to the unique circumstances pushed upon us by a global pandemic. We changed the way we lived, learned and operated. But despite the challenges, our church was able to meet more needs and reach more people than ever before. Our mission - "We exist to lead people to experience the God who can change their lives" didn't change - but how we accomplished that mission did. Everything we do focuses on people experiencing God, experiencing freedom, experiencing purpose, so we can ultimately experience making a difference. Last year was no exception - and because of your generosity, below are just a few tangible examples of how God used our church to impact our city, our state and our world!

EXPERIENCE GOD

Two months into the new year, we transitioned to fully online experiences that lasted six months. Though our doors were closed, our church was still alive and active! 482 people told us they made a decision for Christ in 2020. AMAZING! When our doors re-opened in September, we began live-streaming our in person worship experiences bringing our reach on average to 1,782 people every Sunday. We saw 51 people experience life-change through water baptism. In the fall, we had the honor of streaming our worship experiences to the inmates of the Chesterfield County Jail. Online and in person last year, we reached a total of 92,689 people!

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM

We believe real life change happens in the context of real relationships. Our spiritual growth happens not just on Sundays but during the week - which is why we encourage every person to get in a small group. In support of that, we offered 117 different groups this past year both in person and virtually. We also hosted a second semester of Foundations - a 12-week deep dive into Scripture and doctrine. It was life-changing for our 50+ graduates!

482 TOTAL DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

TOTAL SUNDAY REACH

92,689

AVG. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

1,782

72,428

TOTAL ONLINE ATTENDANCE BY HOUSEHOLDS



TOTAL SMALL GROUPS

117



TOTAL BAPTISMS

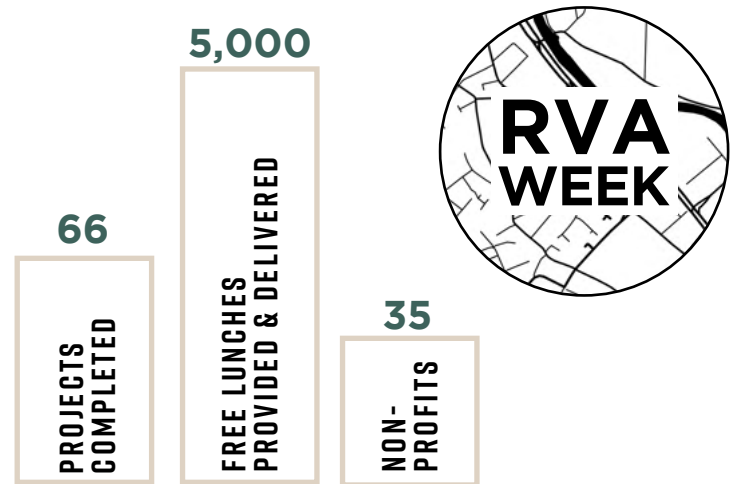
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EXPERIENCE PURPOSE

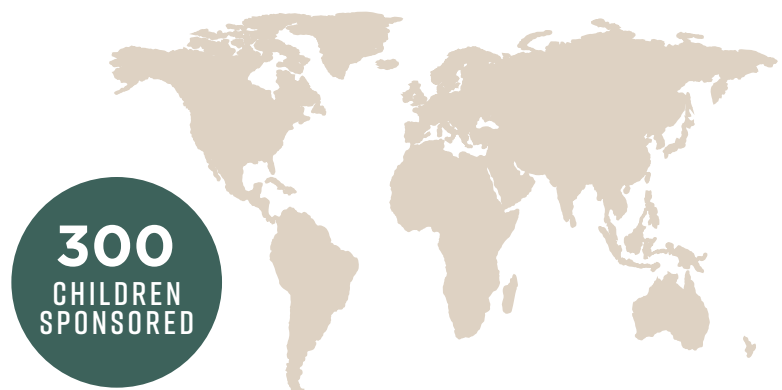
One of our favorite ways to make a difference is by connecting ordinary people to their extraordinary purpose. Last year we saw 325 people take Next Steps, discover their purpose and start making a difference by joining the Dream Team. "Walking into Heights Church, we instantly experienced the loving presence of God and wanted to be a part of it. We were so scared and unsure of how we would fit in, especially being new to the country. We took a dive, attended Next Steps and it has been the best decision so far. It helped us discover our skills and use our God given gifts to build His Kingdom. We are still learning and growing by being a part of this wonderful family that we now call Home." That is just one couple's story of how Next Steps impacted their lives!

EXPERIENCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Not only did we celebrate our 5th birthday by giving away \$50,000 to one of our global partners Camino de Vida in Lima, Peru - but we radically increased how we serve. Locally, we saw our church step up like never before when it comes to serving our community. We had 450 people serve our city during RVA Week - completing 66 individual projects, serving 35 local non-profits and giving away 5,000 meals to first responders and those in need. In addition, we expanded our serve initiatives throughout the year to meet needs in our city. From 180 lives saved through blood donations to thousands of items collected and distributed to our community, we shared the tangible love of Christ with so many people in a variety of ways. Nationally through our partnership with ARC, Association of Related Churches, we helped plant 57 new churches in 2020 alone. Through Trafficking Hope, we helped rescue 25 victims and identified 160 more of human trafficking. Globally, we sponsored one full-time missionary in Lima, Peru and also continued sponsoring 300 children in Kenya and The Philippines through our partnership with One Child.



57 ARC CHURCHES LAUNCHED



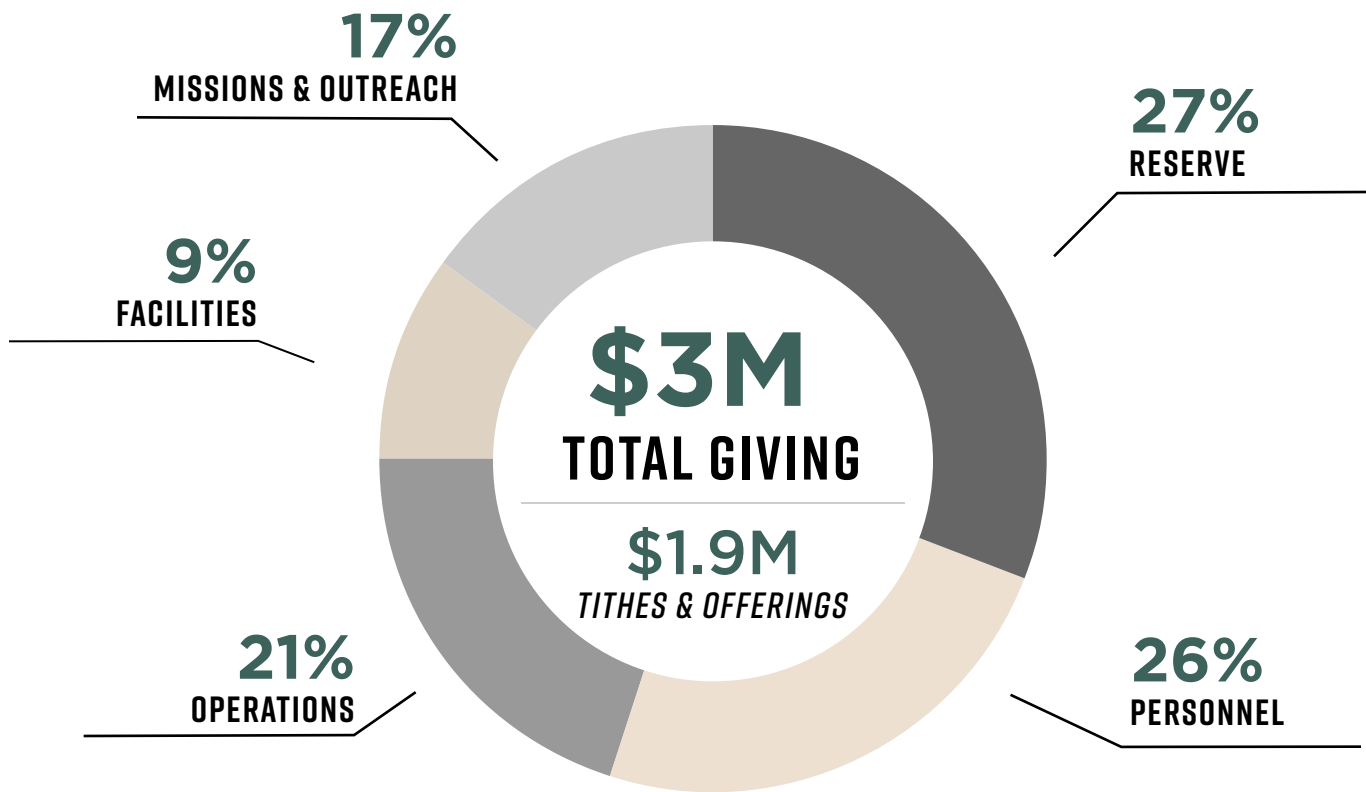
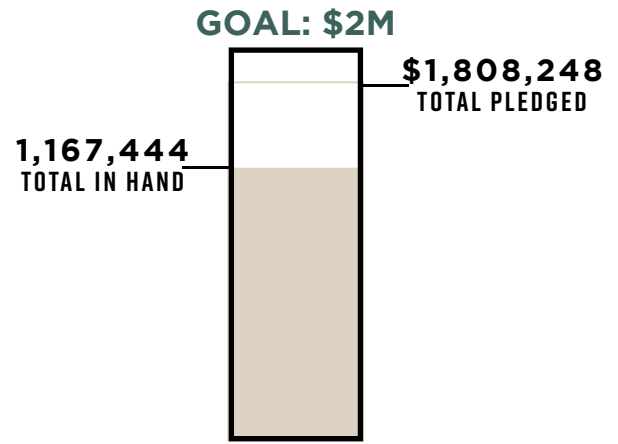
HEIGHTS IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PERU, KENYA, THE PHILIPPINES & BEYOND

\$50,000
GIVEN TO CAMINO DE VIDA
IN LIMA, PERU

HEART FOR THE HOUSE

At a time when some estimates say 5% of all churches were forced to permanently close their doors because of COVID, our church launched our very first Heart for the House building campaign. Despite all the economic uncertainty of the past year, we collectively gave \$1.1 million and pledged \$1.8 million towards our \$2 million goal to purchase and build a permanent location - God is so faithful!

HEART FOR THE HOUSE CAMPAIGN



We are so grateful for you and your commitment to the vision of Heights Church. Thank you for being a part of this church family. We know God will continue to use this church to make an eternal difference in our city, state, country and world in this upcoming year. We are truly better together - the best is yet to come!

UNTIL JESUS RUNS THIS TOWN,

Pastor Josh and Crystal Whitlow

LEAD PASTORS OF HEIGHTS CHURCH