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COMMUNITY
RIVERMONT

LOVE
GROW
REACH OUT

2017 Annual Impact Report

DEAR MINISTRY PARTNERS,

To God be the glory great things He has done!

This last year (2017) will go down in history as a year of answered prayer. It's not the first year that God has answered our prayers and it won't be the last, but it's been a year of overwhelming blessing. We started the year by asking you to pray for three things:

1. Life change (life transformation).
2. Financial stability.
3. Full-time ministry facility for our church family.

The first request was the most important because that's our vision - ***to pursue life transformation through the message found in the gospel of Jesus Christ***. You don't need money and buildings to accomplish that vision, all you need is the Holy Spirit! Finances and facilities are also tools that God gives to us in order to help us further His kingdom.

By the end of the first quarter, God miraculously connected us with Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church (RABC); a church with a rich heritage and a desire for renewed direction. We spent our second quarter praying and investigating this opportunity. After God gave us the green light, RABC allowed us to adopt their community and facility. What an incredible gift! ***By joining forces, both churches have become healthier and are better positioned for greater impact.***

Throughout the year we continued to pray for God's financial provision - in the first three quarters, we were behind. As we entered the fourth quarter, God stepped in and granted our requests. With your generous support, we were able to not only meet, but also exceed, our 2017 budget. Thank you God and thank you church!

What about life transformation? Yes, God faithfully answered that request as well. All year, we encountered individuals who discovered God's purpose for their lives and fell more in love with Jesus. Disciples who love God, grow in community, and reach out with the love of Christ have been established through the ministry of our church. We have heard stories of life change from individuals in our church family, in our community, and from our partners around the world.

Please join our leadership team in celebrating God's presence and provision, and let's continue to give him the glory in all of our intentions and actions!

SOLI DEO GLORIA,

THE ELDERS OF GOSPEL COMMUNITY RIVERMONT

2017 FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

\$134,322.16

CENTRAL LEADERSHIP
& OPERATIONS

\$36,406.20

FAMILY
MINISTRY

6.45%

\$76,964.00

FACILITIES

23.8%

13.64%

21.18%

34.92%

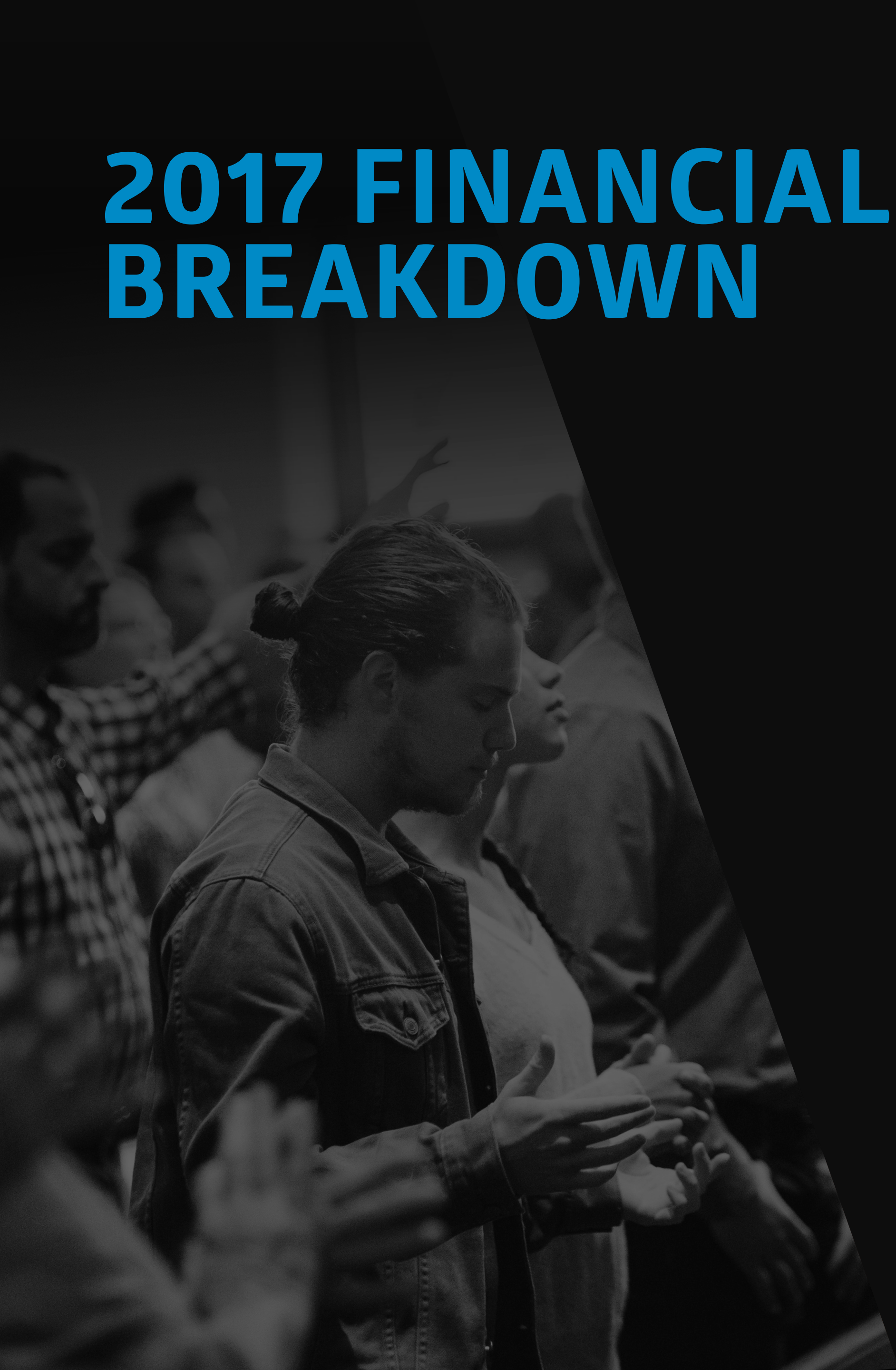
\$119,530.24

SUNDAY SERVICES
& FELLOWSHIP

\$197,044.32

OUTREACH & DISCIPLESHIP

PERSONNEL SALARIES ARE BROKEN
DOWN INTO THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS.



2017 OPERATING BUDGET

PLANNED SPENDING FROM SAVINGS
\$6,036.17

MERGER RELATED EXPENSES*
\$184,700.78

TOTAL OPERATING INCOME
\$624,769.20

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE
\$564,266.92

TOTAL OPERATING WINDFALL
\$60,502.28

*INCOME FOR MERGER RELATED EXPENSES WAS OBTAINED VIA A LINE OF CREDIT ESTABLISHED IN AUGUST OF 2017. PRINCIPAL & INTEREST PAYMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE 2018 BUDGET.

BECOMING

Gospel COMMUNITY RIVERMONT



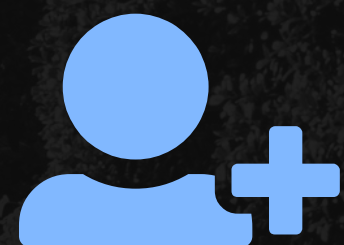
1 DIVINE APPOINTMENT
ON A PLANE



65 NEW BROTHERS &
SISTERS IN CHRIST



6 MONTHS OF PRAYER,
DISCUSSION, AND
MEETING



2 NEW STAFF MEMBERS



1 HISTORIC CAMPUS ON
THE CORNER OF BEDFORD
AND RIVERMONT AVENUES



1 RENEWED VISION FOR
GCCR & OUR COMMUNITY

We celebrated the first GCCR baptism on December 8, 2017. From the baptismal waters, Caitlin Sink declared to the Lord, "I am Yours!"

As a newly merged church, Caitlin clearly felt the presence of God at GCCR. Through sermons and conversations, she knew that God was speaking to her and prompting her to follow Him. In response, she made the decision to fully give her life to the Lord.

As Caitlin was baptized, she knew that she was forgiven and was completely free!

BELIEVERS GATHERED

AVERAGE
700
WORSHIPPERS
EACH SUNDAY

650 PEOPLE AT
THE 1ST EVER
GCCR CHRISTMAS
EVE SERVICES

1

RENOVATED 125 YEAR
OLD SANCTUARY

3

NEW SERVICES

8

SERMON SERIES

90

WORSHIP SONGS

1ST

CHOIR PERFORMANCE

*Steve Timmons
reflects on his
experience serving
with GCCR:*

“At GCCR, I continue to find sincere, Christ-oriented individuals who volunteer in many different capacities. For example, the worship team clearly exemplifies service and humility. The attitude of the team is accepting and warm. In addition, the musical excellence and song selection provides the perfect platform for the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am blessed and very grateful to be part of the worship team and GCCR.”

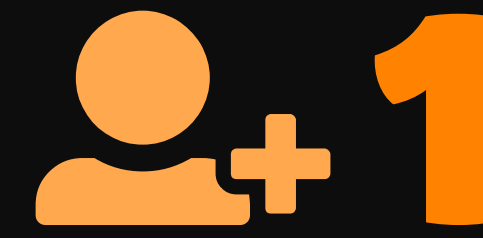
**KIDS &
STUDENTS
GREW IN
CHRIST** (1/2)

KID CITY



63

AVERAGE
ATTENDANCE



ELEMENTARY
RESIDENT HIRED



1

NEWLY
RENOVATED
SPACE

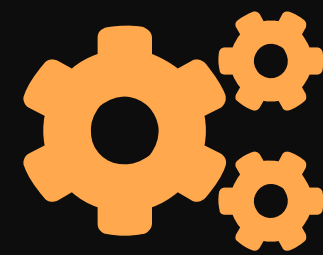


95

VOLUNTEERS
TRAINED AND
EQUIPPED

**KIDS &
STUDENTS
GREW IN
CHRIST** (2/2)

GOSPEL STUDENT MINISTRIES



40+
STUDENTS
IMPACTED BY
ENGAGE



LAUNCHED **1** NEW
**DISCIPLSHIP
COMMUNITY**



4 UNCHAINED GATHERINGS:
150 STUDENTS FROM **6** DIFFERENT CHURCHES

ADULTS CONNECTED IN GOSPEL- CENTERED COMMUNITY

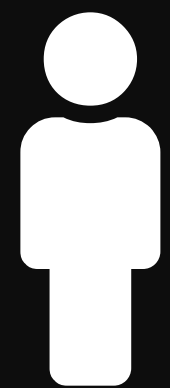
OVER **400** PEOPLE IN

40 GOSPEL COMMUNITIES

WITH **100** LEADERS & HOSTS

IMPACTING **25** NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE
GREATER LYNCHBURG AREA

PAVED THE
WAY FOR **16** DISCIPLESHIP
COMMUNITIES
(LAUNCHED IN 2018)



LAUNCHED **1** NEW MEN'S MINISTRY,
GCCR MEN, ENGAGING OVER
100 MEN IN **2** EVENTS



GCCR WOMEN ENGAGED
OVER **230** WOMEN IN **2**
STUDIES AND **6** EVENTS

GCCR Women's Ministry:

One woman in the GCCR Women's Ministry had been frustrated and hurt by the church. When she was invited to be a part of a GCCR Women's group, she was willing to give the church another chance.

God used the group to bless her, encourage her, and bring her into a deeper relationship with Him. Because of the GCCR Women's Ministry, she has been refreshed and encouraged. Praise the Lord for working in and through the women of GCCR!

GOD EXPANDED OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT

1 CONNECTING POINT MINISTRY

OVER **600** PEOPLE
SERVED THROUGH
LOCAL OUTREACH
EFFORTS

4 LOCAL PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

\$21,632.95
DONATED TO SUPPORT
LOCAL PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS

1 FALL FESTIVAL

OVER **400**
PEOPLE SERVED
BY OVER **40**
VOLUNTEERS



CHURCHES WERE PLANTED IN HIS NAME



3 CHURCH PLANTS
ST. LOUIS, IL
CHARLESTON, SC
PROVIDENCE, RI

\$39,963.78

 **SENT TO CHURCH
PLANTERS**

**FIRST
EVER**
**GCCR CHURCH
PLANTER RETREAT**
HOSTED IN LYNCHBURG



**2 SHORT TERM
TEAMS SENT**

*Tim Moroz, Church Planting Pastor, Gospel
Community Providence*

“Over the past couple of months, we have been seeking ways to build bridges into our community. We are starting to see some of the early stages of those relationships forming. We are slowly learning the names and stories of our neighbors, co-workers, and other community members. Just the other day, we were slammed with about 15 inches of snow. As I was outside shoveling, I noticed that one of my neighbors could not get out of their house. I decided to walk over and shovel their driveway. About half way through, the owner came running out to say thank you. We ended up finishing the driveway together while listening to each other’s stories. I got a chance to share my faith in Jesus and how He has impacted my life over the years. We ended up deciding that our families needed to get together for a “get to know you” night. I was thankful that God opened the door for this first interaction. We are praying that God will do much more! God ordained meetings like these are one of the reasons why we moved to Providence - to see the Lord work in the lives of the people around us.”

Claire Riss, Trans World Radio (TWR) Global Partner:

TWR partners with a local church in the city of Leskovac. It has a high population of Roma people. The church itself is made up of Roma individuals, and we help them fund a unique radio program in the Romani language. This broadcast is written specifically for the families in the local mahalas (Roma slums). This amazing church team writes and produces biblical content, stories, and music that can be heard all over Leskovac. This radio program, “By the people, for the people” has powerfully impacted the community. Because the program is associated with the church, it has been easy for listeners to make the connection with the local church body. In fact, most of the church congregation began attending because they first heard the radio program and made the connection to the church. They trust this church team because they are

Roma just like them. The church has grown so much. They have been able to open their own school (huge deal for Roma children) and conduct critical outreach in the region. I got to witness how the gospel message of Jesus Christ can transform this unique people group. Because of Jesus working in and through them, the church team has seen life transformation in the people that live in the Roma slums. One of the men I spoke with (Rama) shared that the violence in Leskovac had been devastating. His brother had been murdered by their schoolmate as a young man. Despite his sorrow and loss, he can now rejoice because Jesus is alive and working through the church in Leskovac. The love of Jesus has blessed and bonded this community. The people of Leskovac now see themselves as family in Christ.



**THE
GOSPEL
REACHED
THE
NATIONS**



**9 GLOBAL
PARTNERS**

\$36,947.17
SENT TO GLOBAL PARTNERS

**1ST
OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD AS GCCR**

 **222 BOXES**
DONATED AS A CHURCH FAMILY

 **22,643 BOXES**
PROCESSED DURING COLLECTION WEEK

 **70**
VOLUNTEERS
SERVED
DURING
COLLECTION
WEEK



PRAISE GOD FOR
ALL HE DID IN 2017!