



TAKING STEPS TOWARDS JESUS — TOGETHER.

2021 Annual Report
Reach Church
Everett, WA

LET'S DIVE IN...

[IF YOU'RE ON A PHONE, CONSIDER HOPPING OVER TO A LARGER SCREEN]

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Ever since I can remember, I've been interested in various forms of visual art. It's always been fascinating for me to create something from nothing on a blank canvas, sheet of notebook paper, or digital artboard. To this date, old notebooks and shoeboxes filled with moments of creative expression remind me how wonderful it is to watch ideas come to fruition in the physical.

In a very real sense, this is how I see our church. In fact, several people in 2021 have expressed to me - with excitement and opportunity in their eyes - how they feel like we're a bit of a "blank canvas." I would agree, as does our team. We're in a maturing moment. While many of our core rhythms (Sundays, groups, serving) are in place, the sky really is the limit in terms of what the next chapter of growth looks like for us.

When Jesus told his disciples in Acts 1:8, "...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth," he must have known the time it would take to accomplish a project like this, not to mention the maturing that would need to take place in his disciples to shoulder such a calling. Yet here we are, in Everett, WA, responding to the very same mission.

In a sense, this "blank canvas" of ours is ready to be painted on.

As we look back at 2021, my prayer is that God will begin showing you what your part is to play in what he's creating at Reach. Whether it's deepening in discipleship rhythms or finding creative ways to advance the mission, will you consider what YOUR step towards Jesus looks like?

I'm blown away by what he's accomplished in and through us this year, and I can't wait to see what comes to pass in 2022!

PASTOR SEAN GASPERETTI



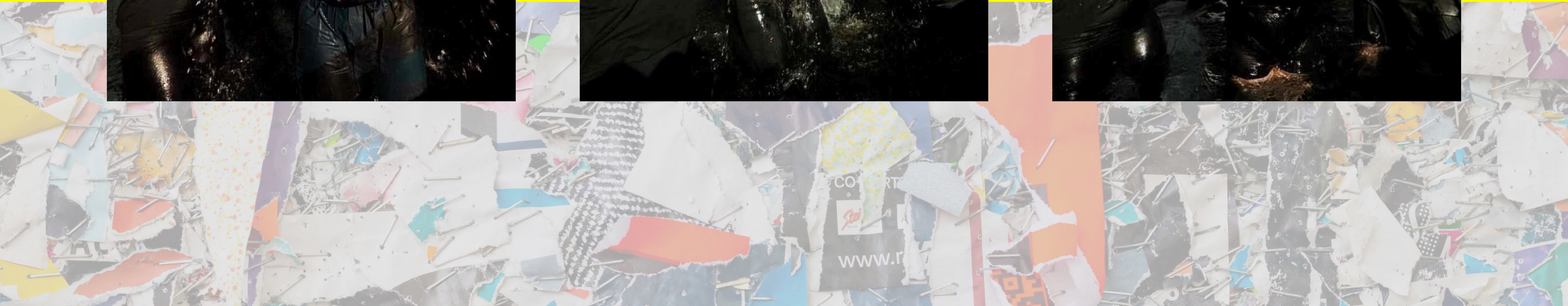
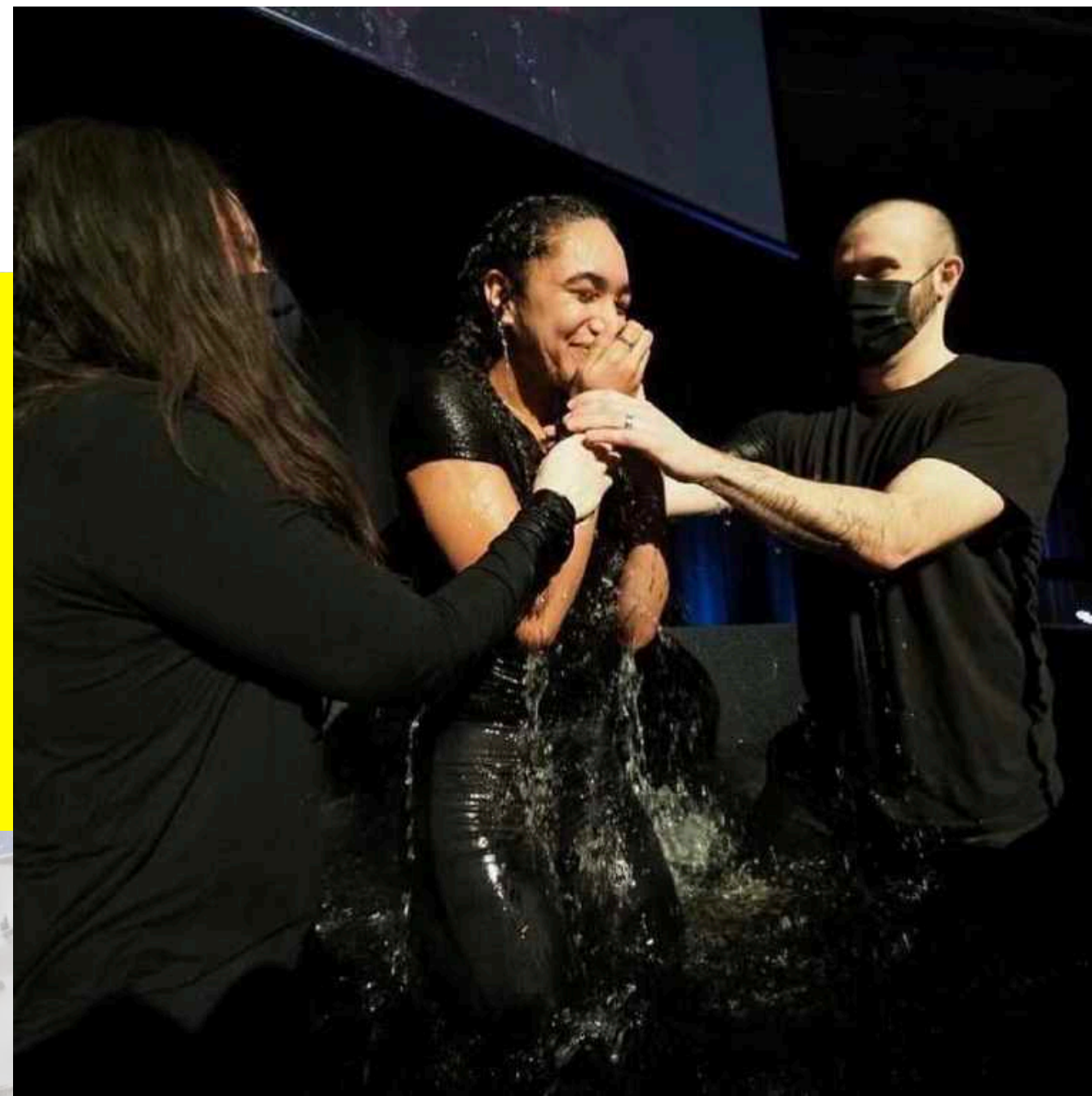
WATER BAPTISM



6 PEOPLE PUBLICLY DECLARED FAITH IN JESUS







CULTURAL CLUE #1

TAKE A STEP TOWARDS JESUS.

Faith in Jesus is best experienced when it's lived out, not just thought about. That's why we constantly invite people to take a step towards Jesus. No matter where you're coming from or what you've done, taking a step towards Jesus is always worth taking. He can handle whatever you bring him, and the result is always a worthwhile one. To hear more of Pastor Sean's heart on this concept, [click here](#).



JACOB, RACHEL, WALLACE, AND ELIZA

“FINDING OUR SPOT”

MEET THE CONNELLY FAMILY

Our family moved to Washington in September, 2020. We were trying to navigate finding a church, getting connected, and building community while respecting people's safety and health boundaries. It was a tough balancing act and, with two small children, we were spending a lot more time isolated at home than we probably should have. We heard about Reach from a friend back in Austin, TX and decided to try out a community group the next day. It felt immediately like we had found our spot.

We were struck with how intimate the Sunday services are, how accessible church leadership is, and how quickly we were able to get plugged into our community group. Several people from Reach have been intentional with us about spending time together, inviting us to church events, and encouraging us to get involved with serving opportunities at the church. We are so thankful for Reach and the family that the church has been for us over the past year or so. It makes moving halfway across the country so much easier. We couldn't feel more at home at Reach, and we are excited to watch how God uses the church in our community and in reaching the larger Everett area.

BIG TABLES. SMALL TABLES.



10

Groups meet weekly/bi-weekly for meals and connection

5

New groups were started in 2021

112

Adults (+ a ton of kids) are connecting in Groups

At Reach, we have a phrase that seems to guide us well: be the church, reach the city. We aspire to be a community that is constantly striving to live out those words together in everyday life. The primary place this plays out is in Groups – which are the very heartbeat of who we are and what we do. Simply put, Groups are followers of Jesus and their friends, learning to live like family for the good of their city. They meet throughout the region, gathering in homes, cafes, parks, and any other space where they can grow in their love for God, each other, and their city.

“BEATING THE SEATTLE FREEZE”

MEET THE STAAB FAMILY

Hello everyone! Bergie and I (Cody) want to thank you all for welcoming us here at Reach. God has been doing a lot through you guys, and your ministry has had a tremendous impact on us. Prior to coming to Reach, we had been bouncing from church to church trying to find a home. On top of that, we had been suffering from the “Seattle freeze.” It had gotten to the point where we were considering moving away from the Northwest entirely! Then we stumbled on you, and as a result God has brought about a lot of “firsts” in our lives. It’s been our first time giving back to a church, my first adult baptism, and Bergie’s first time taking communion in 8 years! We feel at home, the sermons are strong and full of God’s spirit, folks are involved, and more than ever, we understand the difference a church can make in one’s walk with God.



CODY AND BERGIE



CULTURAL CLUE #2

JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus told his disciple Peter, “I will build my church.” He intended to use Peter (and others) to assist him, but he took ownership of the project itself.

We’ve seen God do incredible things in our church, from providing a trailer for set-up/tear-down gear to handing us the keys to our building. He’s brought people, resources, and encouragement right on time, nearly every time. At Reach, we do our best to build *with* Jesus, but ultimately, this community and all he entrusts us with belongs to HIM. He’s been building, he’s still building, and there’s more to be done!

GO TEAM GO!

Meet the folks who help make it happen every Sunday and beyond. Composed primarily of volunteers, our team's goal is to build teams and equip people just like you to follow Jesus faithfully. Give them a high-five next time you see them on a Sunday!



Sean Gasperetti
Lead Pastor / Planter



Kara Gasperetti
Ministry Support / Planter



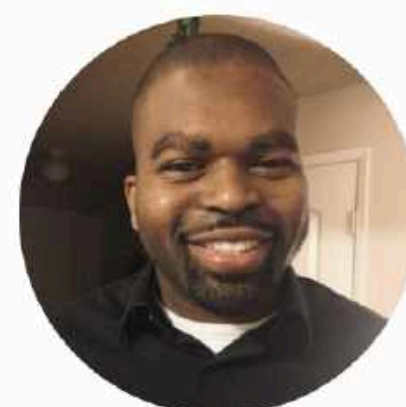
Stephen Marti
Associate Pastor / Worship



Tayla Marti
Community + Culture



Megan Robbert
Kids Lead



Piko Neal
Tech Team Admin



Jon Deyonker
Youth Lead



Emily Deyonker
Youth Lead



Russ Perron
Elder Candidate / Facility



Jeff Price
Elder Candidate / Prayer



Ronda Price
Prayer



Mackenzie Wallace
Meet-Ups



Brendan Woodward
Finance



Crystal Woodward
Finance



Allison Pennington
Hospitality / Logistics

AN ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS

**WE ARE A CHURCH RUN ALMOST
ENTIRELY BY VOLUNTEERS.**

COOL, HUH?



59 faithfully serving our kids

12 keeping us safe on security

33 facilitating worship and production technologies

30 working on welcome + clean teams

THAT'S A LOT OF PEOPLE SERVING ONE ANOTHER...AND THAT'S JUST ON A SUNDAY!

REACH KIDS

178 unique children were served over the course of the year.

A few quick stats:

- ▶ Averaging 34 kids per Sunday
- ▶ Launched elementary in February
- ▶ Launched walking 1's in April
- ▶ Split our elementary class into 2 rooms in September.
- ▶ Dedicated 14 children to the Lord

Holly Wisniew served as our Kids Lead through August.

Kara Gasperetti stepped up in as interim lead to help kick-off the Fall.

Megan Robbert joined our team as the Kids Lead in October.

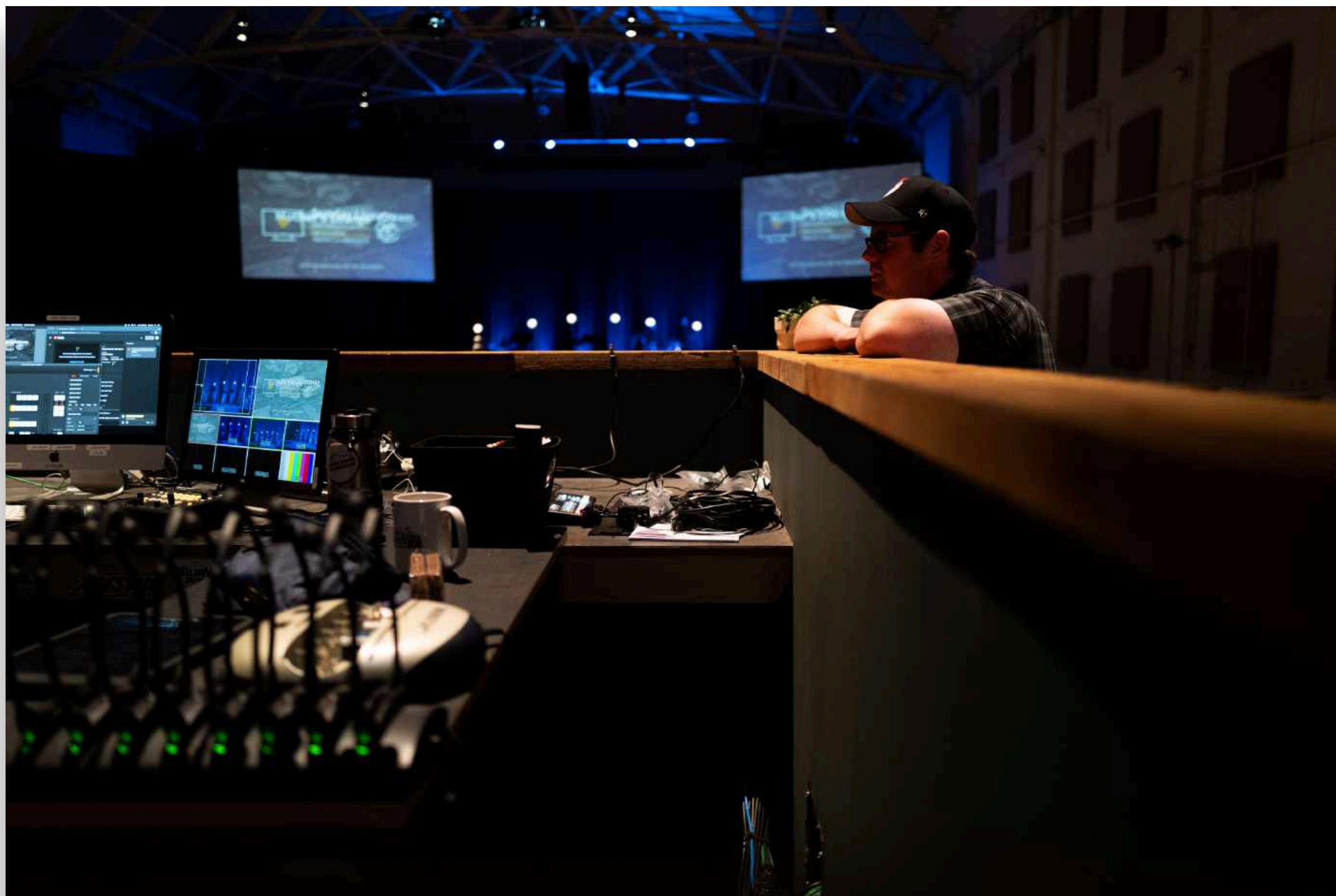


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CULTURAL CLUE #3

WHOA FAMILY!

Every Sunday, we gather at 9:30 for a pre-service rally and moment of prayer. It's a chance to sync up for the day, offer some encouragement and shout-outs around the circle, and pray together. At the end, all hands go into the center of the circle and we shout collectively: "1..2...3...WHOA AAA FAMILY!"

It's a small but significant tradition that serves to remind us of who we're aiming to be:
A church that functions like a healthy, loving family.

“GROUPS BECOMING FAMILY”

MEET THE HAYNES FAMILY

A year ago, we had one goal in mind: find a local church community and get involved. Having arrived in Snohomish in the middle of a pandemic, we knew that we needed to find a place where we could connect with other believers and find encouragement on Sunday mornings. But we also knew from our experience living internationally that the best way to really get to know people was to open our home and invite people into our lives. When we moved to Sweden (years prior), many Christians graciously opened their homes and hearts to us. Now that we were back in the US, we wanted to be involved in a church that was offering the same caring ministry to people, even in the midst of a pandemic. So, we found Reach, joined the community, and started hosting a small group with another couple.

Since then, our group has been meeting for a big family dinner twice a month, with DNA groups in-between. What started with simple food and discussion has grown into a place for people to authentically share and support one another. We often exchange texts throughout the week and pray for each other. Sometimes the DNA groups even practically serve each other, whether that is making dinner for a couple with a new baby or helping a family with their home remodeling project. For Kip's birthday his DNA group came over to help him move our heavy chicken coop across the yard. When someone is going through marriage counseling, we pray for them, and when someone is sick or dealing with a difficult family situation, we pray for healing and restoration. And when we experience an answered prayer, we celebrate that together too. This is a taste of what the Kingdom of God can be like and we look forward to seeing how God will use this ministry to further His Kingdom in all of our lives.



RIVER, MICAH, KIP, AND THERESA

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

TECHNOLOGY IS A SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF OUR MINISTRY. CHECK OUT THE WAYS WE'VE ENGAGED YOU AND OTHERS IN 2021.

14,615 Website visits

4205 Sermon/media plays

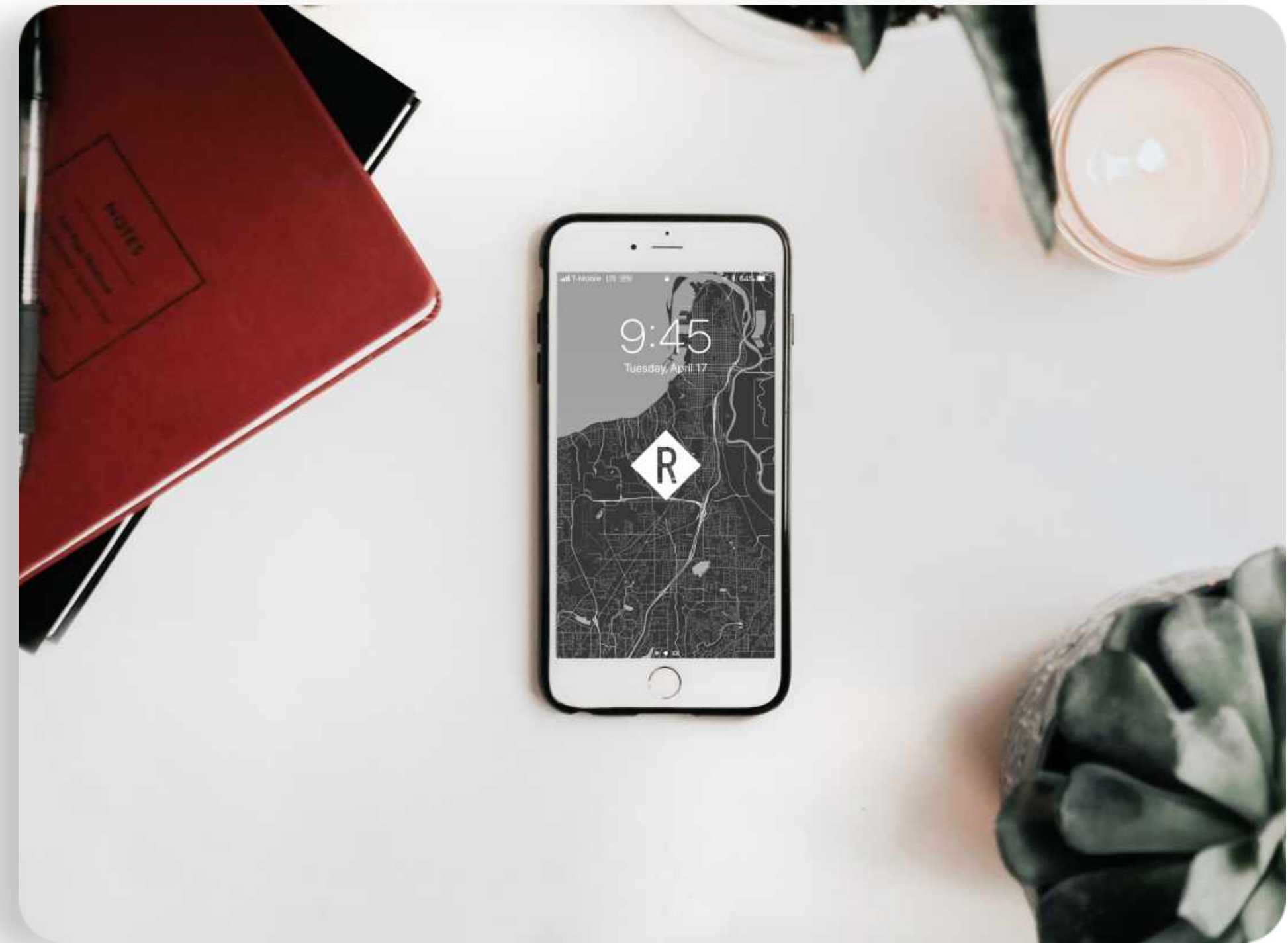
1316 Unique devices streamed church online

411 Reach Everett App Downloads

746 Instagram Followers

549 Facebook Likes

116 YouTube Subscribers



GUEST SPEAKER
MICHAEL FRANZESE



FROM MOB LIFE TO MISSION

In October, we hosted a guest speaker with a powerful story to tell. Michael Franzese is a former member of the infamous Colombo crime family. At his most affluent, he was generating between \$5,000,000.00 to \$8,000,000.00 PER WEEK from both legal and illegal business. In 1986, he was named one of the biggest money earners the mob had seen since Al Capone by Vanity Fair.

Eventually, his lifestyle caught up to him. He was sentenced for his crimes, put in prison, and spent significant time in solitary confinement. It was a hopeless tale until a prison guard slipped him a Bible. After surrendering his life to Jesus, his mission was transformed from building the Columbo Kingdom to building the Kingdom of Heaven.

This was one of the more powerful personal testimonies we've ever heard presented at our church on a Sunday. If you missed it, be sure to go back and watch/listen in the Reach Everett App!

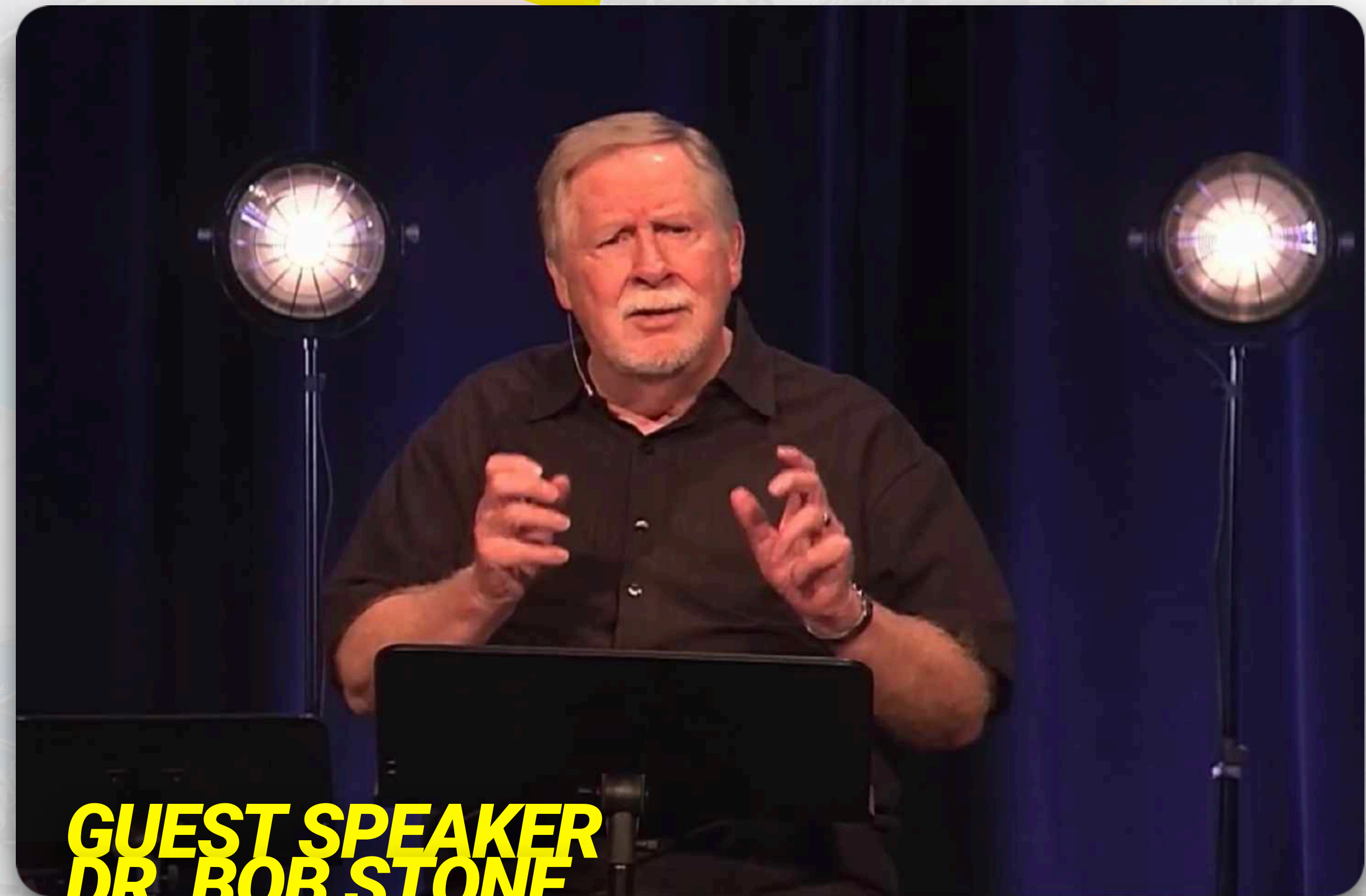
50 YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY

In August, we heard from a friend and mentor of Pastor Sean's: Dr. Bob Stone.

Pastor Bob Stone was a vocational minister in the Puget Sound Region for over 50 years. He's coached lead pastors, invested in younger leaders (including our own Pastor Sean in a previous season), and developed bold and innovative strategies to spread the Gospel both locally and globally.

It's important for all of us to have people further down the road we can look up to and emulate. The Apostle once wrote, "Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1). It's always a blessing when we can hear from a voice like Pastor Bob's to encourage us towards faith for the long haul.

His message is entitled "Planning With A Big IF In Mind" from our "Draw Near" series. You can watch/listen on our website or in the Reach Everett App.



**GUEST SPEAKER
DR. BOB STONE**

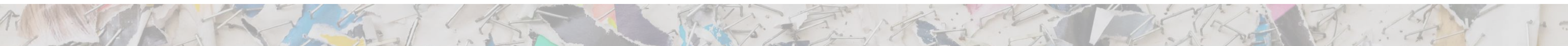
CULTURAL CLUE #4

REACHING THE CITY

We love the city of Everett. It's where we felt called to plant, and it's obviously where we gather. But the idea of "reaching the city" is bigger than just our Downtown district. Think of the city as everyone outside of our 4-walls. Do you live in Snohomish? Lake Stevens? Mill Creek? That's the city. It's wherever God positions you to be his ambassador. The cool part is, no matter where you are, God can use you - and He desires to!

SERVE THE CITY

WE HELPED CLEAN UP PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER, DOWNTOWN EVERETT, THE SONS OF NORWAY PARKING LOT, AND OUR OWN FACILITY!





Way to take one for the team, Russ!

PARTNERSHIPS



WE INVEST IN ORGANIZATIONS WHO GO WHERE WE CAN'T.



Rescue:Freedom International

Rescue:Freedom is on a mission to end sex trafficking one life at a time. By pioneering initiatives domestically and internationally, RFI is on the frontlines of this important and pressing work.



Pregnancy Resource Center

PRC provides confidential services for teens and adults in Snohomish County in need of support. Possibly pregnant? You have options...PRC can help!



Bridge Receiving Center

A child's first encounter with the foster care system is too often traumatic and confusing. The Bridge is stepping in to change this by building a welcoming place where kids can feel safe and have access to the services they need.

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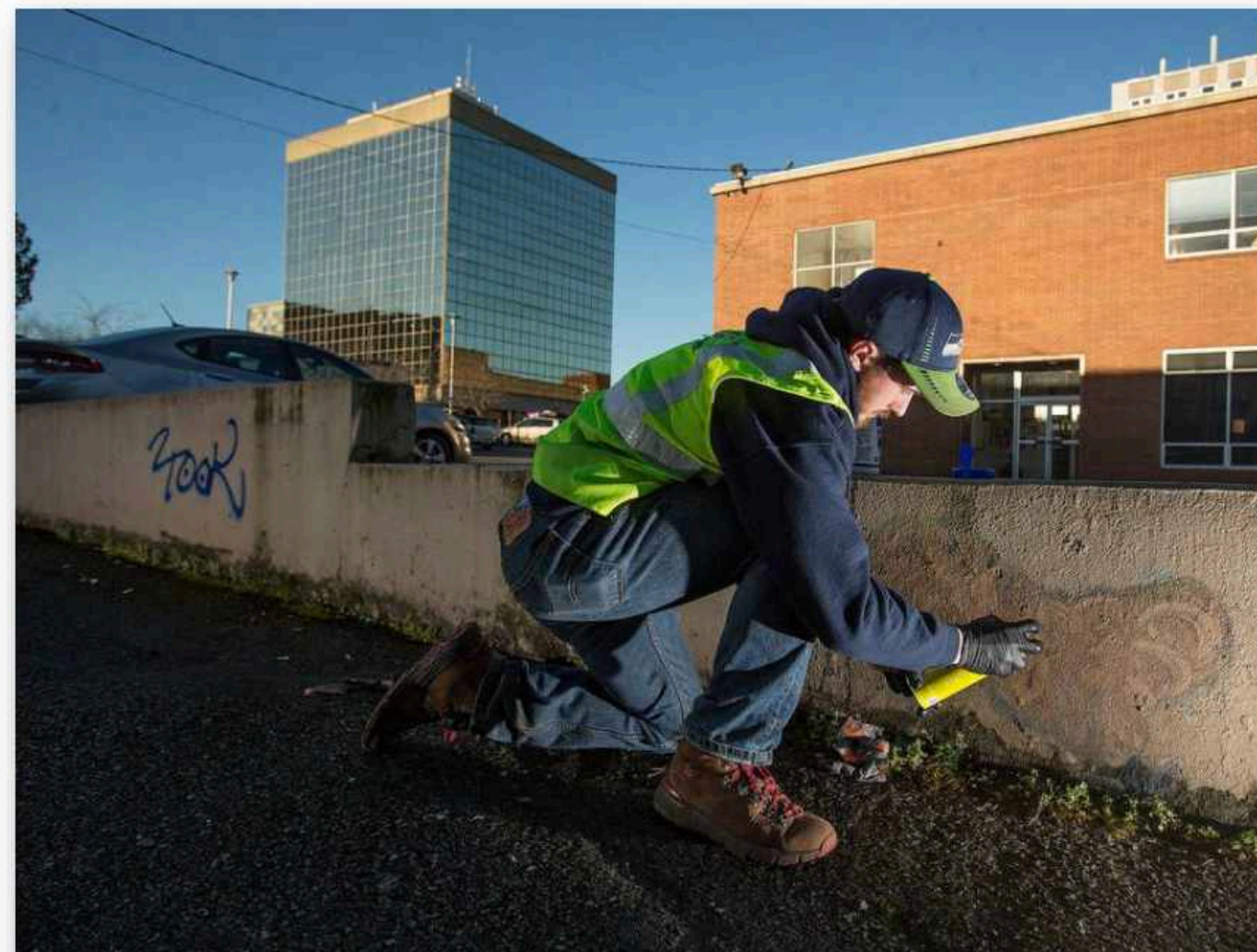


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Janzen Family (Portugal)

The Janzens work with *Reaching Portugal*, a gospel-centered community in Vila do Conde and *Potential to Plant*, a discipleship school focused on training, resourcing, and supporting church planters.



Downtown Everett Association

DEA champions our downtown community by supporting economic vitality, stewarding public spaces and historic places, promoting local experiences, and cultivating a strong organizational network.



Everett Gospel Mission

Everett Gospel Mission is the only provider of emergency shelter for men in Everett. The mission has expanded to include services for single moms and single women. They provide shelter and comprehensive recovery programs for 145 men, and 75 women and children each night.

HAVE A NEED MEET A NEED

Through this initiative, you stepped up and met needs like these:

- Groceries for a young single mom laid off from her job
- Groceries and gas for a young woman in between jobs
- Hotel stay for father who lost job and was sleeping on the street
- Furniture moving help for family who lost their father
- Air conditioning unit for family with health problems
- Building materials for house repairs for young family expecting their first child

Want to get involved? There are still families in our church with needs that haven't yet been met. You can view those needs and raise your hand to meet one [**here!**](#)



**WE HELPED
EACH OTHER
A LOT THIS
YEAR!**

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Reach is supported entirely by the generous giving of people like you.
Thank you for partnering with us to be the church and reach the city!

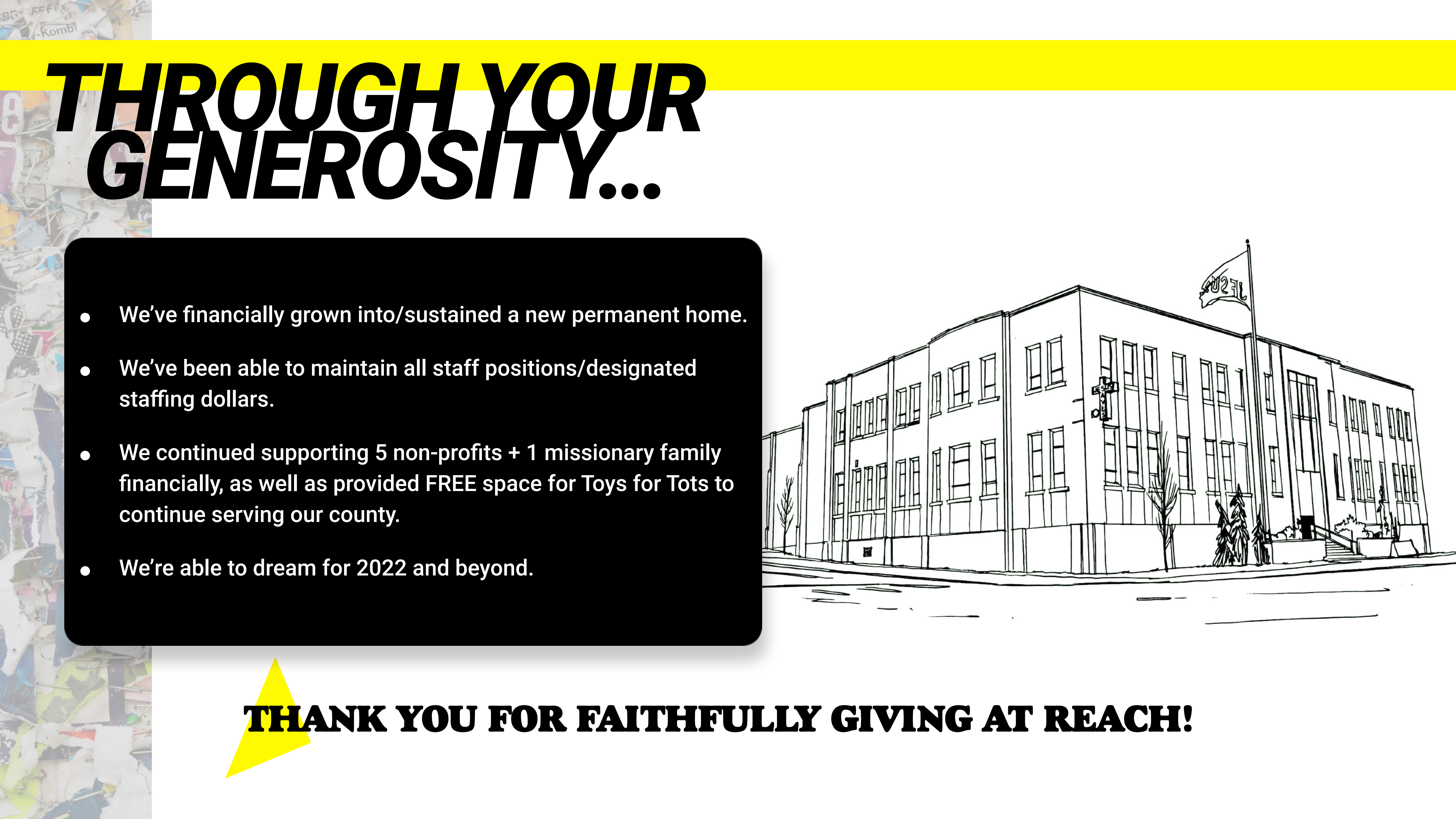
SEPT 2019 - AUG 2020 (LAST YEAR)

GIVING: \$333,010.30
EXPENSES: \$294,388.17
NET INCOME: \$38,622.13

SEPT 2020 - AUG 2021 (THIS YEAR)

GIVING: \$418,581.93 (up 24%)
EXPENSES: \$378,307.94 (up 28.5%)
NET INCOME: \$40,273.99





THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY...

- We've financially grown into/sustained a new permanent home.
- We've been able to maintain all staff positions/designated staffing dollars.
- We continued supporting 5 non-profits + 1 missionary family financially, as well as provided FREE space for Toys for Tots to continue serving our county.
- We're able to dream for 2022 and beyond.



THANK YOU FOR FAITHFULLY GIVING AT REACH!

NOW WHAT?

NEXT STEPS HEADING INTO 2022



GET CONNECTED

Join a Group, attend an event, or visit a Meet-Up!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR 3RD THURSDAYS**

Mark your calendar for “Third Thursdays” - a time of worship, discipleship, and community building. Begins on the third Thursday of January 2022.

SERVE AT REACH

Offer your time and talents, make some friends, and make a difference!

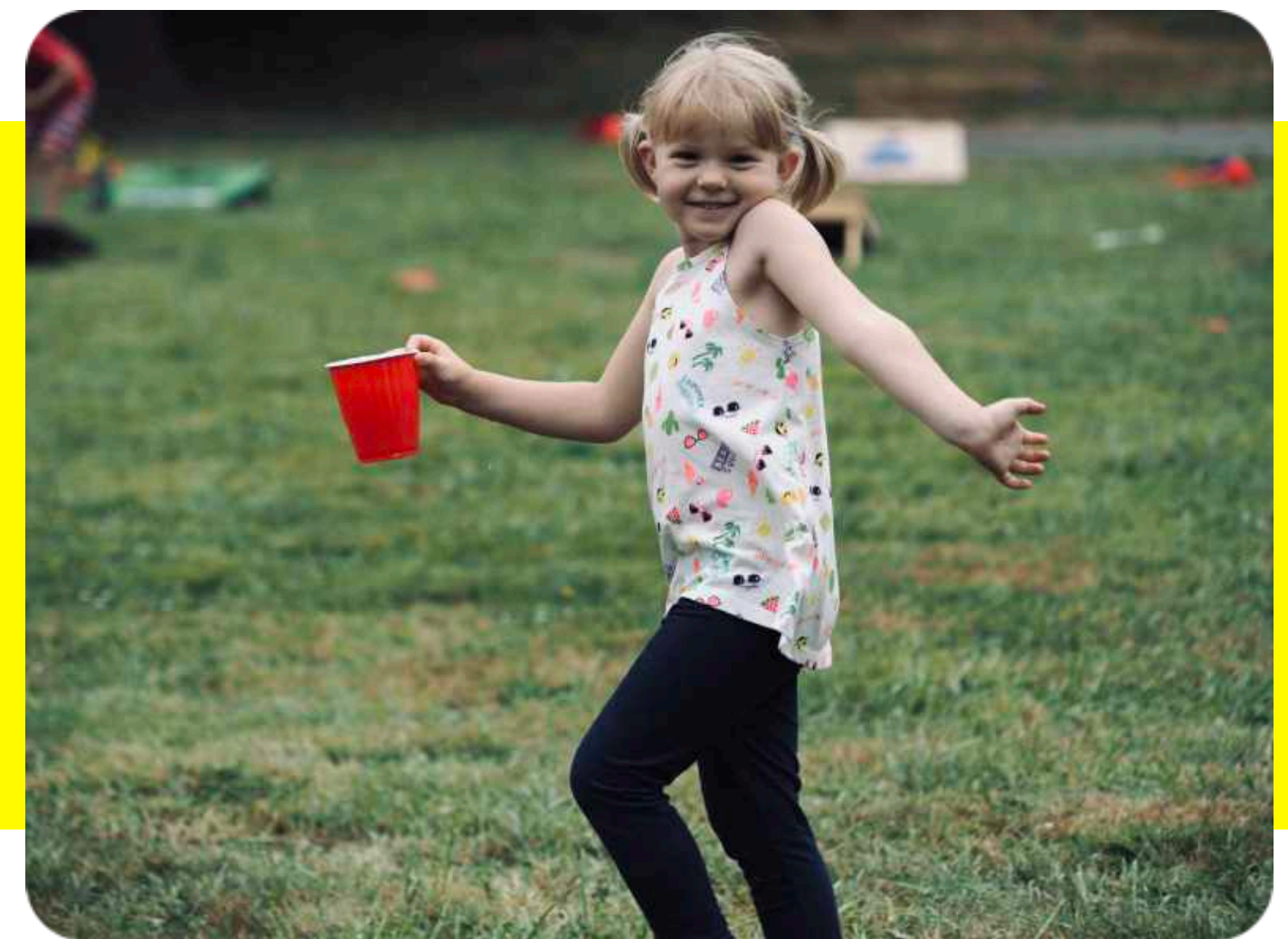
**GIVE A YEAR-END
FINANCIAL GIFT**

Support the mission by giving financially. This is one of the ways we worship God with everything he’s entrusted us with.

Though we’ve achieved much together in this past year, there’s still so much more ahead! Here are a few ways you can make the most of your involvement at Reach as we close out the year.

***“I WILL PRAISE GOD’S NAME
WITH SONG AND EXALT
HIM WITH THANKSGIVING.”***

PSALM 69:30





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