

Centre Street Church

2018 - 2019 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

Christ at the Centre...

419 new volunteers 2,493 hampers distributed
306 maranatha luncheon participants 114 Baptisms
21 weddings 560 Young Adult participants 5,147 group attendees
7719 average weekend attendance 287 attend CSCamp
524 Community groups 824 Children attending weekly
5,563 people attend prayer focused events 47 Global Workers 62 Dedications
7.5 million raised in BUILD campaign 105 Alpha Participants
1,535 fed through monthly meals 4,000 Living Stones books given away
119 Partner Churches 207 Decisions for Christ 218 youth students
876 prayer focused events 1,145 Missional activities 38 funerals
250 families impacted by Special Needs Ministry 154 Encounter God participants
66 Freedom Session Graduates



OUR MISSION

Our Mission is “introducing people to Jesus and helping them to become fully devoted followers of Jesus.” We are committed to loving God, loving one another and together loving our city, nation and world.

HOW DO WE DO THAT? BY:

- PURSUING GOD
- PURSUING RELATIONSHIPS
- PURSUING MISSION
- PURSUING GENEROSITY
- PURSUING SIMPLICITY

The following is a celebration of
what God is doing!



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Night of Worship



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LIFE at CSC



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Jesus said that the church is the vehicle through which His Kingdom would come and His redemptive purposes accomplished. How we individually and together as a church, respond to His leading, will determine, to a great extent, whether we ever achieve what He has called us to be and do as a church.

On a number of occasions over our 60-year history, we found ourselves at a crossroad. Like ancient Israel, God brought us to the threshold of a 'new land' of opportunity, impact and blessing. Each time, we had a choice to make: would we step out into the 'faith adventure' we believed He was calling us to, or would we shrink back and let fear, pessimism and lack of faith prevent us from experiencing all He has for us? The significant spiritual and numerical growth we have witnessed over the past decades is testimony not only to the prayers, godly leadership and sacrificial generosity and service of God's people, but also how God blesses us when we trust Him and step out in obedience to His call.

This past year the eternal trajectory of hundreds of Calgarians were forever changed and hundreds more across Canada and around the world were impacted through our more than 100 partner churches and agencies. In large part this was the fruit of many of you stepping out in faithful obedience to God's call to pray, to give, to serve and to reach out in love to 'people of peace' the Lord brought into your life. You invited them into your home, to your community group, to one of our outreach events and/or to one of our worship gatherings. You helped us bless them and to allow them to experience the love of our church community and hear the good news of Jesus without distraction, by faithfully serving in one of a hundred ways, praying, leading, speaking, singing, cleaning, greeting and loving and teaching children (just to name a few). You stepped up and not only gave financially to the ministry and mission of our church, but also committed to give above and beyond your regular giving in support of our 'BUILD more room for God' initiative.

This past year, we once again found ourselves at a crossroad. An internal review of our ministries revealed that our potential to continue impacting more lives was being stifled by space constraints — particularly our Children's, Special Needs, Compassion and NW Campus ministries.

After much prayer, dialogue and deliberation, we decided as a church to step out in faith again and follow God's leading to 'BUILD more room for God' in our lives and facilities. The gift of 11 acres of land from the Damkar family, the sale of our West Campus to a Christian organization for \$8.5 million, nearly \$10 million in our savings, and the faith pledges many of you made, amounting to nearly \$15 million over the next three years, all served to confirm God's leading to move forward with construction.

Finally, this past year we took another big step of faith through the 'By Design' series, in which we took a deep dive into the Scriptures on how God designed us as humans in terms of our bodies, identity, gender desires, singleness and marriage and how we as a church can be a loving, safe place where people struggling with these and other challenging areas can find truth, love and hope. We devoted over 10 weekend worship services and five months of classes and workshops through the week to do the series. While not everyone was in agreement with our biblical convictions as a church, many expressed how informative, helpful and challenging the series was.

In your hands are some of the reflections of how God has blessed us this past year. They are only a 'snapshot' of God's amazing activity among us. The statistics and stories in this annual report never get old to me, because they represent what God is doing in the lives of people. Behind every statistic is a story. Take the time to read this report and give thanks to God for all He has done and continues to do among us. Pray with us that God would continue to pour out His Spirit, grace and blessing, and that many lives would be changed through us. And together, let's lean into His call on our lives with expectant hope, so we can love God, love each other and love our world.

It is such a joy and privilege to serve alongside our staff and many of you in Jesus' name. To Him be all the glory!



Henry



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Our Lord is great and greatly to be praised. May our church and all our ministries exist to worship and glorify the one true God. Across all our campuses we have been united in our vision and mission as we pursue God, relationships, generosity, mission and simplicity. As one church in many locations, we are clear and focused in our mission to introduce people to Jesus and help them become fully devoted followers of Christ. This year we, as a church, have been bold to step out in faith and teach truth when sometimes it is not what our society around us believes. The identity series 'By Design' has been an example of our church rising up and biblically teaching on challenging topics, while also exploring how to lean in with love and offer hope to people of all walks. Another example of stepping out in faith has been the 'BUILD more room for God' journey. We have encouraged everyone in our church to think about their lives, their finances and their time...to ask our Heavenly Father what priorities we need to adjust so that we can allow God to BUILD more room in our homes, in our relationships and in our mission. In this way, we have declared that Christ is the centre of our church and our lives. We have heard countless stories of lives changed and transformed as people give Christ the rightful place of highest priority. As the Board of Governors' Chair, I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such dedicated and godly leaders

who seek God's wisdom and discernment in each decision. Our church is blessed with such strong preaching and teaching in all our campuses and across all our ministry areas. We are a lighthouse to the lost and provide hope to those who need to hear the truth.

Our church has been blessed by your generosity. Thank you church! Thank you for giving of your time, your gifts, and resources to further God's kingdom work. In the past year we have seen an impact in eternity with 247 decisions to make Christ the Lord of their lives and 114 baptisms. We have every reason to give GOD the glory for all that He has done in and through this church, God's church — His bride.

Please join me in giving thanks to God our Heavenly Father for this church, the people of Christ and the work our Lord is doing in and through us.

May God bless you and may you experience all the fullness of His grace and mercy in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.



Teresa Davidson, on behalf of CSC Board of Governors



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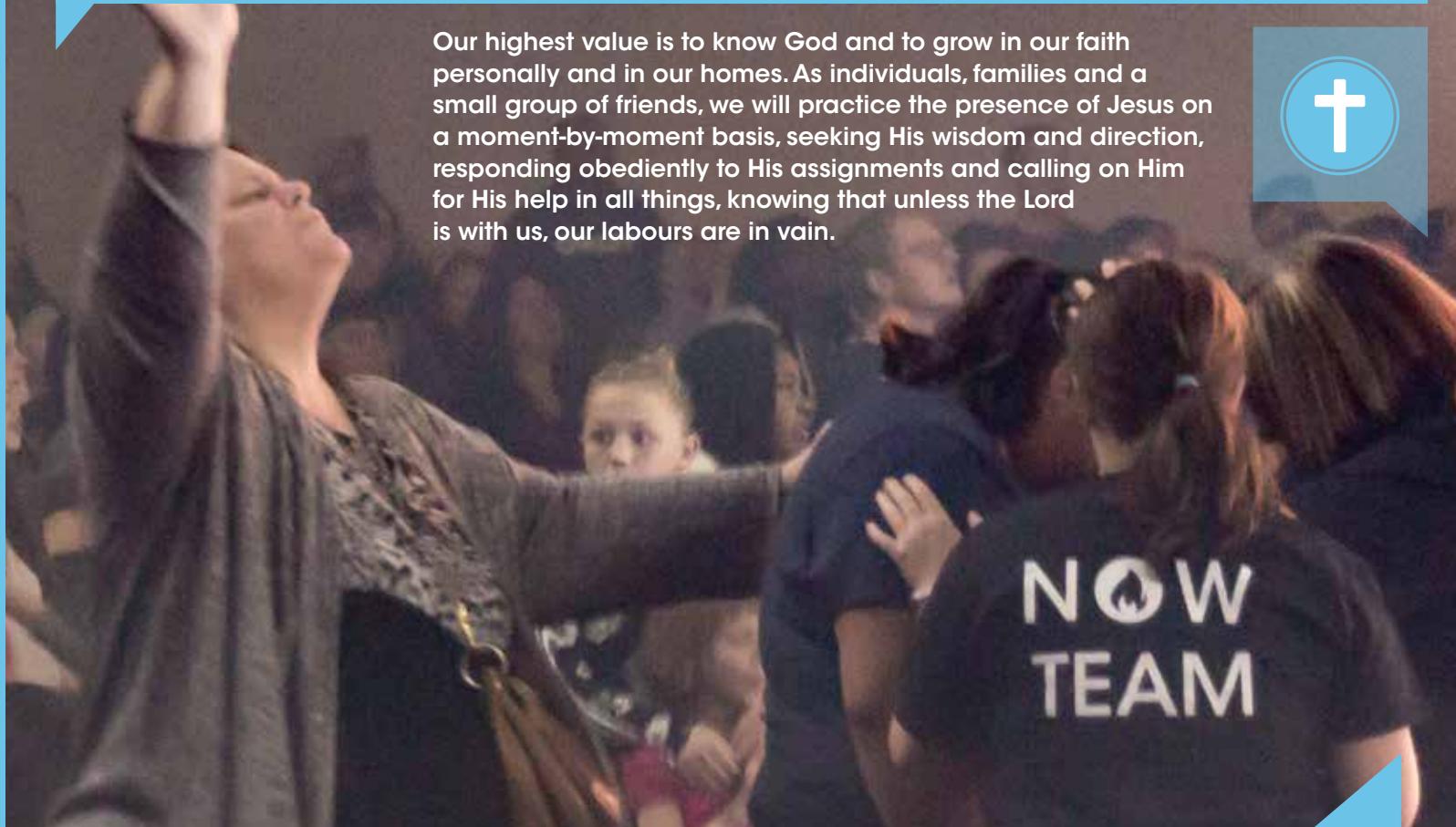
Melanie Nelson



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PURSUE GOD

Our highest value is to know God and to grow in our faith personally and in our homes. As individuals, families and a small group of friends, we will practice the presence of Jesus on a moment-by-moment basis, seeking His wisdom and direction, responding obediently to His assignments and calling on Him for His help in all things, knowing that unless the Lord is with us, our labours are in vain.



We asked people, "What do you love about Night of Worship (NOW)?"

- "The testimonies — hearing how God is working in people's lives"
- "The worship — feeling so free and uplifted"
- "The preaching — hearing Truth taught consistently"
- "The baptisms — celebrating people taking an important step of obedience"
- "NOW spurs me on to follow God and pursue a deeper relationship with Him."
- "I love how generations come together and worship Jesus — it is such a rich experience!"

114
BAPTISMS

247
RECORDED
DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST

876 PRAYER-FOCUSED
EVENTS WITH

5,563 PEOPLE IN
ATTENDANCE



5,975

AVERAGE WEEKEND
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
AT ALL 5 CAMPUSES

1,744

AVERAGE WEEKEND
LIVE-STREAMING
ATTENDANCE

829

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
AVERAGE WEEKEND
ATTENDANCE
AT ALL CAMPUSES

"I grew up in the church, christened as a baby and confirmed as a teenager. When I left home, I drifted away from God and the church. When my father passed away suddenly 20 years ago, I called on God and He was there. From this time, I attended a few churches but gravitated to watching services on TV and online. A few years ago, a friend invited me to CSC and I began to understand and appreciate the value of community — for which I am now grateful. With Jesus, I have grown from an anxious, judgmental person to one who feels His love. I have peace and contentment that I never had before. I never feel alone. This baptism is an act of obedience and a time to publicly declare Jesus is my one and only Lord and Saviour." ~ Judy Frame

JESUS DNA

"I have struggled with my identity my whole life. I have always identified with negative things people have said about me and all the ways I have fallen short. I now know who I am. I am a child of God. I am going to claim my identity everyday and night until it is so deep in my heart it can never be taken away! I have Jesus DNA in my soul!"

Here are some testimonies from the Freedom Session (FS)
2018 Grads:

"FS freed me from lies and condemnation."

"FS gave me the tools to grow from the trials of life."

"Now I have the tools to work through problems and conflicts."

"I learned to step out of denial, and process and grieve my childhood wounds. The past does not define me any more."

154

ENCOUNTER GOD
PARTICIPANTS

105

ALPHA PARTICIPANTS

120

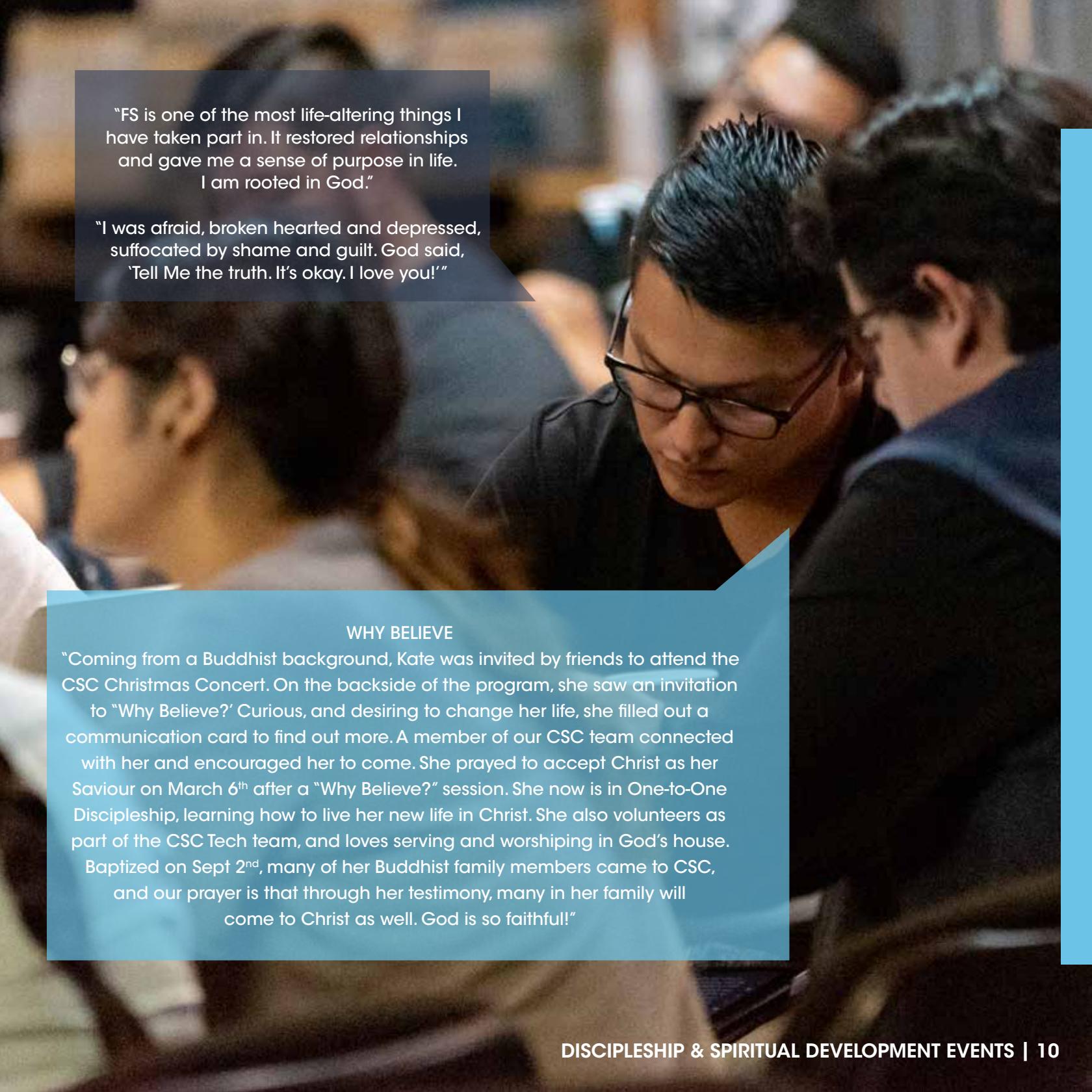
PARTICIPANTS IN
'WHY BELIEVE' COURSE

66

FREEDOM SESSION
GRADUATES

25

PEOPLE CAME TO CHRIST
DURING 'WHY BELIEVE'
AND ALPHA



"FS is one of the most life-altering things I have taken part in. It restored relationships and gave me a sense of purpose in life. I am rooted in God."

"I was afraid, broken hearted and depressed, suffocated by shame and guilt. God said, 'Tell Me the truth. It's okay. I love you!'"

WHY BELIEVE

"Coming from a Buddhist background, Kate was invited by friends to attend the CSC Christmas Concert. On the backside of the program, she saw an invitation to "Why Believe?" Curious, and desiring to change her life, she filled out a communication card to find out more. A member of our CSC team connected with her and encouraged her to come. She prayed to accept Christ as her Saviour on March 6th after a "Why Believe?" session. She now is in One-to-One Discipleship, learning how to live her new life in Christ. She also volunteers as part of the CSC Tech team, and loves serving and worshiping in God's house. Baptized on Sept 2nd, many of her Buddhist family members came to CSC, and our prayer is that through her testimony, many in her family will come to Christ as well. God is so faithful!"



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

49

ATTENDED OUR SPECIAL NEEDS
FAMILY CAMP

100

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY
VOLUNTEERS

80 -100

ATTEND OUTPOURING
WORSHIP NIGHT

250

FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY
SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

WE FOUND OUR CHURCH

A lovely mom brought her girls into Grade School Ministry, one of whom has some special needs.

"It's such a blessing that we have a place, especially for her daughter — a Special Needs Ministry with care and teaching tailored for her."

After the service, the mom was beaming with joy. "We have found our church. There's no other place like this, where we can all come together.

Thank you so much. I'm so grateful."



POURING IN

"CSC has been a huge blessing to my family. My children look forward with great excitement to coming to Children's Ministries each week. They learn more about God and I am very grateful to all the volunteers who pour into them."

CSCAMPS

287

CAMPERS ATTENDED

90

VOLUNTEERS

16

CHILDREN ACCEPTED CHRIST

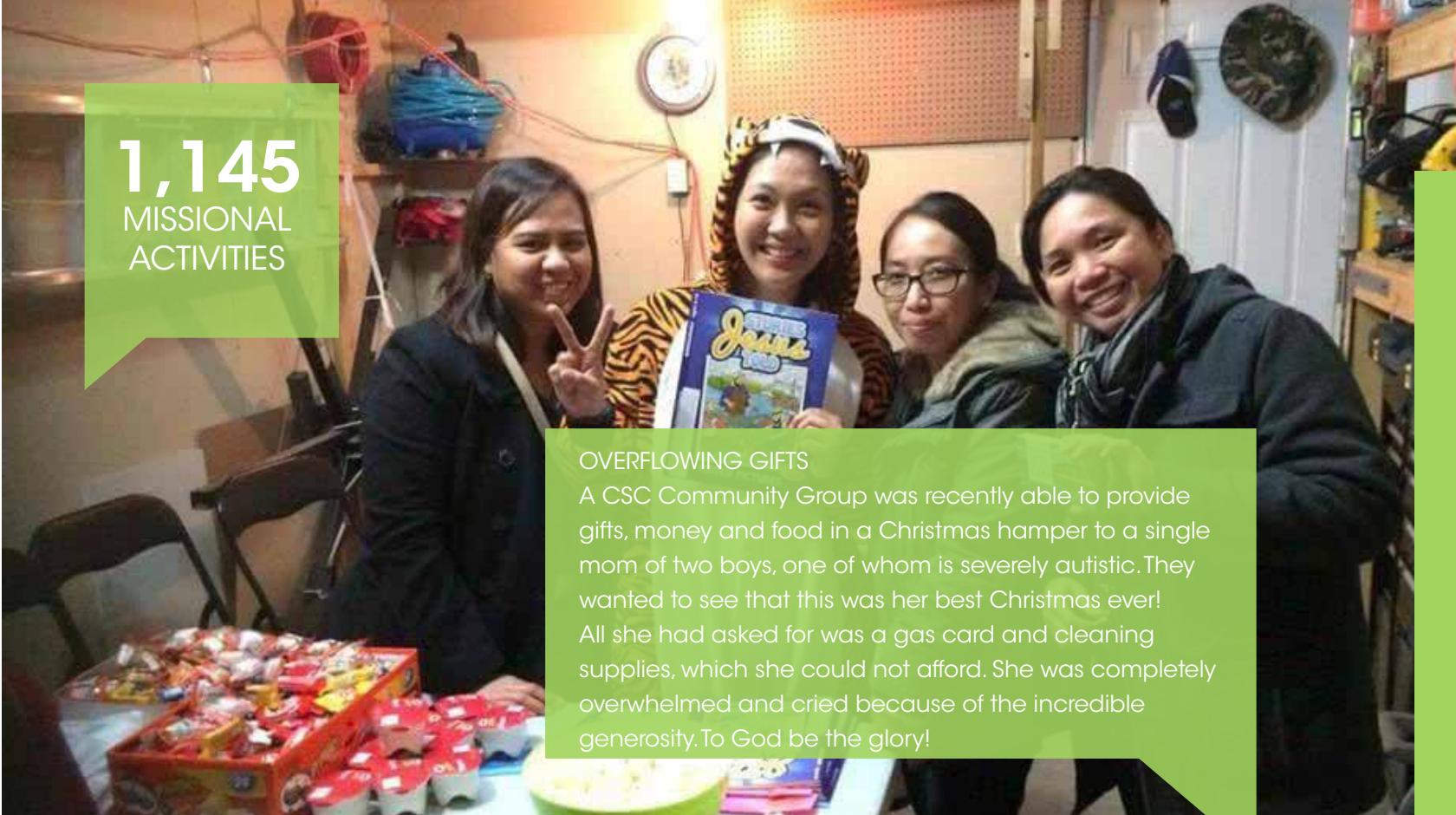
PURSUE RELATIONSHIPS

Following Christ's example, we will pursue relationships with a small group of Christ-followers who are committed to BEING the church in every way, including providing mutual support and prayer for one another and spurring one another on to learn together what it means to follow Jesus, to live like Jesus, to hear from Jesus and to respond to His direction and assignments.



6,147
INDIVIDUALS
ATTENDED

524
GROUPS
OF ALL AGES



1,145
MISSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

OVERFLOWING GIFTS

A CSC Community Group was recently able to provide gifts, money and food in a Christmas hamper to a single mom of two boys, one of whom is severely autistic. They wanted to see that this was her best Christmas ever! All she had asked for was a gas card and cleaning supplies, which she could not afford. She was completely overwhelmed and cried because of the incredible generosity. To God be the glory!

CARED FOR AND LOVED

One woman shared that she is someone who has struggled her whole life to know that she is loved, and that she has a place. She has struggled with isolation and loneliness, and wondered if there was anyone who cared for her or would be her friend. Compassionate Ministries recently launched the "Compassionate Friends" program and we have already seen friendships and relationships begin to flourish! This woman now has an intentional friend who takes time to pray with her and is simply there to let her know she is cared for and loved by Jesus.

WELCOMED, ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED

A new volunteer started playing bass and acoustic guitar on a South Campus worship team. When he started to serve, he said, "I have never felt more welcomed, encouraged and supported on a worship team in my life. People automatically introduced themselves, and genuinely want to know who I am, and they really care about me."

GOD IS MOVING IN TARADALE

A group in Taradale has seen five new people come to know the Lord in the last year. The leaders and the group members have also been fervently praying for the leader's son and girlfriend. They have now both committed their lives to Jesus and are being disciplined by the group! God is alive and moving!

PURSUE MISSION

Jesus invited a small group of others to be on mission with Him. Following His example, we are committed to being on mission with our family and friends — to introduce people to Jesus by serving them (acts of caring, compassion and justice), sharing Jesus with them personally and inviting them to be part of our small group and worship gatherings.



CALLED TO SERVE

When Cyclone Idai devastated the African nation of Mozambique in March, the world stood stunned at the extent of the damage. In the aftermath, livelihoods have been lost, hundreds of people have died, and hundreds of thousands more have been displaced. The ongoing effects have been equally tragic, children are losing valuable months of education, crops upon which the people depend have been destroyed, and thousands of Mozambicans are succumbing to illness and injury. It will be a long time before the country is restored to what it once was, but this disaster has provided an opportunity for God's people to be His hands and feet.



One such person who has answered that call is Suzanne George, a CSC member and a nurse who is serving with Samaritan's Purse in the areas most affected. Her team at the Samaritan's Purse field hospital sees over 100 people each day. Whatever the injury or ailment, they seek to serve with compassion.

One particularly vulnerable group is expectant mothers. Several babies have been delivered at the field hospital and emergency treatment has been administered to many more pregnant women. Another issue they face in the field is dehydration from a lack of uncontaminated food and water sources. There are also many coming in with wounds because they lack adequate protection as they navigate areas flooded with debris. People are truly suffering.

"We have a lot of people without shoes whose houses have been torn apart. We are able to dress a lot of wounds and provide the medication they need," said Suzanne. The days are long and grueling. Suzanne and her team are treating people they may not be able to save. What compels her to serve in such a way?

"I've always wanted to work in disaster relief. I believe that God has laid that on my heart since I was very young. I do believe that God equips and calls us to different things, and to be living in the purpose to which He has called me is really amazing."

Her hope is that the people being treated are healed beyond their physical bodies. She desires that they have a personal encounter with the living Christ and that He changes their entire lives. "I wonder if they wonder why these people are spending so much time and energy to help them. I hope they understand it's because we love them and they are valuable."

God may not be calling you across the globe to serve in disaster-stricken areas, but He does call us to Christ-like servanthood wherever we are. Psalm 147:3 says "He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds." How can we serve the brokenhearted and hurting people God has placed in our paths?

Learn more about Samaritan's Purse and other CSC partners at cchurch.ca/global

NATIONAL

20 National church plants

3 of whom are working with Indigenous peoples

2 of our Canadian church plant partners have graduated, so we are partnering with new young churches

INTERNATIONAL

30 of our Cambodian church plants have graduated, we now partner with **60** church plants in Cambodia

We have church planters **10** in India being trained in Cuba,

And in South Africa, **10** on a 3-year rotation

PERSEVERING CHURCH

7 Global workers finished their term

3 Global workers started their terms (Graeme, Ryan, and Rachel) Kelly and Celo got married



CANADA



MOLDOVA



BOLIVIA



UKRAINE



CAMBODIA



NEPAL



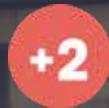
INDIA



SOUTH AFRICA



MEXICO



RESTRICTED

THIS PAST YEAR AT NCFC

One goal of the Artist Collective is to model generosity to participants. In addition to income earned by immigrant artists, the Artist Collective donated

\$1,000 to the

Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre from sale proceeds.

Over **300** adults participated in various classes & programs people from

55 different countries, representing

40 different languages,

50 children attending over the year;

averaging **25** children each week

53 volunteers served weekly or more,

giving **6600** volunteer hours over the year.

520 people attended special events & excursions

47

GLOBAL WORKERS

119

PARTNER CHURCHES

39

AGENCIES

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

exists to love people into fullness of life so that each one of us would experience change, new beginnings and opportunities to come to a place of meaningful and lasting hope, perhaps for the very first time.

In the past year, we distributed

2,493
hampers

We've served

1,535
meals through our
Monthly Community Meal

an average of

70
people a week come to 'The Well'
in order to find true community

In the last year,

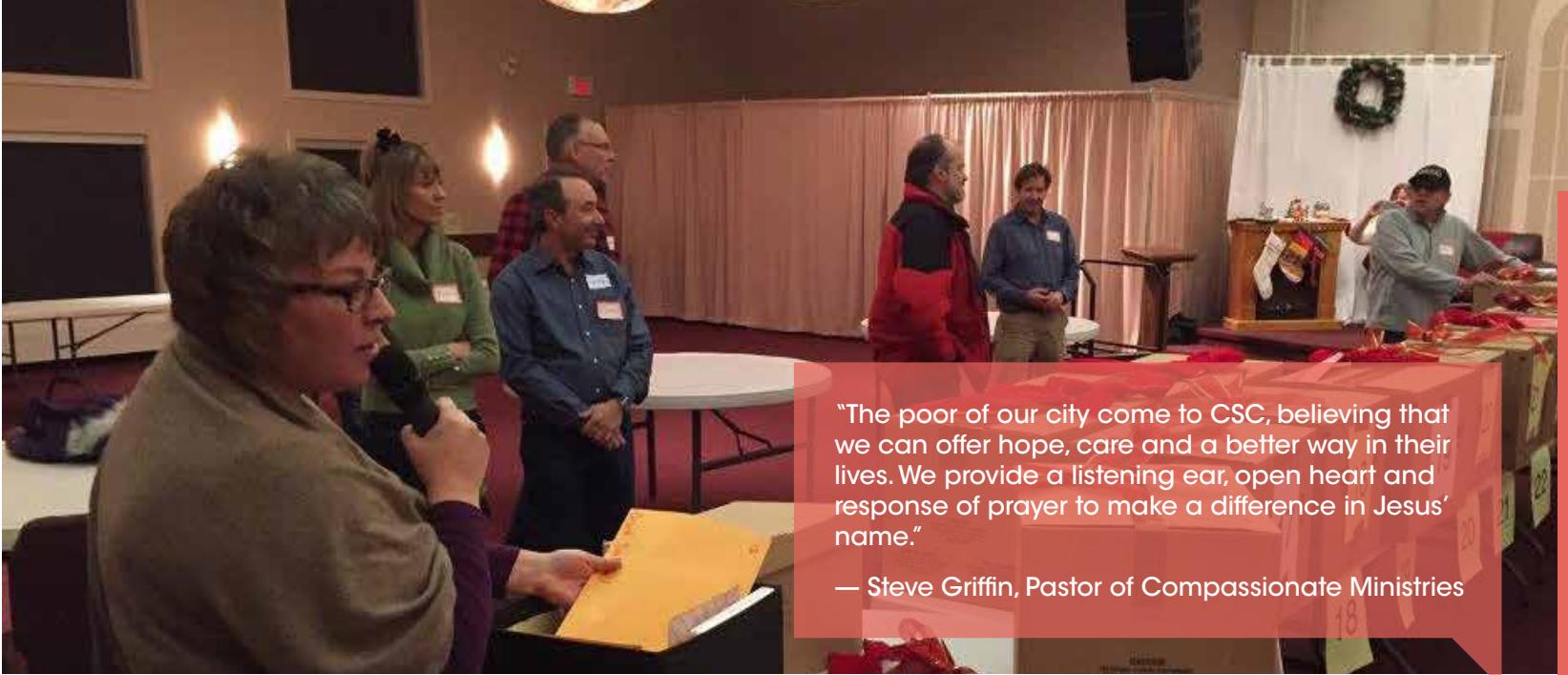
200
people went through the
Life Journey process

52

people have been
connected into our
Career Connection Network

A man comes week after week to 'The Well.' He has accessed services from Compassionate Ministries before, but it has been a long road, and now he is ready and determined for change. In this place, he tells us, he feels peace, senses God and asks us to help. Compassionate Ministries exists to serve people who God calls to CSC, to help them find a better end to their story!

"Thank you so much for helping to make my life brighter for myself, my son and my father. We have such low income and try to help each other as we can, but our lives are so difficult after we pay the bills with the meager resources we have; it is because of Centre Street Church and Compassionate Ministries that our life has become more blessed as you have provided food, love and hope."



“The poor of our city come to CSC, believing that we can offer hope, care and a better way in their lives. We provide a listening ear, open heart and response of prayer to make a difference in Jesus’ name.”

— Steve Griffin, Pastor of Compassionate Ministries

It has been an exciting year for Compassionate Ministries. Only three years into the ministry’s launch, and God is doing great things through our volunteers and in the lives of people who come in search of help and hope.

Here are some examples of the programs and highlights of this Ministry that are so important to the mission of our church as we expand to BUILD even more room for compassion in the name of Jesus.

FOOD AS A DOORWAY

Food hampers: CSC, in partnership with the Calgary Food Bank, provides food hampers three times per week to families in need. Many families return again and again, not just for food and clothes, but for love, fun and community.

Monday night drop-ins and monthly community meals at West Campus are specifically designed for building connection with people in deep poverty. People will often come to use the food bank or clothing bank and come into our café called ‘The Well’ to enjoy a hot drink, some games, and a listening ear.

LIFE JOURNEY

Each week food gatherings and ministries serve as potential doorways for deeper life change as we make connections and book appointments with emergency needs or a desire to make big change in their lives.

Step One: An initial assessment allows Compassionate Ministry volunteers to provide short term relief for people’s practical needs. First steps are an opportunity to show the love of Jesus, and plant seeds of faith.

Step Two: Volunteers use a Life Budget approach to gain greater understanding of each person’s needs (financial, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual) so they can create an action plan to support each ‘friend’ or ‘neighbour’ more deeply and connect them to a supportive Christian community.

Step Three: (Compassionate Friends Program): This program is all about building Christian community and connection with people in need pursuing deeper life change. Of the hundreds of people we meet yearly, many are isolated and we believe people have greater — long term success with strong Christian community and connection. In this program, CSC congregation members are matched with individuals in an intentional friendship and mentoring relationship as they follow their Life Budget action plan.



PARTNERSHIP WITH CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Compassionate Ministries has seen a growing number of people coming with diagnosed or non-diagnosed mental health issues. Knowing CSC needed to be more intentional and equipped to serve people with mental health challenges, a collaborative partnership was established between CSC and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). Compassionate Ministries has expanded partnerships with other organizations and people, offering expertise in walking closely with those struggling with mental health issues. This includes the 'Calgary Scope Society' which has offered training to CSC leadership in identifying particular types of mental illness, engaging with the appropriate community supports, including City of Calgary social workers and area agencies who have indicated that they see CSC as a local church leader in offering welcome, belonging and hope to those in poverty struggling with a variety of disorders.



We celebrate along with Cherie who has been journeying with Compassionate Ministries to help her move forward with her life (in the areas of meeting practical needs, budgeting and making future plans away from poverty) and who is now doing life at Centre Street Church and has been accepted into Bible College!

SUPPORT

God is leading us to new ways and opportunities to support people in cycles of poverty.

Career Connection Network

While our ministry provides support to those living in poverty, we also we seek to minister in ways that promote sustainability to people in need. The Career Connection Network (CCN) offers resources such as budgeting, resume writing help and job search skills to help people explore job opportunities in the city. Some are now finding employment, where previously they were without work for months or years.

WHY BUILD MORE ROOM FOR COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES?

Out of partnership with The Calgary Food Bank, Centre Street Church lives out a mission for people to walk through a doorway where they will not only be fed for an evening, but for life. We want to see people find resources, community and deeper meaning in the name of Jesus. To accommodate growing crowds with diverse needs, we need to BUILD more spaces that are designed with a missional purpose.

One of the dreams and prayers to God is that we would have more room for opportunities to form missional community between the poor and those called to serve in the name of Jesus. 'The Well' provides living water that people thirst for.

Compassionate Ministries desires to provide a place of gathering, relationship and hope. A monthly meal (which is often the best hot meal people we serve receive) is one of the ways we show people they are loved and cared for. In their own words, because of this meal and other services we provide, people call CSC "home."

PURSUE GENEROSITY

Our hearts break over the things that break the heart of God. Therefore, we are committed to being the hands and feet of Jesus by being generous with our time, finances, abilities and spiritual gifts to accomplish the mission God has called us to as individuals, families and as a church in our city, nation and world.

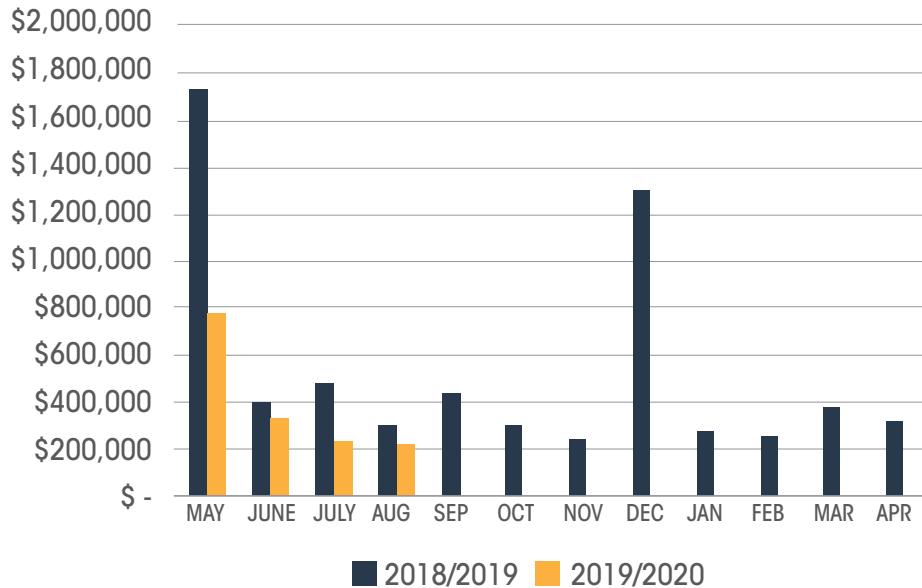


This year, we continued our journey into deeper generosity at CSC by increasing our Global Missions giving from 18 per cent to 18.5 per cent of our budget. Starting July 1, 2019, we have brought this up to 19 per cent, bringing us closer to our goal of 20 per cent of our annual budget going to our global mission.

Our journey to 'BUILD more room for God' is in full swing. As of August 2019, together we have together raised **\$8 million**, and both the initial stages of Northwest Campus construction and the completion of conceptual drawings for Central Campus expansion are well under way.



BUILD MORE ROOM FOR GOD CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GIVING INCOME



Thank you for giving above and beyond your regular giving to our City and Global Mission funds in order to help BUILD the room we need to better accomplish the mission God has called us to. Although our upcoming building projects call us to be radically generous, we are stepping out in faith that support for our City and Global Mission giving will not be compromised, but will remain strong even while we all make additional commitments to 'BUILD more room for God.'

FINANCIAL GIVING *

CITY AND GLOBAL MISSION GIVING

2018 - 2019 **\$11,700,000**

CITY AND GLOBAL MISSION GIVING 2018 - 2019 **96.7% of Budget**

CSC BUILD MORE ROOM FOR GOD CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GIVING

2018 - 2019 **\$5,443,000**

TOTAL GIVING TO AUGUST 2019 **\$8,081,000**

CSC CITY MISSION:

The missional endeavours of our 5 CSC campuses.

CSC GLOBAL MISSION:

LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS:

The missional endeavours of partner agencies, churches and missionaries in Calgary and around the world.

* PRIOR TO YEAR END AUDITOR ACCRUED ADJUSTMENTS

A man with a dark beard and mustache, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a large black backpack, is smiling warmly at the camera. He is standing on a rocky hillside with a vast, hazy mountain range in the background under a clear blue sky. The overall mood is positive and adventurous.

419

NEW VOLUNTEER
APPLICANTS IN
THE LAST YEAR

TOMAS RUHLAND

"I first got connected to Centre Street Church through MNE (Monday Night Evangelism) and the Young Adults Ministry in 2014, just weeks after coming to Christ. For me, community means having people I can be real with — people who know me, flaws and all. Having this has meant more meaningful friendships with others and a deeper relationship with God because I see my growing need for him.

In 2016, I was called to go do missions overseas for 15 months and though I was relatively new here, I was amazed at the ways that community came around me. Though most of them were young adults, everyone helped me in such practical ways. I saw in that season that my friends truly had the best in mind for me. They wanted me to succeed, even if it meant giving up their most valuable resources, time and money.

Read more of Tomas' story at cchurch.ca/resources/detail/meet-tomas/

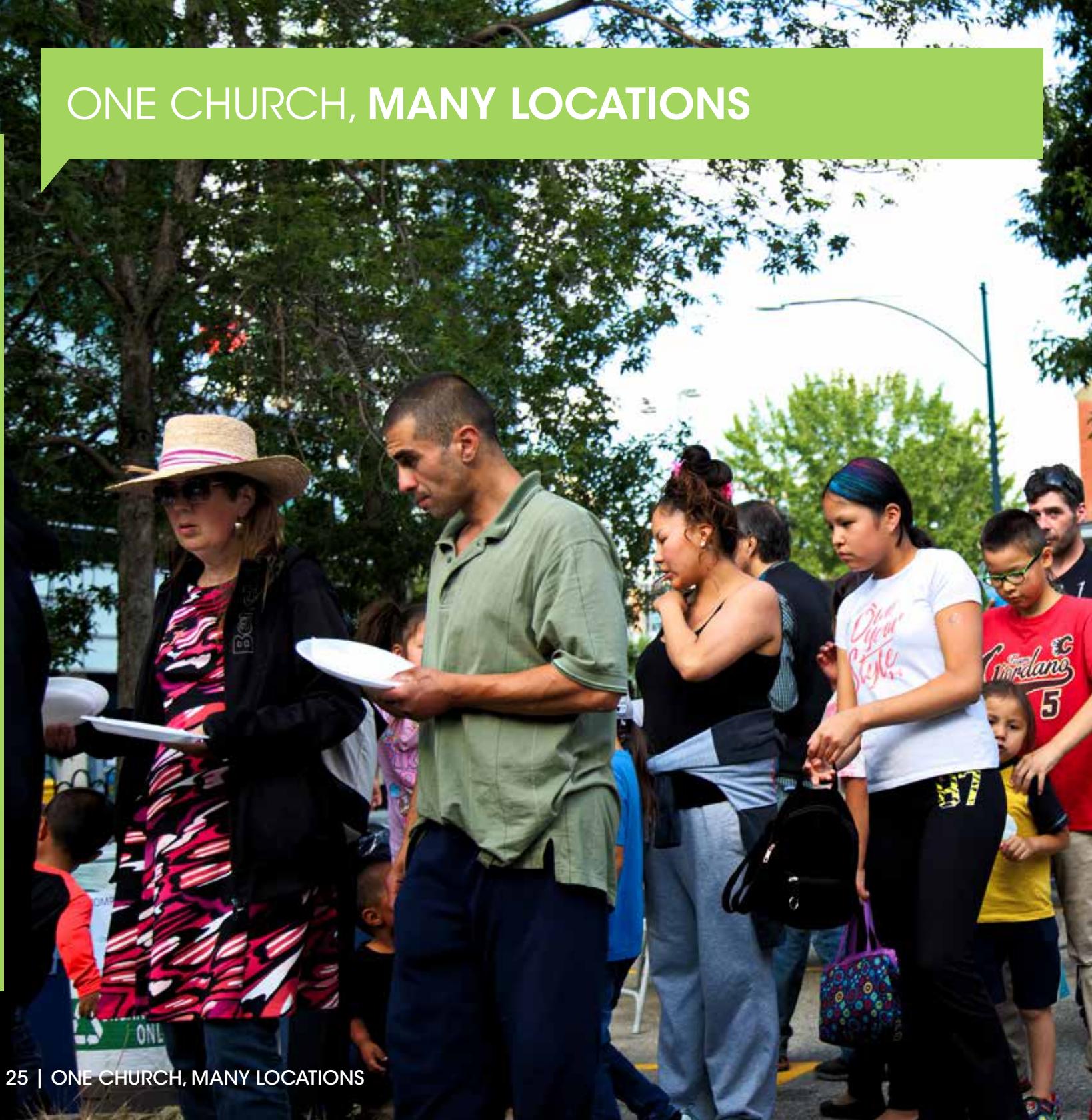
PURSUE SIMPLICITY



We are committed to uncluttering our lives so that we have margin to hear God, to pray and to advance His mission. We are committed to living more simply in order to have more resources to advance God's kingdom and meet the needs of the less fortunate in our city, nation and world.

Pursuing God, mission, relationships and generosity all require leaving room for God to move in our lives. Today, we are all running on packed schedules. Careers, extracurricular activities, maintaining social status and a growing inventory of material things can make it impossible to have the margin to grow spiritually in our walk with God. Pursuing simplicity means we establish a weekly rhythm of serving God through our work and Sabbath rest.

ONE CHURCH, MANY LOCATIONS





NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Pastor Lawson Brown

AIRDRIE CAMPUS

Pastor Travis Wilkins

CENTRAL CAMPUS

Pastor
Kent Priebe

BRIDGELAND CAMPUS

Pastor
Tim Hayes

SOUTH CAMPUS

Pastor
Craig Murray

CENTRAL CAMPUS

LEARNING MORE ABOUT JESUS

A girl who has started coming to our youth group grew up Catholic and attends Catholic school. She was invited by a friend to NOW and has since connected with our youth group. She has been coming to Bible study and has been learning more about Jesus, and has expressed that she is interested in living a life that better serves Him. God is so faithful!

GETTING A BIBLE

We were able to give Bibles to a couple of nine-year-old girls. One girl had never had a Bible before and was excited to explore God's letter to her. The other girl had one in Korean but not English. Their group leader has been faithful in keeping them in her prayers, as they begin this new journey. Good things happen when God's people pray. It will be exciting to see what God will do!

LITTLE DID THEY KNOW...

I (Pastor Ashwin) met John and Pam about three years ago when they approached me about being more involved at Centre Street Church. They had been attending our weekend worship services for a while but wanted to use their gifts and passion to advance the Kingdom of God. They responded to my challenge and decided to open their home and start leading a Community Group. In the last three years, God has done amazing work and they have seen five people come to faith in Christ and be discipled through their group! Just this past year, the group had been praying for the salvation of John and Pam's, son, Rob and his girlfriend, Carolyn. God heard the prayers of this group and Rob and Carolyn started responding to their invitation. They began attending the worship services at CSC and also became a regular part of their Community Group. Over time, as they heard the gospel, both of them have now made the decision to follow Jesus! Jesus has brought a tremendous transformation in their life and they have realigned all of their life in the path of discipleship. In Rob and Carolyn's own words: "Our last year together has definitely been a journey, we would not be where we are now if it wasn't for the changes Jesus has made in our life!" Little did John and Pam know that God would use their obedience to lead a group to bring their own son to faith in Christ!

NORTHWEST CAMPUS

NORTHWEST CAMPUS MOVES

After ten years in Crowfoot Theatres, our Northwest Campus moved to Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre for Sunday morning worship. The entire congregation is now worshipping in the same room! People have been ecstatic about the move, not only with the new location, but also with the opportunity to be in the neighbourhood where the eventual permanent building will be. This was a massive prayer item for our leadership team, and to see it come to fruition has been a blessing for everyone. We are very thankful!



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

During our October visit to Bow View Manor, families were able to talk with residents before and after our children performed some piano songs. A mom shared the hope of Christ with a resident. She affirmed their assurance that if they trust in Jesus, they can know for certain that they have been saved and will spend eternity in Heaven. It was beautiful to watch her share the Good News, as we were able to spend time with the residents. They really enjoyed seeing the children too, which was special!

CANADA DAY NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ

One of our Missional Communities in NW Calgary celebrated Canada Day by having a BBQ in their neighbourhood and inviting their neighbours to join in! What a wonderful way to gather together, get to know each other better and connect as a community.

AIRDRIE FAMILY CAMP

"At Airdrie Family Camp, we saw an amazing breakthrough of the Holy Spirit through our worship and as Pastor Travis spoke. You could feel the Holy Spirit move all around us, especially as we gathered to pray for one of our young families who are battling cancer. There was not a dry eye. We also had six people get baptized in the river after the service. It was incredible!



IMPROMPTU BAPTISM

Mike had been in a Missional Community for almost two years and was a self-proclaimed atheist. By being invited into community, he slowly began to believe and obey. Mike was so impacted by what the Holy Spirit was doing during the Airdrie Campus campout, that he knew it was time to be baptized and make his first public declaration of faith! We celebrated Mike's impromptu baptism that day at the campout!

CULTURE OF INVITATION

This past summer, it was so encouraging to see one of our Airdrie Campus Missional Communities spend each week in the park. They embraced the culture of invitation and shared BBQs with many folks. At the end of the summer, they invited some of the families they connected with to their Missional Community and three families joined! Praise God!

AIRDRIE CAMPUS



REFUGEE KIDS

We were approached by a city outreach staff member who works with refugee children. He is teaching them basic things about living in Canada, like how to cross the street, how to use money, etc. He asked if the children could use our gym for three hours per week. Our congregation also felt it would be thoughtful to gift each of the children with a bag of goodies. Many of these children have come to Canada with only the clothes they were wearing, so these gifts meant a lot to them. We wanted them to know that they are welcome in their new home country!

FEELING FREE

A woman realized that the pain medication she was taking was becoming addictive to her. She sought help from her medical doctor and we recommended she attend an Encounter God weekend. Since she went, she is still working through the drug reduction, but her whole countenance has changed. She says she feels free for the first time in many years. Praise God!

COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

A home for recovering addicts has just opened in Bridgeland, and one of the men who lives there recently came to our Bridgeland Campus. He made a commitment to Christ and has been coming faithfully each week.

BRIDGELAND CAMPUS

SOUTH CAMPUS

“THIS SHOULDN'T BE WORKING”

On Sept 2nd time was ticking by, the band was waiting to rehearse, the congregation would be arriving in under an hour, but our technology simply would not work. We called everyone to pray — the pre-service prayer group, the worship team, the tech team, everyone there. As we prayed, the audio came on, and the projection turned on... God fixed it! We were all so thankful for God's intervention. Then we learnt more about exactly how much God was intervening. The technician quietly strolled up to our Pastor, and held his arms up in the air saying, “You need to know something...this shouldn't be working. It's not physically possible... the cable isn't even plugged in! We realized in that moment that God was performing a miracle right in front of us. God did something we could not explain. He got our attention by performing an incredible 'tech miracle!' We worshiped Him in awe and wonder.



ONE CHURCH, MANY LOCATIONS

A Children's Ministry leader has gotten to know a family with a child who has special needs. Over Christmas, when this family attended the CSC Christmas Production, they were nervous about how their child would manage in the new environment and surroundings. It just so happened that the leader was there that same service, and the parents were hugely relieved! They were able to go into the Worship Centre and had an amazing experience. We were so thankful that our 'One Church, Many Locations' was seen in clear view that day!



Community

Worship



ALL HAIL KING JESUS
HAIL THE SAVIOUR OF THE



BAPTISMS



LIVING STONES

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE MEMORIES OF CENTRE STREET CHURCH.

We celebrated the end of 2018 — our 60th anniversary year — by offering a special Christmas gift. *Living Stones* is a history book that chronicles an unexpected journey into the memories of people who have travelled through thick and thin in the history of our church. The book is uniquely written from the point of view of YOU, the congregation member. As you visit with around one hundred godly individuals, you learn how their lives were impacted by historical moments at CSC and how God has used us in our gifts and our weaknesses to grow our church in its love for God, love for each other and love for the world.

The missional intent of *Living Stones* is to capture and celebrate an important Canadian history story, while also providing discipleship to readers as they reflect on the challenges, mistakes, learnings and triumphs of building a truly God-honouring church community over the decades. It's about going beyond the "Sunday service," beyond "religion" and beyond the four walls of the building to bring the love of Jesus to the people and places God puts on our hearts. This journey was first intended to capture memories for CSC's 60th Anniversary but resulted in enough stories and insights to fill three books. Each book offers unique insights on God building His church against the backdrop of shifting times and norms of society. Book 1 is available to pick up at your campus and Book 2 will be available later in 2019.

"I love that it was real and honest and personal...and that it is about honouring God — what he has done, is doing, and continuing to do, in life of our CSC family."

"I read and reread various portions. A few times, tears came to my eyes. I couldn't stop reading until I reached the last pages. What a grand summary of the denominational history and the various CSC building programs."

"I am from Ottawa...I visited your church when visiting my husband's family at Christmas and picked up your church history book and would like to keep reading! The overview of what the leaders have done to thrive (especially through prayer and reading the Word to become self-sustaining ...and taking so much initiative without a pastor for a while was wonderful to read). I am 26 and always love hearing the journeys people go through to learn. I really hope other younger people in the congregation have read it, because they could gain a lot."



/ by design

We live in a society that gives us mixed messages about identity, sex and relationships. These messages often run counter to what the Bible says. Throughout the first half of 2019, we took bold and prayerful steps toward providing the biblical view of deeply challenging topics and our call as a church to uphold truth, lean in with love and offer hope. We did a 9-part sermon series, along with supplemental learning and growth opportunities to hear people's stories, dig deeper, have in-depth discussions and ask questions.

Through the series, By Design, our vision was for everyone to know that, as human beings, our identities have been handcrafted by a loving and purposeful God who shapes every awesome detail of who we are. Whether we are single or married, God's design for our sexuality impacts the way we love God and love one another in all our relationships.

To learn more about By Design, including stories and available resources, visit cschurch.ca/bydesign/

"It can't be understated the impact of the resources that CSC is bringing together. My husband and I feel CSC has equipped us with the perspective and vocabulary to compassionately uphold truth with people who are wrestling with this subject — on all sides."

"I cannot imagine how the subject could have been more delicately broached or lovingly presented."

"I just want to thank Henry and our church leaders for their courage, faith and wisdom for demonstrating the truth of God's Word in the upcoming messages. Thank you! We will be listening with eager hearts and praying for all of you."

BUILD

MORE ROOM FOR GOD

Over the last year, with God's help, we took many important steps in our projects to 'BUILD more room for God.' We even saw our BUILD funding support the finalization of church construction projects in South Africa and Ukraine. Here are some of the latest BUILD project highlights:

UPDATED PLANS AND DRAWINGS

In early 2019 we finalized and shared drawings for the Northwest Campus. A few months later, we completed initial drawings for the Central Campus expansion and applied for the Development Permit, with an anticipated 12-18 month approval timeline. Over the last year, our drawings and plans were shared with members of the community, Rocky View County and ministry leaders. As a result of these engagements, both of our projects saw changes to our initial construction plans and costs. For more information on our latest drawings and costs, including a breakdown of our new minimum \$18 million three year fundraising goal, please visit buildmoreerom.ca.

SOD TURNING CEREMONY AT NORTHWEST CAMPUS

On May 5th, we hit an exciting milestone in our BUILD journey — we marked the first steps of our Northwest Campus construction with prayer, worship and the official sod turning ceremony. Everybody, young and old, set out on buses to visit the land before construction began. People representing all campuses watched as families and leaders lined up to turn the sod, giving thanks to God for all He has provided.

Meanwhile, we held our annual BUILD offering to celebrate the first anniversary of our journey to 'BUILD more room for God.' We celebrated a baptism, a testimony and another opportunity to write the names of loved ones on stones, representing our commitment to pray for those who do not yet know Jesus. These stones have been included in the new Northwest Campus construction.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

On June 17th and 18th, we celebrated God's hand in our journey to BUILD while sharing important project updates. We enjoyed live storytelling, a virtual tour of the Central Campus expansion, an update of our financial strategy and a message from Pastor Henry. Following the meeting we enjoyed food and fellowship in the Atrium, where congregation members were welcome to look at detailed drawings and ask questions

NORTHWEST CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the property officially began in June 2019. Although there were some project delays due to flooding mitigation efforts during the heavy rains of late June and early July, by God's grace we made progress this summer. By the end of October 2019, it is anticipated that the footings and foundational walls will be completed along with the majority of groundwork and site rough grading.

AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD...

With your prayers and support, we anticipate the following major milestones in the coming months:

- Northwest Campus: construction to continue over the next year with final stages of concrete pour in October. With God's help, we anticipate construction completed Fall 2020.
- Central Campus: conceptual drawings to be completed following staff consultation from the summer and construction drawings to be complete by the end of 2019. We hope to receive our Development Permit from the City of Calgary sometime in 2020.

We will keep you updated on new developments at our Airdrie, South and Bridgeland Campuses, as well as construction projects of churches and ministry centres through our Global Missions commitment to tithing 10% of all donations toward BUILD.

BUILDING ROOM IN OUR LIVES

We've also been hearing and sharing many stories about how God has been moving in the room we are building for Him, not just in our church but in our lives. People are stepping out in new ways to sacrifice their time and finances, to serve, and to give as an act of worship. Many people have been sharing how these bold new steps have deepened their spiritual walk with God.

For continued updates on construction progress, or to make a donation, please visit buildmoreroom.ca

FOR GOD WE BUILD...

MORE TIME

"My mom and I always tell each other we need to make time for God — to just sit down and say, 'God, I need you right now.' When I sense Him responding and telling me He's here with me, that is so encouraging in the moment. When I go with what God wants for me, I feel complete and purposeful."
- Katalina, Grade 10 student and volunteer at the Central Campus café.

MORE COMPASSION

"Together, my daughter and I are building room in our lives for compassion," says Christy. "Whether we're tired or not, Monday nights are a top priority. Faith learns how to give God's love freely, without hesitation or judgment as she serves with God's people who are modeling His love. Our relationship has grown too because I have this time to disciple her into God's girl without society's distractions. We are all very aware of the privilege we have been given to serve our neighbours by loving them through the darkest valleys."
- Christy, Compassionate Ministry volunteer

2018 - 2019 HIGHLIGHTS



6,147

INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED

524

COMMUNITY GROUPS
OF ALL AGES

829

CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES AVERAGE
WEEKEND
ATTENDANCE AT ALL
CAMPUSES



419

NEW VOLUNTEER
APPLICANTS

876

PRAYER-FOCUSED
EVENTS WITH
5,563
PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE



7,719

AVERAGE WEEKEND
WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE AND
LIVE STREAMING
AUDIENCE

47

MISSIONARIES

119

PARTNER CHURCHES

39

AGENCIES



114

BAPTISMS



247

RECORDED
DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST

154

ENCOUNTER GOD
PARTICIPANTS

105

ALPHA PARTICIPANTS

