

Deep and Wide | ANNUAL REPORT 2011

HE REACHED  
DOWN FROM  
ON HIGH  
AND TOOK  
HOLD OF ME;  
HE DREW ME  
OUT OF  
DEEP WATERS.  
PSALM 18:16

**new life**  
community church



## FROM PASTOR RON

This year our annual report celebrates the

expansive nature of God's grace and love. As you read the stories, you will see how "deep and wide" the work of God really is.

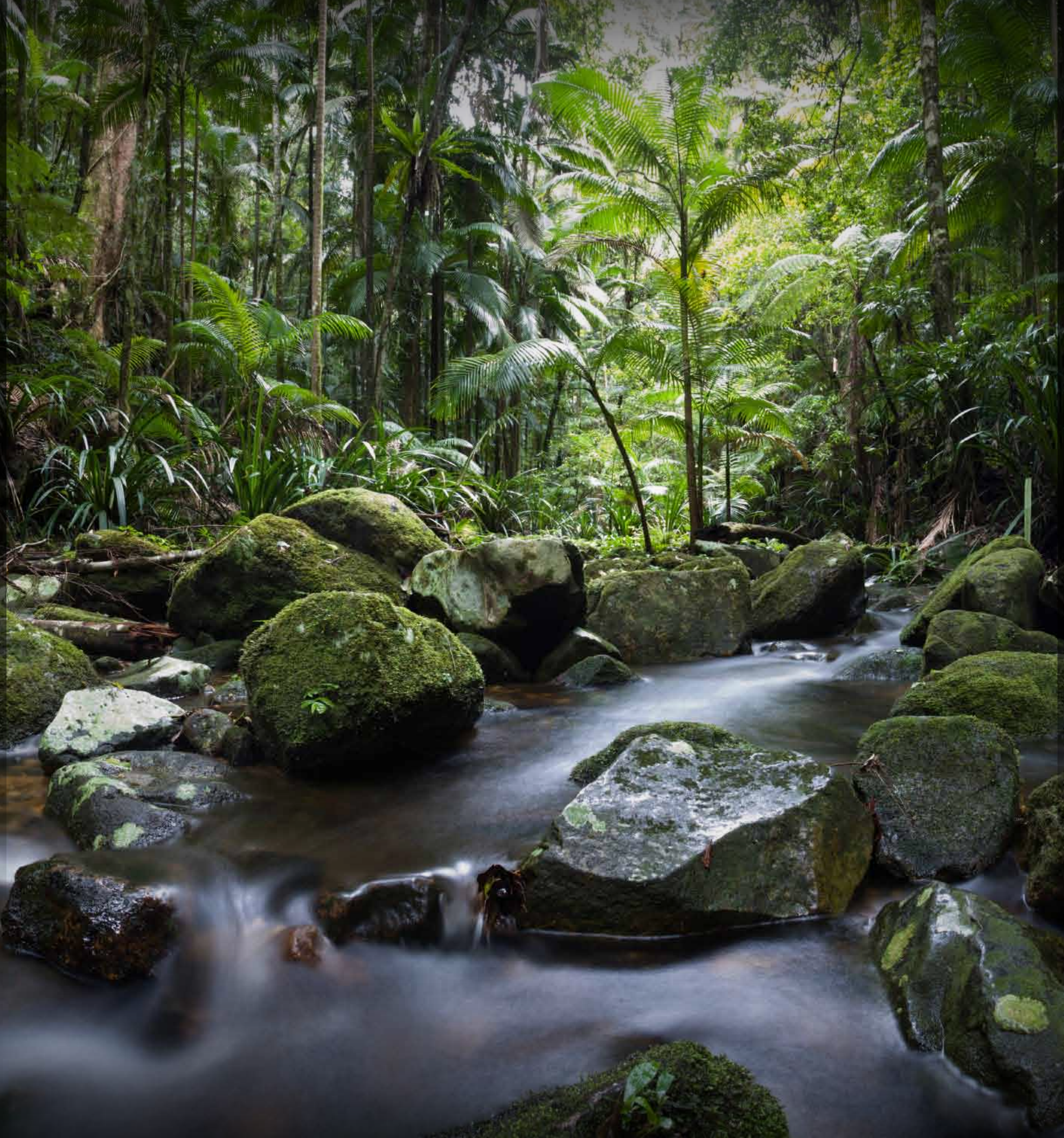
My hope is that you will personally experience the full measure of God's grace as you seek Him, and that you will spread His love in rich meaningful ways as you serve others.

Pastor R



IF I GO UP TO THE HEAVENS,  
YOU ARE THERE; IF I MAKE MY  
BED IN THE DEPTHS, YOU ARE  
THERE. IF I RISE ON THE WINGS  
OF THE DAWN, IF I SETTLE ON  
THE FAR SIDE OF THE SEA,  
EVEN THERE YOUR HAND WILL  
GUIDE ME, YOUR RIGHT HAND  
WILL HOLD ME FAST.

PSALM 139:8-10



Growing up in Sunday school, one of my favorite songs was "Deep and Wide."

The words were simple: *"Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide."* What was fun about the song is that it had hand motions and we would systematically eliminate a word each time we would sing it, substituting a hum while still doing the motions. *"Hmm and wide, hmm and wide, there's a fountain flowing hmm and wide."* We would keep eliminating words until all we had left was the "and." As a child I'm not sure I ever knew what the song was about. But as an adult I have become more and more aware of its truth.

The flowing fountain is the grace of God, captured in the lyrics of other great hymns. *"Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater far than all my sin and shame, higher than a mountain, sparking like a fountain..."* or *"There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains."*

The grace of God is "deep and wide." It is deep in that we can never plunge its depths, or reach its limits. As the hymn-writer put it: *"His love has no limit, his grace has no measure, his power has no boundary known unto man."* God's grace is also wide. When we consider its scope or its spread, it is like a river overflowing its banks. The hymn-writer said the wonderful grace of Jesus is *"reaching the most defiled."* Paul said, "The grace of God has appeared to all men." Jesus' vision was for that grace to spread from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

In this year's annual report we celebrate the deep and wide grace of God in the personal stories of some of our people. The report is framed according to our mission statement: *"Seeking God. Serving Others. Together."* Explore how the grace of God runs deep and wide in each of these experiences...

# — ❄️ seeking God

SEEKING  
GOD  
TOGETHER  
IN  
PRAYER,  
THIS  
SMALL  
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**DEEPENS**  
THEIR  
FAITH...



## PRAYER TEAM

Every Wednesday evening at 5:30, a team of “prayer warriors” meets in the New Life Prayer Room. They divide up hundreds of prayer requests that are submitted weekly by people and seek God in prayer on their behalf.

The problems seem overwhelming: struggles with suicide, drug addiction, marriage difficulties, cancer and other health issues, financial difficulties and foreclosures—just to name a few, but they have seen miraculous answers. The group addresses each request during the meeting and they continue praying throughout the week. *“Sometimes we pray with authority. Sometimes we pray as little children. Sometimes we don’t know how to pray, but it’s the Holy Spirit that prays through us. By coming together as a group, we know that Jesus is here among us. He is so real.”*

Through praying together, a deep bond has formed between this band of men and women: *“It is wonderful to feel others faith by hearing them pray. We find unity in praying together, and the praise reports show us that God is working.”*

AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US. PSALM 103:12

## **KELSEY TURNER** *A young woman’s obedience widens her horizons on seeking God...*



Kelsey Turner is majoring in Spanish and French Literature at Cal Poly. She set aside her third year of college to embark on a missionary trip to Ecuador. *“God grabbed my heart after a ten-day trip and a year of prayer. I knew it was God’s will.”*

With support from New Life and money raised personally through her sale of “beanies,” she moved to Ecuador for a full school year. Working in Quito, a city the size of Los Angeles, she taught English, prayed in both English and Spanish, and gave emotional support

to families who had lost loved ones. *“Working at a small school and church in a small community outside of a big city was very eye-opening. I was able to learn so much about the culture and learn much more of what God’s kingdom looks like.”*

*“It was New Life’s young adult ministry that broadened my perspective and steered me in this direction.”* Kelsey is now finishing her Bachelor’s degree and is praying for guidance on widening her horizons again – perhaps a year from now.



# serving others

AND I  
PRAY THAT  
YOU, BEING  
ROOTED AND  
ESTABLISHED  
IN LOVE, MAY  
HAVE POWER,  
TOGETHER  
WITH ALL  
THE SAINTS,  
TO GRASP  
HOW WIDE  
AND LONG  
AND HIGH  
AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE  
OF CHRIST.

EPHESIANS 3:17-18

**MIKE BRADY** *Preparation for a natural disaster widens the church's service in the community...*

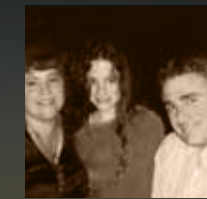


Mike Brady has attended New Life for 24 years. In his profession, he oversees the credentialing of emergency responders for the State of California. Last year, Mike acted as a key leader in New Life's preparation for a

natural disaster, especially Disaster Preparedness Day. This event brought together over 1,500 people from the local community to equip them for local disasters. It offered a unique venue for local government agencies

to provide information and training. The result: formation of community-wide partnerships and a structure to prepare others and to serve them when disaster strikes.

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**STEPHANIE  
ANTENUCCI**

Stephanie Antenucci, a registered nurse and mom, came home to

discover the her middle-aged husband Anthony had died. In the midst of her pain, she said: "Anthony, go be with the Lord." Several pastors intervened to help. *"The church and the New Life staff were so comforting and helpful in the face of my loss. But I was more concerned about my daughter, Lexi."*

Anxious that she might not be able to provide the support Lexi would need, Stephanie called upon the New Life Care Center to provide a mentor for her daughter. *"I didn't know if Lexi might have repressed feelings, might need that 'extra person' in her life to listen to her, or someone to just share her feelings with."*

Now Lexi meets with her mentor every week. *"Her mentor is an extra 'sounding board' that asks open-ended questions and lets her express herself. As for myself, I know the Lord is watching over us. I still speak to Anthony and tell him we are embraced by the light."*

Mike said: *"Serving many others on a very practical basis was the collateral benefit of our effort."*

# together

NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:39

A PERSONAL

HEALTH

CRISIS

**DEEPENS**

LIFE

TOGETHER

FOR A

SMALL GROUP...



## **JOHN RIECKEWALD**

John Rieckewald never expected a simple thing like taking out trash

would lead to a series of small miracles and a confirmation of his faith. Feeling very tired, he sat down in on the garage floor. Five days later he awoke in the hospital to find out he had suffered a stroke, a staph infection, and congestive heart failure.

The day he was hospitalized his small group stepped into action. Along with many others, they began to pray. One member took several items to his wife Sharon, including a journal to use during this trial. Another member sent out a daily e-mail update. When John was moved to Monterey, two couples traveled to visit him.

John celebrates the fact that many of the medical professionals who attended to him were also people of faith. One nurse assured him “Don’t worry, we’re all praying for you; we’re all Christians.” Following surgery and treatment John experienced a full recovery. *“I was thankful for the deep support and caring from our small group, and for the hundreds of people that were praying for me every day. God was so faithful – it was humbling.”*

## **MELANIE KEENAN & JILL** *Widening participation in life together increases a mother’s faith...*

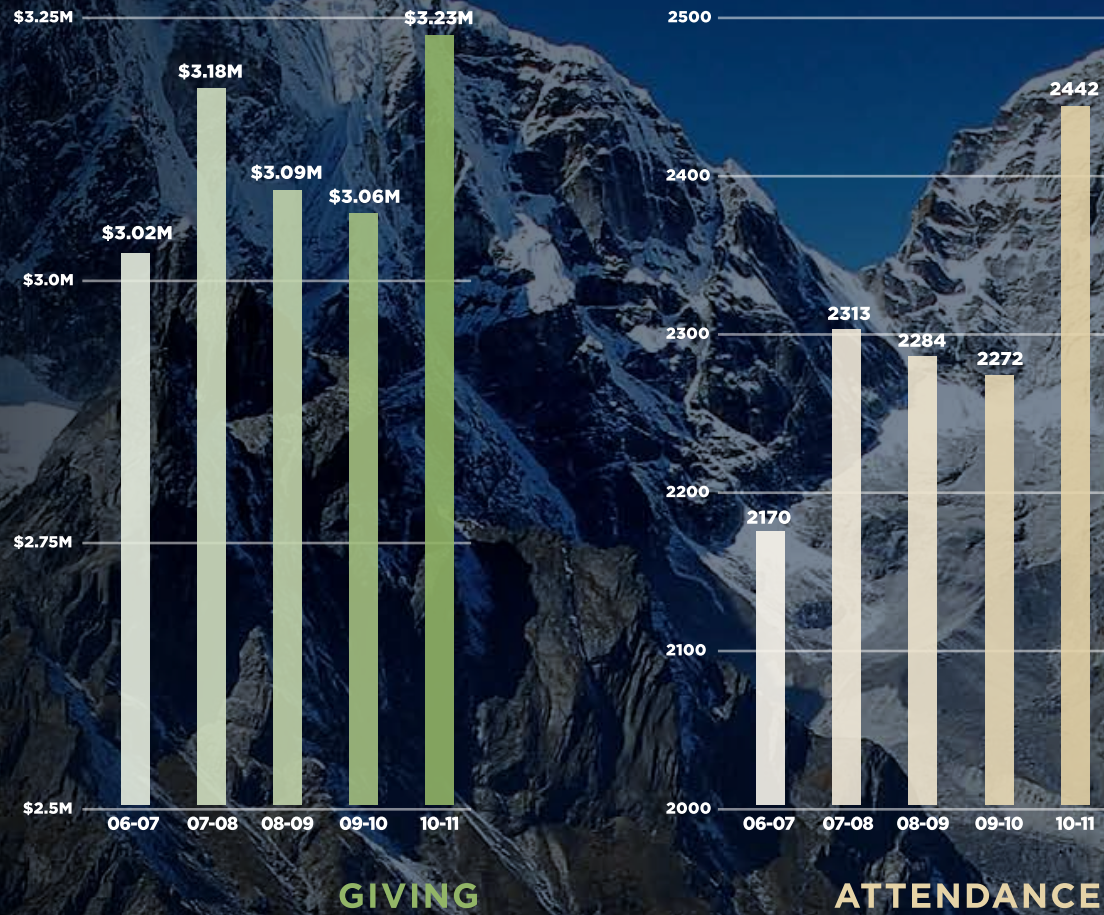


Melanie Keenan, a one-year attendee at New Life, formed a new small group to widen her connection with other attendees. *“Beforehand, we weren’t connected at all; now, we have each other’s spiritual back.”*

One of the new participants was Jill, a mother of three with one on the way. When she heard another member of the group pray for a TV, she learned that God was sensitive even to “small” practical needs.

*“I never thought that I could ask God for something so simple.”* So, since she was spending a small fortune on trips to the laundry, she prayed for a washing machine. Another member of the group later mentioned that she

had a washer/dryer combination that wasn’t even being used – and gave it to Jill. Jill’s observation: *“Joining this group was the best thing I have ever done. While I have always been a believer, I have never known or understood God like I do now.”*



### INCOME

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	% OF BUDGET
General Receipts	\$3,186,640	\$3,100,000	\$86,640	103%
Other Receipts	\$21,671			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,208,311</b>	<b>\$3,100,000</b>	<b>\$108,311</b>	<b>103%</b>
2009 Reserve <sup>1</sup>	\$123,673	\$90,252		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$3,331,984</b>	<b>\$3,190,252</b>		

### EXPENSE<sup>2</sup>

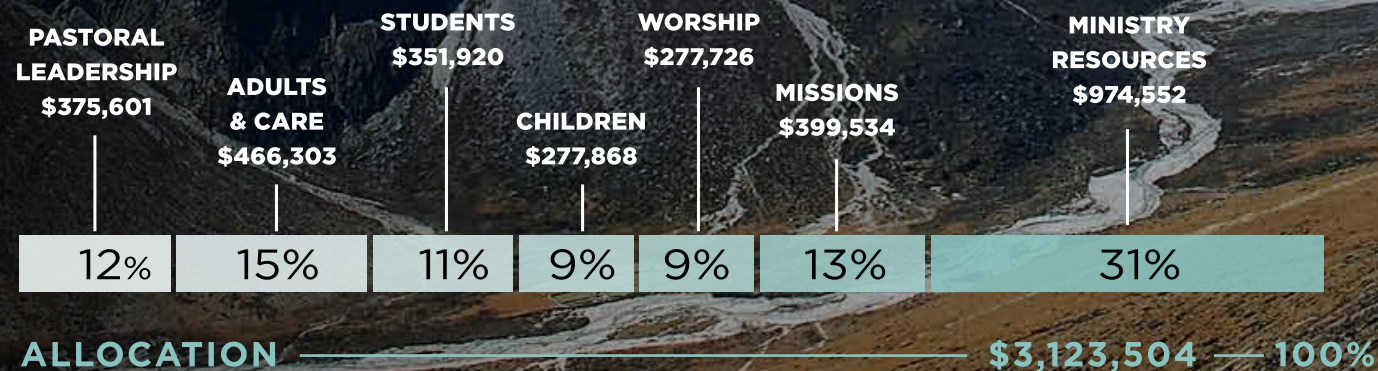
Pastoral Leadership <sup>3</sup>	\$375,601	\$385,829	-\$10,228	97%
Adults & Care	\$466,303	\$485,711	-\$19,408	96%
Students	\$351,920	\$326,152	\$25,768	108%
Children	\$277,868	\$257,427	\$20,441	108%
Worship Arts	\$277,726	\$335,247	-\$57,521	83%
Missions	\$399,534	\$379,743	\$19,791	105%
Ministry Resources <sup>4</sup>	\$974,552	\$1,020,143	-\$45,591	96%
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,123,504</b>	<b>\$3,190,252</b>	<b>-\$66,748</b>	<b>98%</b>

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

NET CHANGE IN ASSETS \$144,116  
\$64,364

### PRESCHOOL

Revenue \$279,321  
Expenses \$289,776  
**NET PRESCHOOL OPERATIONS -\$10,455**



<sup>1</sup> The remainder of the \$130,000 the Board set aside from the 2008-2009 surplus to fund Adult Ministries expansion.

<sup>2</sup> Net expense: Total expenses offset by \$274,587 program revenue.

<sup>3</sup> Pastoral Leadership includes the Senior and Executive Pastors, leadership development, communications, and community outreach.

<sup>4</sup> Ministry Resources includes plant operations and general administrative.



# accomplishments

## OVERSIGHT

- BOARD MANUAL
- COMPREHENSIVE ORGANIZATIONAL ANALYSIS
- FOUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## PROPERTY

- PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND
- REMODEL 13-14
- PURCHASE 2007 HONDA ODYSSEY
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- REPAIRED THE A/C SYSTEM

## FINANCE

- ONLINE GIVING
- ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION
- IMPLEMENTED CPA RECOMMENDATIONS

## COMMUNICATIONS

- REDESIGNED MINISTRY CARDS
- *HANDS & FEET* - 2009-10 ANNUAL REPORT
- EXPANDED CHRISTMAS BULLETIN
- EXPANDED EASTER BULLETIN
- TV PROMOS CHRISTMAS/EASTER

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

- BAHAMAS MISSIONS TRIP
- PORTLAND MISSIONS TRIP
- THANKSGIVING BASKETS
- EXTREME FAMILY ADVENTURE 2
- SPORTS CAMP 2
- FUN DAYS OF SUMMER
- KIDS' STUFF
- FATHER & DAUGHTER BANQUET

## COMMUNITY & MISSIONS OUTREACH

- DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY
- DISTRIBUTED 10,000 MRES
- STORED 8000 MRES
- GET ON THE BUS
- DISTRIBUTED OVER 1500 CRISIS CARE KITS
- DISTRIBUTED OVER 900 DOLLS
- STORED 750 DISASTER BLANKETS
- SHELTER FOR LOCAL TSUNAMI WARNING VICTIMS
- CLOTHES FOR OCEANO FLOOD
- SERVE DAY 2

## ADULTS & CARE

- LAUNCHED 40 NEW SMALL GROUPS
- RE-STOCKED LORD'S PANTRY
- *TRANSITIONS* COUNSELOR CONFERENCE

## WORSHIP & TECH

- JAZZ CONCERT
- BOOTH BROTHERS CONCERT
- WE ARE ONE PRAYER WALK
- BLESSING & BREAKTHROUGH
- SERMON SERIES:
  - Dangerous Faith
  - The Journey
  - The Greatest Story Never Told
  - The Overcomers
  - The True Identity of Jesus (Colossians)
  - Power to Live
  - Doorways to Faith

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