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# ANNUAL REPORT

2020



MISSIONS DOOR



# MISSIONS DOOR HAS LAUNCHED A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO HELP OUR MINISTRIES FLOURISH

- > TEAM-BASED
- > STREAMLINED SUPERVISION
- > GEOGRAPHIC



TRAINING



ACCOUNTABILITY



SOUL CARE



US + CANADA\*

INTERNATIONAL

CAMPUS



## MESSAGE FROM RICK

While 2020 is behind us, it will not soon be forgotten. Who of us was not impacted by the world-wide health and economic crisis, the contentious presidential election year, and social unrest and violence across our land and world? Many of us lost loved ones. Others lost jobs and faced the challenges of unemployment. Schools were online, with children and parents trying to work and study at home. Our lives and schedules were disrupted in countless ways.

As followers of Jesus, we are not immune to the struggles and contingencies of life, but we do not walk alone. Amid the turmoil that surrounds us, we can experience God's presence and the peace that passes human understanding. Beyond the daily help and hope we receive from walking with Jesus, we have incredible opportunities to share the Good News of new life and forgiveness in Jesus Christ with those around us. In times like these, we all need a Savior!

Throughout this past year, and into 2021, Missions Door missionaries have shared the Good News with those yet to believe, disciplined new believers, trained leaders in ministry, and launched new communities of faith.

As you read this report, rejoice with us and the angels in heaven over the 2,981 individuals who have joined God's forever family. Rejoice also over the 41 new churches that have been launched across our fields of ministry during 2020.

When life and ministry are hard, we know how much we are dependent upon God for daily strength, direction, and fruitfulness. We also know how dependent we are upon ministry partners like you. Thank you for your partnership through prayer and financial support, which God uses to empower the missionaries and ministries of Missions Door.

RICK MILLER

President  
Missions Door

Ministry Directors  
relate to VP of Ministries

Missionaries  
relate to Regional Team Director  
All missionaries are connected to  
team in geographical region

Regional Team Directors  
relate to Ministry Director

\* formerly City, Harvest America, Specialized, and U.S. Latino

# THE MISSION



The Recovery House of Worship merged with the original Brooklyn Baptist Temple. Over the past century (built in 1893) it has gone through big transformations as the city has changed. Today it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places but continues to be a lighthouse and place of refuge to those seeking recovery.



"I STOLE A CANDY BAR. I DON'T KNOW WHY. I COULD HAVE PAID FOR IT, BUT I DECIDED TO STEAL IT."

#### ADDICTS FIND FREEDOM AT RECOVERY HOUSE OF WORSHIP

One at a time, someone chooses to confess and unburden themselves. This happens every time people meet at the Recovery House of Worship. It is not your typical church, but it should be. We should all come to God grateful for what he is doing in our lives, and sorry for the mistakes we have made.

Recovery House of Worship (RHOW) is a safe zone for everyone in New York City who is hurting, lonely, and in need of recovery in some way. People come from all walks of life knowing that they will be loved, accepted, and helped in some way.

The founders of this ministry, Edwin Colon and Raymond Ramos, have been friends since childhood. They were partners in crime (literally) until they came to know Jesus. Both got clean and off drugs together. In 2001, they both became missionaries with Missions Door. Edwin and Raymond have been helping others do the same ever since.

# U.S. + CANADA

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

#### LIVES SAVED AT EASTER COVID SERVICE



Recovery House of Worship / Brooklyn is a church ministry in New York City. It is led by a team of ex-addicts who celebrate recovery and live incarnationally as they serve their community. During Covid they made a hard decision—to keep their doors open and not to close. They all realized they were putting their lives on the line, but after much prayer, they were convinced this is what Jesus would do and did do. The people they serve were desperately needing help and encouragement, and a break in physically gathering would be detrimental.

Easter Sunday of 2020, when most places in the city were closed, RHOW/Brooklyn had 120 people come for worship. God honored their courageous decision to keep their doors open to serve their community by welcoming seven new believers into his family!

This is a powerful ministry of Missions Door because it is led by insiders who personally understand addiction and recovery in Christ. They can genuinely say, "I have been where you are, and Jesus is the only path out."

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

"I HAVE BEEN WHERE YOU ARE AND JESUS IS THE ONLY PATH OUT."

# 5

U.S. LOCATIONS

# 2

INTERNATIONAL CENTERS





# HEALTHY HEARTS SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY

## REMOTE AMAZON JUNGLE TRIBE WELCOMES MISSIONARIES



Deep in the Amazon jungle of Bolivia live an indigenous people called the Tsimane. According to medical researchers, and reported by NBC News on March 17, 2017, this tribe was declared to have the healthiest hearts on planet Earth.

Because of their remote location, hardly anyone has heard of the Tsimane. But they are known by God and by Missions Door! Missionary Elmer Terazas visits this tribe several times a year on his jungle boat. VP of Ministries, Aaron Palmatier, accompanied Elmer on one trip where they showed the Jesus film using a solar-powered generator. Because the government has declared this tribe to be closed to outsiders, special government permission is required to visit the Tsimane. Missions Door has found favor with the authorities and the tribe and has been given an open invitation to visit anytime.

Several Tsimane, all with physically healthy hearts, have responded to the Gospel and are following Jesus, now with a new spiritually healthy heart.

TSIMANE VILLAGE, BOLIVIA

# INTERNATIONAL MISSION HIGHLIGHTS



## RELIEF AFTER HURRICANE IOTA AND ETA DEVASTATION

Within two weeks of each other, two Category 4 hurricanes devastated much of Central America in November 2020. Many of our Missions Door missionaries and pastors were directly affected, but were still able to care for the needs of so many families in their churches and communities who had been overwhelmed by the hurricanes.

Missions Door organized an emergency Hurricane Relief fund to encourage others to share our Thanksgiving blessings with those affected by the devastation of Hurricane Iota and Eta in Honduras. Erick Sanchez, our missionary in the area, reported that the funds advanced to our network of missionaries in Honduras provided tangible physical and spiritual help to those affected.

With national missionaries, Missions Door is able to provide emergency on-the-ground assistance in the wake of disasters to those who understand the needs the most.



HONDURAS

PLATES OF FOOD  
9,646



BAGS OF FOOD  
AND WATER  
1,054



PAIRS OF SHOES  
100



PASTORS  
SUPPORTED  
38



PEOPLE HOUSED  
IN OUR  
CHURCHES  
244



BOXES OF BIBLES  
10







33% INCREASE IN BAPTISMS

25% INCREASE IN NEW BELIEVERS

ON AVERAGE, EACH CAMPUS MINISTRY LAUNCHED SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR

# CAMPUS

## MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE STUDENT DECIDES TO LIVE FOR CHRIST ON CAMPUS?

#### THE RIPPLE EFFECT



Elizabeth was raised in a Christian home but acknowledged that she had strayed from the fold before entering college. Through the ministry of Campus Ambassadors, Missions Door's Campus arm, Elizabeth got back on track and recommitted her life to Christ.

Elizabeth reached out to Jordan, a friend who had also drifted far away from her Christian background. Before long, Elizabeth and Jordan were meeting regularly with veteran campus minister, Chris Deemer, to read and study the Bible. They both became eager followers of Jesus Christ. Over time they began to lead small group Bible studies themselves.



The ripple effect did not stop with Jordan, or the students involved in the small groups the two women led. Elizabeth invited James to several campus ministry events. He, like Elizabeth and Jordan, came from a Christian background, but was not a Christ follower. As a computer science major, James was all about reason and logic and had no time or interest in Christianity. After a year of resisting Elizabeth's invitations, James finally agreed to attend a Campus Ambassadors meeting. That first meeting was not his last.

When Covid hit our world, the prayer and Bible study groups at SUNY/Oneonta had to transition to virtual meetings, but God was still at work. When the local host church for the CA ministry began outdoor in-person meetings in June, James showed up but he wasn't alone. He was accompanied by his entire family, and they all kept coming every week.

Elizabeth and James decided to get married. These two students who came to college disconnected from Christ were eager to pursue a Christ-centered marriage.

By summer's end, James' father and sister chose to be baptized at a church picnic. And then Elizabeth and James decided to get married. At their wedding, James' father expressed his gratitude to Chris and the Campus Ambassadors ministry for having such a profound effect on their son and for bringing about a spiritual awakening in their family.

The ripple effect—the spreading, pervasive impact started by one initial contact—is not finished. Who knows how much impact is yet to be experienced because of faithful campus missionaries who are reaching lost students across the United States and Mexico?

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ONEONTA, NEW YORK



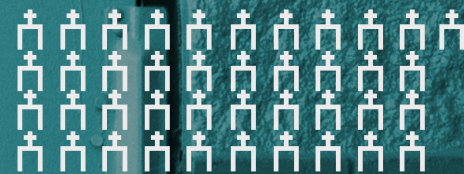


# THE NUMBERS

## MISSION ACHIEVEMENTS

300% INCREASE IN NEW CHURCHES

CHURCHES  
STARTED  
41



NEW BELIEVERS  
2,981



BAPTISMS  
828

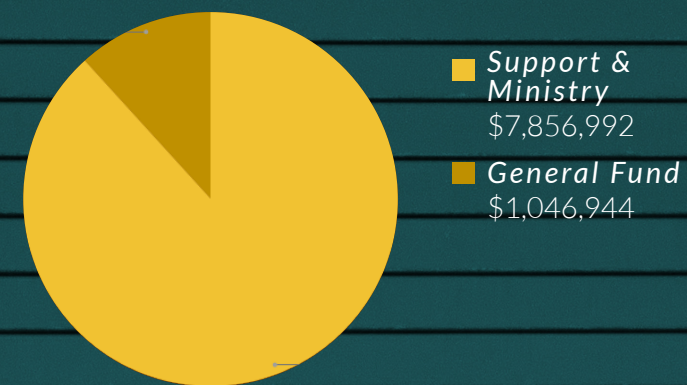


LEADERS IN  
TRAINING  
2,886



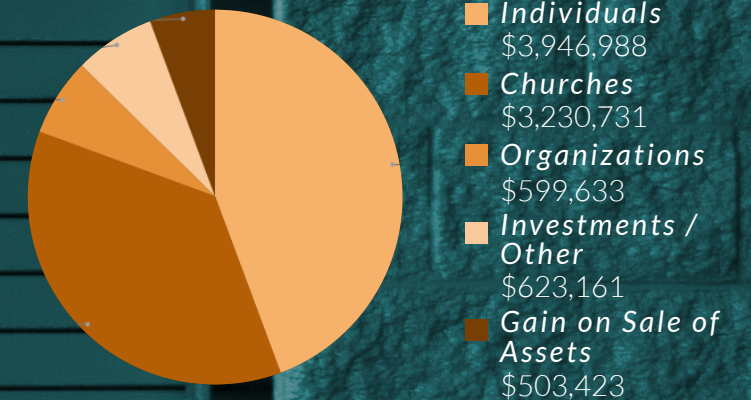
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### INCOME



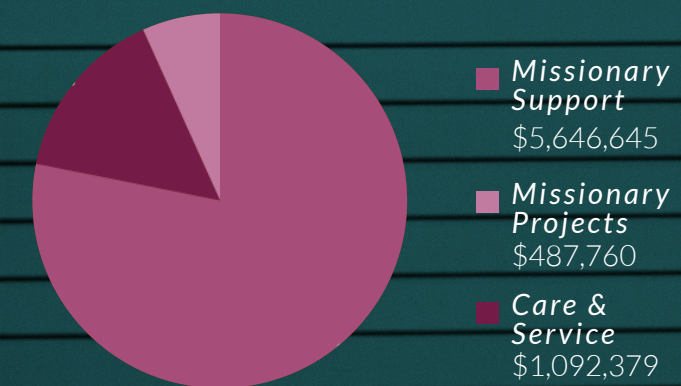
TOTAL \$8,903,936

### SOURCES OF INCOME



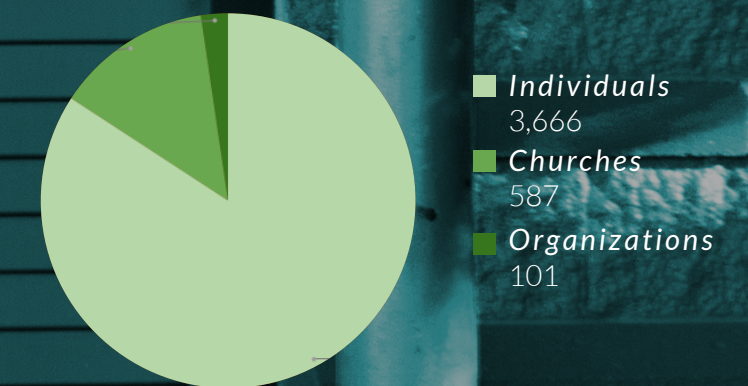
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### EXPENSES



TOTAL \$7,226,784

### MINISTRY PARTNERS



TOTAL 4,354





## VISION

To see an unstoppable force of compassionate and culturally-authentic Christ communities multiplying in neighborhoods, across our country and around the world.

## MISSION

To build healthy and empowering networks of reproducing churches and ministries that reach and disciple people for Christ

## VALUES



GOSPEL  
RECONCILIATION



CONTEXTUALLY-  
ROOTED  
MINISTRY



MULTIETHNIC  
FOCUS



SERVANT  
LEADERSHIP

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