



OVERFLOWING HOPE

TLC ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Dear TLC Family,

When I look back on what God did in just one year at TLC, I'm amazed. I'm thankful. I'm brought to tears.

Please read these stories, stats, and scenes from last year with a spirit of awe and gratitude. We hear so much negative news. Yet look how God is working right here in Santa Cruz!

The gospel of grace is spreading. Lives are changing. God's Hope is overflowing.

I am so blessed to be one of the pastors at TLC!
With great affection and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'René', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

René Schlaepfer
Senior Pastor
Twin Lakes Church

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so that you may **overflow with**
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

ROMANS 15:13



CHURCH GROWTH FROM 2024-2025

20%

Increase in weekend attendance

530

New people in church each weekend

350%

Increase in middle schoolers on Sunday

36%

Increase in high schoolers midweek



HOPE STORIES

Lorena Rubio | Baptized in 2024

"I stopped believing and became an atheist for a long time. I went through lot of suffering, some of it due to my own bad decisions. Yet I now know that I can die to that old person and be resurrected into a positive, loving person because of Jesus. I feel very safe having Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior."



6,529

Easter attendance

12%

Easter attendance increase over last year

8,250

Christmas candlelight service attendance
(10 services!)

33%

Christmas attendance increase over last year

HOPE STORIES

Crystal | Baptized in August 2024

"I have done so much healing in this church, felt so much love from this community. I now realize my faith is not about my goodness but the goodness of Jesus Christ saving me and growing me."



The background of the entire page is a photograph of ocean waves. The water is a vibrant blue with white foam from the breaking waves. The waves are moving from the top towards the bottom of the frame, creating a sense of motion and depth. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

178

Total people baptized, the most in over 30 years

93

People baptized at Capitola Beach

HOPE STORIES

Eric | TLC recovery group member

"I tried to baptize myself in the sink in my prison cell. I am being baptized today publicly, the right way. I want to announce to the world that I choose to leave my old life and follow Jesus."

Edna and Romolo | Began watching TLC
livestream during Covid | Accepted Christ
and baptized in 2025

*"This is our public covenant with our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ."*

GIVING HOPE

27,282

People served at People's Pantry

25%

Increase in families helped at People's Pantry

\$250,000+

Raised for Second Harvest Food Bank

20

Global partners on five continents.

We also helped fund the expansion of **Nazareth Bible College** and Seminary in Israel.

For a list of our local outreach opportunities, visit tlc.org/localoutreach



HOPE STORIES

Melissa | Began attending 2022

"Three years ago, I would have said I was an atheist. I laughed at the idea of going to church. But life took a downward turn: My husband and I were headed for divorce.

"As I reached out to friends for support, two stood out for their kindness. They both come to TLC. And so in my moment of despair, I asked if I could go with them. The rest is history.

"TLC taught me Jesus saves. Now I know what that means. God has breathed new life into me, my husband, our marriage and our family in ways I never thought possible. We love Jesus, each other, ourselves, and TLC."

FLAWED FOLLOWER

For our book about Simon Peter we partnered with several other churches and were surprised that the Kindle and Audible versions reached #1 on Amazon in the "Christian History and Culture" category!



Pastors from some of the many churches using Flawed Follower

"I became a Christian by reading a Flawed Follower book given to me by a friend. Thank you!"



TLC Bible Conference



Wonderball



Hot Rods on the Green



HOPE CENTER

In May, we launched the Hope Center pledge drive to fund a permanent home for community outreach ministries (which are now housed in deteriorating portables).

\$8 million

Received in 4-year pledges in just 6 weeks

40%

Of those pledges have been fulfilled in just one year

Groundbreaking is planned for June 8, 2025. For info or to pledge, visit **tlc.org/hope**



HOPE STORIES

Gene | Began attending one year ago

"I hate to admit that, before I ever came to TLC, I judged it. Yet from the first time I finally attended, I felt as if the message was tailored for me. I felt a sense of community that I had not felt in a very long time. I see young and old. I see people with very diverse backgrounds. I see people with varying levels of faith experience. A year in and I am so grateful to be able to attend TLC and to learn and grow in my faith journey."

IN MEMORIAM JULIAN PIZARRO

Our beloved TLC en Español pastor Julian Pizarro passed into the presence of Jesus this year following a tragic accident.

God sent us the ideal person to turbocharge our Spanish ministries.

Along with his wife Jessica, Julian not only launched our 11 am Spanish service; he also began Spanish-language midweek Bible studies, marriage retreats, women's and men's events, and more. The biggest testimony to Julian's leadership: TLC en Español continues to hit new attendance records and baptize new believers.

I loved so many things about Julian. But what I loved most was that he was a natural evangelist. He could get anyone, anywhere, into a friendly conversation about Christ. When we asked Julian to be our Spanish pastor, I thought, "God could not have created a more perfect fit!"

Please continue to pray for Jessica Pizarro and their three children. Jessica will serve as our part-time TLC en Español coordinator, and Nadxely Herrera as her administrative assistant. The TLC Spanish Leadership Council and I will work with search firm Slingshot, which found the Pizarros for us, to discover the next TLCE pastor. Meanwhile, we are grateful the ministry continues to grow.

– René Schlaepfer



"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, plans to give you a future and a hope."

JEREMIAH 29:11

BUDGET REPORT

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
Income			
Church	\$6,757,256	\$6,664,478	\$6,525,625
Missions	687,084	651,128	665,500
Camps, Loft, School	5,842,342	5,811,622	6,299,508
Total Operating Income	13,286,682	13,127,281	13,490,633
Expense			
Church	6,475,369	6,830,616	6,728,164
Missions	778,674	701,106	732,674
Camps, Loft, School	5,926,236	5,951,430	6,120,811
Total Operating Expense	13,180,279	13,483,151	13,581,649
Operating Surplus (Deficit)*	106,404	(355,870)	(91,016)

Subject to Final Audit and Adjustment
*Depreciation not included

Any gift to TLC is also an investment in world missions, with at least 10% of every gift allocated to global partners.

For a complete list of our ministry partners, visit tlc.org/globalpartners

TLC is entirely supported by our church family's regular giving.

CAMP HAMMER

It will be five years this August since the CZU fire passed through Camp Hammer and destroyed virtually all buildings and homes on the property. Though the physical impact of the fire is still quite evident, it is amazing to see how the forest is rebounding!

The current focus is on gaining approvals for our new:

- Site Plan
- Water System
- Septic System (approved January 2025)

Please pray we receive the remaining approvals soon and can begin restoring the infrastructure at Camp Hammer!



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

405

TLCS students, marking our highest-ever enrollment

108

CEC preschoolers; full capacity

14%

Sales increase for Loft Coffee

250

People at our last young families picnic

100+

College students packing The Hub each week

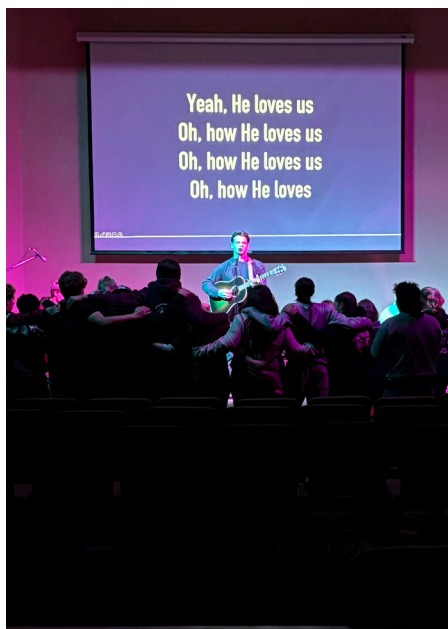
160%

Increase in high schoolers attending church services (Jan 24-Feb 25)

Groups like our men's BBQ, recovery groups, high school worship night, and midweek classes are all growing.

"It has been absolutely unbelievable. I haven't seen anything like this ever. God is up to something and I'm just trying to hang on."

Steve Craig | TLC high school pastor



High School Retreat



The HUB



Young Families Park Day



TLC en Español

PLEASE PRAY...

Let's praise and thank God together for all of his blessings on TLC this past year. We are so grateful when we realize how all of this has been possible because of the generosity and prayers of our TLC family. We are grateful and humbled by your response to the Spirit's leading.

Please **pray** for God's leading as TLC en Español searches for a new pastor.

Pray for the all the details of construction for the Hope Center.

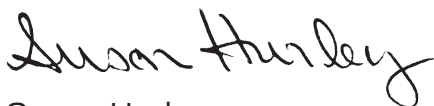
Pray for the dozens of ministries relocated due to construction.

Pray that we will be wise stewards of the growth in new believers that God is blessing us with.

Pray for the funding, volunteers and resourcefulness we need to continue serving our community and our growing congregation.

Thank you for your devoted support, prayer, and service – it helps make all of this possible now and in the years to come. We appreciate you!

TLC is mightily blessed! It's a joy to be a part of what God is doing through us.



Susan Hurley
TLC Board Chair

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Brian Bonn
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*Be strong and take heart, all you
who **hope** in the Lord.*

PSALM 31:24



