



# HOW YOU MADE A *Difference* IN

## 2023



## Dear Church Family,

We are thrilled to report to you some of the things God has done in our church family this year. Terry and I love you, pray for you and count it an incredible honor to be your pastors. Thank you for loving us in return, supporting the call God has placed in our hearts, and allowing us to serve you for the last 37 years. We invite you to take a moment to personally reflect and thank God for the opportunities He enabled you to take and multiply for His Kingdom this past year. The ministries of Church of the Redeemer are possible only by your prayers, wholehearted service, and your sacrificial giving. We are very grateful for each one of you that has partnered with us to reach people for Jesus. We pray that in 2024 you commit again to continue fully engaged and devoted to your church family. The best is yet to come, and we will see it happen, together. Our hearts are filled with joy and deep gratitude for the privilege God has given us to teach His Word and lead such a wonderful congregation!

Sincerely,

**Dale & Terry O'Shields**  
Senior Pastors





“The steadfast love  
of the LORD never  
ceases; his mercies  
never come to an end;  
they are new every  
morning; great is your  
faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23



## REDEEMER FAMILY

Gaithersburg Campus | Frederick Campus | Online Campus



What a tremendous spiritual journey of learning and growing 2023 has been for our Redeemer family! We are blessed by a pastor and pastoral staff grounded in the Word of God that share biblical principles with simplicity and in ways that bring transformation to our lives.

We began the year with our series **“Chosen”** and learned why our hearts are so important to God and how to start the new year with the right heart. March was **“Story Time.”** In this series, we looked at key spiritual truths found in the parables of Jesus.

In the Summer, we focused on building better relationships in the series **“Friends.”** For two months, we received biblical instructions on what is important to God when relating to others, how to make friends, and how to keep friendships healthy and strong. We then dove into **“Discovering the God of Promises,”** a deep study of the Hebrew compound names of God. We learned so much about God’s character and nature. This series helped us to understand who God is and what He wants to do for us.

In the Fall, during the series **“What To Do When…”** and drawing from the book of Jonah, we looked at seven principles to handle unexpected life challenges.

A few weeks ago, we finished the series **“How To Stay Sane in a Crazy World.”** In this series, we learned five essential spiritual and mental health practices to avoid being shaped, patterned and conformed to the world’s pressures.

To close the year, the focus of our series is the Good News of the birth of our Savior in the series **“Help is Here.”** Jesus is our “Help” coming to earth to forgive our sins and help us live differently daily!

We wait eagerly for the lessons and opportunities to grow God will bring our way in 2024!



## STANLEY’S HEALING

I found out a couple months ago about a mass in my pancreas. I had been consulting doctors and was scheduled for a procedure to figure out what the mass was. I was really touched by the Jehovah Rapha message and prayed to God for healing. The next day, I went to the doctor’s office for some pancreas scans and the mass was completely gone! The doctor said, “Only God could have done this!” I thanked God for healing and a timely message.



## DANIEL’S STORY

At the age of 4, I started reading my Bible, but I can’t remember most of what I learned (although I do remember all the God Stories). The first time I gave my life to Jesus was when I was 13 at youth group. However, I went back to my old self when I was away from church. Then I finally committed my life to Jesus Christ at the beginning of 2023 and really meant it. The messages at church have been so uplifting and guided me through the whole year! This has been the best year of my life. Praise the LORD for his mercy.





# FROM OUR ONLINE REDEEMER FAMILY

John reached out to us from the UK during the 9 AM church online service and asked for prayer for Lilian (his wife) who was having surgery. We prayed with John and waited for the prayer to be answered. As John continued to faithfully tune in to the 9 AM online service, he thanked us for praying and shared that God brought Lillian through her surgery successfully. We witnessed how amazing it was that even without seeing us or us seeing them, we have a relationship and a community.

The weekend message is also broadcast on Montgomery County Cable for hospice and shut-ins, and on WAVA Radio and WFMD Frederick radio, reaching **OVER 30,000** people each week.

Every weekday, an inspiring video devotional is provided to our congregation. It is watched almost **11,000** times per week and almost **7,000** people receive the videos right on their phone by text message or by subscribing to Pastor Dale's blog.

As additional support for our congregation, the MyCOR mobile App is used by almost **6,000** people for sermon notes, live services and messages on demand.

Over **33,112** people or groups of people attend the online campus on a weekly basis. This includes families and groups that have church in their homes from over **128 COUNTRIES** through our website, Apple TV, Roku, Smart TVs, Amazon Fire, and Facebook Live. The recorded weekend message is then viewed another **45,990 TIMES PER MONTH.**



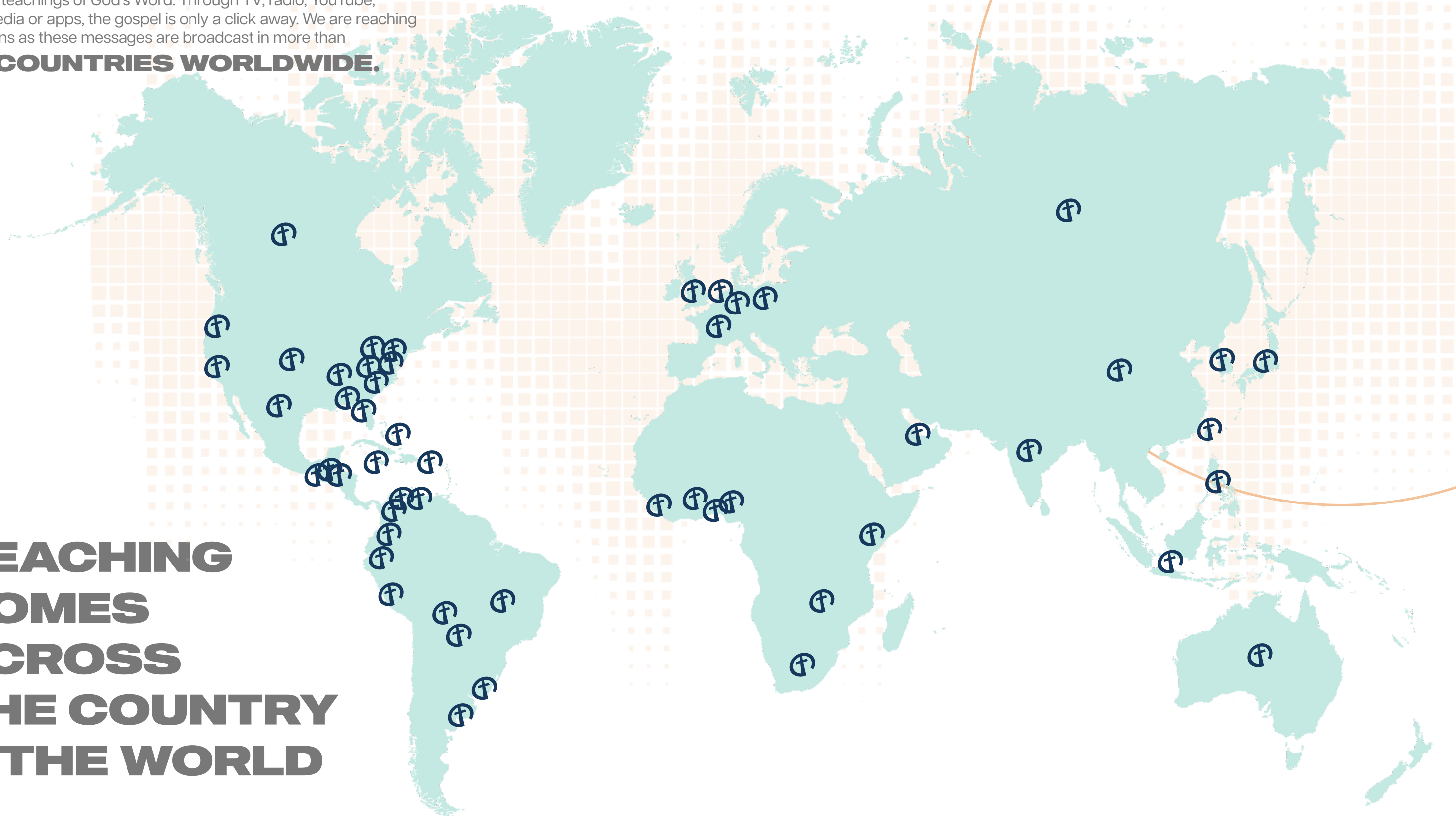


# BROADCAST

Every day people across the world have access to Pastor Dale's practical teachings of God's Word. Through TV, radio, YouTube, social media or apps, the gospel is only a click away. We are reaching the nations as these messages are broadcast in more than

**130 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE.**

**REACHING  
HOMES  
ACROSS  
THE COUNTRY  
& THE WORLD**





# DREAM TEAM

Our Dream Team volunteers enthusiastically engage in our weekend services, special events and community outreaches serving in areas such as technical production, worship team, greeting, hosting, children and youth services, parking and shuttle bus, and leading classes and groups onsite and online.





# GROW

Classes | Groups | Baptism

**WITH A FOCUS  
ON MAKING A BIG  
CHURCH SMALL AND  
CREATING A STRONG  
COMMUNITY, WE  
HAVE SEEN**

# 2,582

**PEOPLE SIGN UP  
FOR A GROUP OR  
CLASS THIS YEAR**

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## THE PURSUIT OF GOD

My name is Aaron. I took the Moving Forward in Faith class. I think this class has been special for me because it has allowed me to find community within my church. Just coming to church one day on Sunday wasn't enough for me. I wanted to become stronger in my faith and really pursue God. And I feel like this class has really taught me how to open my ears and my mind to things. It helped me so that when I leave this class, I can pour into others as well.

—Aaron

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## A PRAYING COMMUNITY

My wife and I went to Living Stones together. We learned so much about the beliefs of the church. The real benefit of going to Living Stones is the Redeemer community. A few months ago the doctor found a growth in my abdomen. My friends at Redeemer prayed for me and God let me feel those prayers as they came through to me. I would get chills when people started praying for me. I've never felt that before. But that's what you get when you join this church. You receive blessings. You receive prayers. And you receive all of the goodness that this church can give you.

—Gary





# WATER BAPTISM

This year, many have publicly declared being followers of Jesus as they passed through the waters of baptism. We rejoice and celebrate with them their new life in Christ!

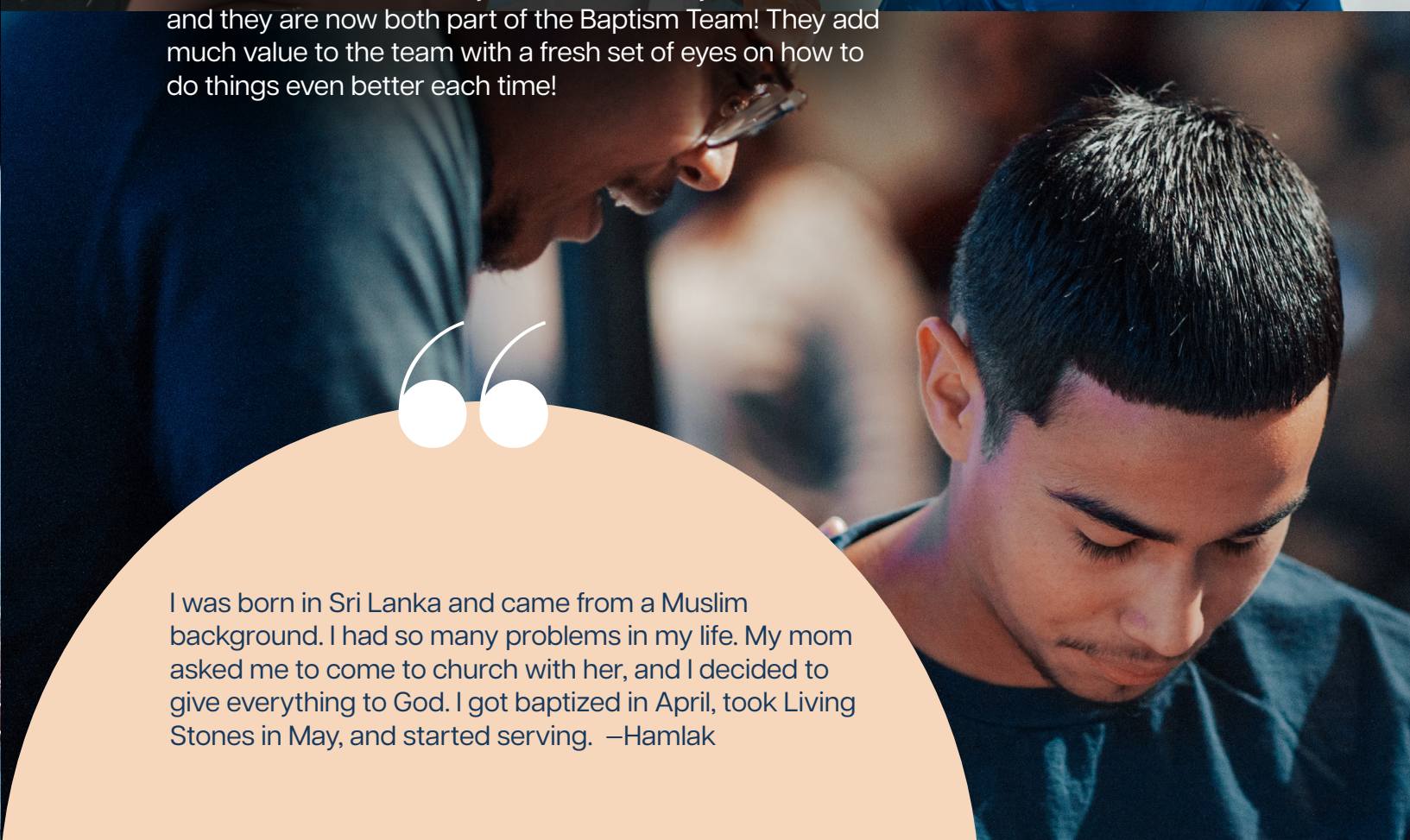
## FROM ISOLATION TO COMMUNITY

My home and world is filled with the Lord's peace. Before I was isolated, going through great tribulations and the enemy made me feel like I was all alone. I wasn't. I was misguided. I found my way to Redeemer through a friend (who invited me for the first time) and since then my life has changed. I got saved and baptized this year! — Maria



## MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEAM

This dynamic duo—Cynthia and her young adult daughter Anna, learned about baptism at the Living Stones class and were baptized. Then they both took Steps to Freedom together and their lives were radically changed. They were so moved by the class that they both stayed behind in a spirit of worship as the last session was ending, the praise music was playing and the Holy Spirit was working in them. After the class ended, they asked where they could serve and they are now both part of the Baptism Team! They add much value to the team with a fresh set of eyes on how to do things even better each time!



I was born in Sri Lanka and came from a Muslim background. I had so many problems in my life. My mom asked me to come to church with her, and I decided to give everything to God. I got baptized in April, took Living Stones in May, and started serving. —Hamlak



# SALVATIONS

Legacies and lives changed forever



# 3,143

## HEARTS COMMITTED TO CHRIST

Through our weekend services in-person and online, and our special events, we have seen many people receive Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Their names are written in the Book of Life and we rejoice with them!





**LOVE CHURCH,  
KNOW GOD,  
FIND FRIENDS.**

Naimeh, one of our special needs kids, has grown to love coming to church, runs in and then doesn't want to leave! Her mom let us know that at home she says "Mama, I need to go to Jesus Church!"



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**KIDS COMMITTED  
TO CHRIST**

**GOD'S PLANS  
FOR ME!**

My 5-year-old daughter came to me and said, "Mom, did you know that God has a good plan for you and for me?" I was touched to hear that from her because this was the lesson she learned at RKids on the weekend.

**ANSWERED PRAYERS**

I have been praying for the last 2 years that we would open a 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classroom. In September we finally opened it. I was able to lead the way for getting everything up and running. We had a great response from the kids and we're excited to serve them better! – Jason







# YRDMR4

# 2000

## YOUTH COMMITTED TO CHRIST



### STEPH'S STORY

When I first came to youth, I was super hesitant. I was kinda nervous and really kept to myself. What I found was by the end of the night, I didn't want to leave. I didn't necessarily meet a ton of people or have a whole bunch of amazing conversations, but there was something about the environment. Something about how safe it was and how everyone seemed so friendly. – Steph

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## OUTREACH

# 28,912

**PEOPLE SERVED IN OUR  
LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

### JOINING THE OUTREACH FAMILY

Outreach 2022 is where it began for me and has blossomed into serving in several different areas since then. Serving adds joy and warmth to my spirit. Being able to serve alongside members of the COR family has offered me enriching and fulfilling experiences. Through it all I am grateful that I am able to present the LOVE of Jesus to our community and our Church through service. —Yashica



## THANKSGIVING

**12,026 SERVED**

**1,616 PRAYED FOR**

**410 VOLUNTEERS**

## CHRISTMAS

**11,598 SERVED**

**1,177 PRAYED FOR**

**375 VOLUNTEERS**



## GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

I'm an old-timer in the Redeemer family, love my church and have served in multiple ministries. This past Saturday I had the opportunity to serve at the Christmas Outreach alongside four amazing people-loving, joy-filled young men and women. I was blessed to overflowing as I saw the new generation of our church "taking over" with such true hearts of service and commitment to share God's love! —Paty



GLOBAL OUTREACH



**WE HAVE  
PARTNERED  
WITH MINISTRIES  
AND MISSION  
ORGANIZATIONS  
WORLDWIDE!**



# YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Many exciting things happened at Church of the Redeemer in 2023. Here are a couple highlights.



## NICK VUJICIC

We had the privilege of hosting Nick Vujicic as a guest speaker. Nick, a renowned motivational speaker and author, has inspired countless individuals with his powerful message of hope, resilience, and overcoming adversity. People found themselves captivated by Nick’s engaging and uplifting speech, which not only imparted valuable life lessons but also ignited a sense of empowerment. Nick Vujicic’s infectious enthusiasm and unwavering faith left a lasting impacted on those who attended, motivating them to embrace their own unique journeys with courage and resilience.

## LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



**50,522**  
REACHED ONLINE

**23,717**  
REACHED ONSITE



## EASTER AT REDEEMER

“Jesus Through His Mother’s Eyes”







We look forward to your continued partnership in 2024!

God has great things in store for our Redeemer family as  
we work on the expansion of His Kingdom, TOGETHER!

