

ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2014 – AUGUST 2015

50th Anniversary Edition



NOTE FROM MARC

What a year it's been! We spent the better part of the year working through Luke, being reminded that the gospel is for everyone. I'm writing this report from of all places, Jerusalem, where a group from Door Creek Church has been travelling around Israel (Lori and my second trip). Time and time again, we have been reminded that the message of the cross was good news for all kinds of people - for Gentiles like Cornelius, Jewish shepherds, fishermen and tax collectors, young and old, rich and poor, women and men, religious and irreligious.

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TO BE A CHRIST-CENTERED
CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE,
WHERE THE POWER OF THE
GOSPEL IS TRANSFORMING
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AND CHANGING THE WORLD.

What an exciting year it's been to see the gospel take root in the lives of children, students and adults. By His grace, lives are being transformed. It's exciting to hear how more people are connecting to a group and how groups are serving each other and our communities. By His grace, our city is being renewed. I'm grateful for the many groups who have adopted teachers through our Adopt a Teacher program and those of you who are Big Brothers or Big Sisters making a difference in our own backyard.

After a lot of prayer, planning and generous giving, we moved into 40,000 square feet of new space at Sprecher Road Campus that has opened up many opportunities for ministry. We have new venues for services and a great new space for students. We have had scores of people come into our building for Family Fun Night and Easter Eggstravaganza. We have hosted weddings, funerals, art shows and more.

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This year marked our 50th anniversary. Our Jubilee celebration reminded us of our humble beginnings and God's faithfulness to us over the years. We celebrate those who have served Christ before us, mindful that we stand on their shoulders. It's exciting to imagine what God has in store for the next 50 years. Until then, let's continue to join Him in changing people into devoted followers of Christ, who change the world with His love.

Marc Maillefer
Lead Pastor

MISSION

Joining God in changing people into devoted followers of Christ who change the world with His love.

VISION

By God's grace, we desire to be a Christ-centered church for all people where the gospel is continually transforming lives, renewing our city and changing the world.

VALUES

At Door Creek Church, we are committed to:

A LIFE OF WORSHIP

THE BIBLE'S AUTHORITY

THE RICHNESS OF COMMUNITY

JOYFUL WITNESS

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

INTENTIONAL TRAINING

PERSISTENT PRAYER

RESPONSE

By focusing on three specific areas, intentional steps are taken to grow as devoted followers of Christ. This plan provides opportunities for us to respond to God's grace and experience His goodness every day.

GATHER

We gather on the weekends to focus on Christ, learn biblical truths and worship our awesome God.

GROW

We grow in groups because God calls us to be in community with one another and build authentic relationships so we can give support and help each other grow.

GIVE

We give of ourselves because God has blessed each of us with a unique set of abilities as well as a certain degree of financial wealth to be responsible for. As Christ followers, we are called to walk along others in need to further His work in this world.

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GATHER

WEEKENDS

TOTAL WEEKEND AVERAGES

Sprecher Road Campus:

1,550

North Campus:

146

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Both Campuses:

3,041



EASTER SERVICES

Both Campuses:

2,904

STORIES

"The sense of the Spirit that I felt during the message was unlike almost anything I have experienced. I truly felt like there was a hushed silence among the people, not because we were bored, but because the Spirit was speaking in such a profound way through the passage and teaching. To know what a King we have in Jesus, it really does change everything."

"A season of excitement and growth at North Campus has led to the congregation eager to see what God has in store for the future of Door Creek Church in DeForest."

"This church has drastically changed my life."

"I'm an agnostic turned Christian. I put my faith in Christ after Easter services and Door Creek Church was part of that."



GROW

GROUPS

CARE & SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery, Care Partners, Divorce Care, Giving Hope, Grief Share and Special Needs Connection:

111 Participants

LIFE GROUPS

424 Participants

ADULT GROUP & CLASSES

College Aged People, Young Adults, Women's, Alpha, Financial Peace University and Legacy Journey:

353 Participants



STORIES

"I can't describe how it felt to finally meet and pray with others who understood what it was like to be a parent of a child with special needs."

"I kept telling God, 'I wish I could see you with skin on.' Then my Care Giver walked in the door and I saw God with skin on."

"I appreciate your caregiver team. I met with them last night and they were so gracious to me. I'm encouraged by the faithfulness of Door Creek Church in the community."

"I found my way to Giving Hope when I found a Door Creek Church bulletin in my yard!"

"The fundamental values of Christianity are so challenged today that being in a Life Group gives me so much encouragement and support."

"It's been so nice being able to open up to people that I know care about me, what's going on in my life and what's going on in my marriage."

"I use the skills I learned from Financial Peace University every day. Today I paid for a car repair with money I had been saving using the envelope system. I had no credit card statement to follow me home."

"I am so grateful God lead me to the women's study, 'Power of a Praying Woman'. It is a diverse group of women being challenged by the study to grow in our relationship with Christ and supporting each other as we do."



BAPTISMS

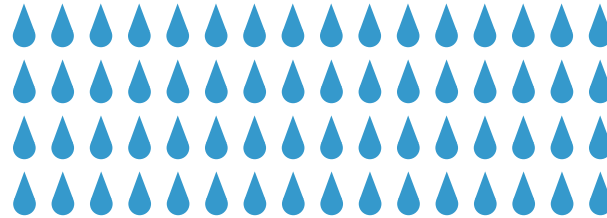
Known people who accepted Christ this year:

20



People who chose to be baptized:

64



KEN'S STORY

"My wife Vicky was diagnosed with cancer in 2010. In 2011, she stood in front of Door Creek Church thanking God for providing us a church family to help get her through it. What we didn't know at the time was that her cancer wasn't gone. Four month later, she passed away.

Instead of walking away from God after the loss of my wife, I've actually grown more in my faith. God's mercy and grace have gotten me to this point.

God asks us to make a public statement of our faith. That's why I'm here. Through the good times and the hard times, God is my Savior and Lord and I'm trusting Him with all of my heart."



KIDS

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Total who came:

Over 1,200

Total who came for the first time:

Over 201

WEEKEND AVERAGE

Both Campuses:

268 Kids

TUESDAY NIGHTS

154 Kids

UPWARD BASKETBALL

142 Players

35 Volunteers

SOCCKER CAMP

115 Players



STORIES

"My kids love going to DCC Kids because the leaders make learning about Jesus fun and interesting. They also enjoy the games and the time with other kids."

"DCC KIDS is what brought us to Door Creek Church on a consistent basis. We received a post card in the mail for G4/5. My son tried it out and loved it! We have been coming back ever since."

"I love singing and dancing at church!"

"Soccer camp is the only event that three of my children are able to participate in due to special needs. The patience, love and acceptance that is extended to each of the children at the camp allows them to be in an environment that they otherwise could not handle."



STUDENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sprecher Road Campus:

52 Students

North Campus:

24 Students

HIGH SCHOOL

Sprecher Road Campus:

34 Students

North Campus:

25 Students

MADISON MISSIONS

26 Middle School Students

NEW ORLEANS TRIP

10 High School Students



STORIES

"My favorite part of being a leader is watching how the students grow throughout the year. They went from barely speaking in small groups at the beginning to asking great questions and practically leading the discussions at the end of the year."

"I love the relationship my child has with their small group leader. Having another adult encourage my child to look for God through the high school years is so helpful!"

"When I am having a hard time, I know I can talk to my leader."

"Middle school students put in about 1,300 -1,400 volunteer hours in one week throughout the city of Madison. Many students said they wished they could stay and serve another week! Students really experienced the Lord."

"An email came in from a woman thankful for the coat drive. She shared the story of a mom and son who were new to the district, came only with the clothes on their back and were staying at a hotel in Sun Prairie. The student was outfitted with DCC Students coat drive donations and the mom was given a coat that fit as well. The woman who wrote the email was so happy for this thing that your church does and then said, 'I guess it's what I do now too, because I'm taking the membership class!'"



GIVE

CONNECTIONS

444 Volunteers

WORSHIP ARTS

137 Volunteers

KIDS

169 Volunteers

STUDENTS

60 Volunteers

LIFE GROUP LEADERS

54 Volunteers

ADULT GROUPS & CLASSES

84 Volunteers

BOOMERANGS

79 Volunteers

CARE & SUPPORT

72 Volunteers

OFFICE & FACILITIES

31 Volunteers



INTERNSHIPS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2 Interns

STUDENTS

1 Interns

COMMUNICATIONS

1 Interns

CARE & SUPPORT

1 Interns

STORIES

"I loved seeing the excitement and eagerness the kids had when learning about Jesus! It was so encouraging to see the impact for Christ you can have on a child's life just by spending a few hours with them on a weekend."

"We say that we're serving, and we are, but those of us serving end up being served with fun, friendships and a deeper connection to our church."

"Celebrate Recovery is the perfect place for me to use the healed parts of my broken life to provide hope and service to others with hurts, habits and hang ups."

"I have met a lot of wonderful people while volunteering at Boomerangs Resale Store - it's a complete team that acts like a family to me!"

"Some of my most powerful worship experiences have been with the Door Creek Church kids."

"My internship at Door Creek Church gave me the opportunity to learn and work on things that I love! My ideas were trusted and welcomed. The best part about it was being part of a team that's working hard to reach others for Christ."

GLOBAL & NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

LIBERIA

\$6,595.78 Ebola Relief

\$110,000 EFCM Training Center*

* Includes All In and Advent Conspiracy

TRIPS

Honduras:

2 Teams **10** People

Mozambique:

1 Person

Pine Ridge, North Dakota:

3 People

New Orleans:

2 Teams **17** People



STORIES

"Funds provided buckets and bleach to help prevent the spread of Ebola. We balanced between physical and spiritual needs and our mission was to reach out to people and give them hope. 'We all will die, but when you die, where will you be?' That created hope. If I caught Ebola and died today, yet knew Jesus Christ, I would be OK."

"My trip to Pine Ridge provided me with an opportunity to spend time with a family and learn about their life on the reservation. My heart ached for the extreme poverty and conditions the people of Pine Ridge live in. It was hard to comprehend that these kinds of conditions exist in our country. It stirred a desire to return annually to love on the children/people and shine God's love."



LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

KINGDOM JUSTICE SUMMIT

The purpose of this summit is to further the conversation about Biblical Justice and what it might look like lived out in our community. Justice is at the heart of our vision as a church and a pathway towards being a church for all people.

200 Attendees **30** Churches Represented

BRAT FEST

Door Creek Church volunteers earned **\$1,346** to support mini-grants awarded within the Adopt a Teacher program.

SERVE

This one-day event is designed to bring the entire Door Creek Church community together to serve those around us.

240 Volunteers

720 Volunteer Hours of Service

Over 90% Work done at Local Schools

180 Teacher Gifts Made & Delivered

At least 10 Teachers Applied to be Adopted Since Serve



STORIES

"What an amazing day Serve was! Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who helped get our school ready to welcome our students and families on their first day! We are so blessed to have such an amazing relationship with Door Creek Church!"

"Our Life Group supplied our teacher with gloves and hats to keep in the classroom so kids without them could go outside for recess. We also spent time in the classroom, prayed regularly for her and her students and provided funding for a unit she developed on generosity."

"One member of our Life Group helped write a grant application to the Sun Prairie Educational Foundation for our teacher and she won a \$1,500 grant!"

"I love the chance to serve as a Big. I have been doing the school friends program this past year and I look forward to hanging out with my 3rd grade Little. He is teaching me 'new math' and I am teaching him that I am bad at basketball. Our time together is a highlight of my week!"



ADVENT CONSPIRACY PROJECTS

An international movement centered on bringing a deeper meaning to Christmas.

LOCAL

\$30,000

Achievement Gap Grants Awarded to:

- Vera Court
- West High School
- Kennedy Heights,
- NESYB (Youth Basketball)
- Nehemiah
- Aldo Leopold Nature Center
- FLYY

NATIONAL

\$10,000

- Pine Ridge, South Dakota - Red Cloud Indian School to help purchase a new school bus
- New Orleans, LA - Funds to help purchase new computers at Urban Impact

GLOBAL

\$60,000

- Turkana, Kenya - Community development through World Relief
- Honduras - Two teacher salaries for Great Commission Latin America
- Liberia - Funding to fight Ebola through Vision Trust

STORIES

"This was a remarkable group of young men facing some very serious challenges. None of these students have a father in their lives, but we had excellent participation from their mothers, as well as some other adults playing a prominent roles. In the end, both families were extremely grateful for the opportunity to participate in the program." - FLYY

"A pastor visiting World Relief in Turkana praised God for watermelons and other produce growing where once very little could grow due to the dry, parched ground. He also prayed that God's Word would germinate among the people and a church be planted in the same vicinity as the watermelon patch. A year later, sure enough, there was a small, very humble church standing nearby the watermelon patch." - World Relief

"Thank you to everyone at Door Creek Church who gave generously and sacrificially to help VisionTrust minister in Liberia during the Ebola crisis. Over 1,000 people, many of them being Ebola survivors, experienced the hands and feet of Jesus as the body of Christ risked their lives to bring them the supplies they desperately needed to survive." - VisionTrust Liberia



FINANCES

SEPT. 1, 2014 – AUG. 31, 2015

Budget:

\$3,271,198

Actual:

\$2,820,712 Income

\$2,876,254 Expense

\$(55,542)

Mortgage:

\$327,986 Interest payments

\$10,193 Principal payments

\$338,179

Boomerangs Sales:

\$381,648

Average Gift Per Attender:

\$32 Per Attender

New Givers:

158



ALL IN

RECAP

FEB 1, 2013 – FEB. 28, 2015

Income:

\$7,464,963 Donations

\$7,500,000 New Loans

\$14,964,963

Expenses:

\$5,749,170 Ministry and Special Projects*

\$7,227,906 Sprecher Road Campus Expansion

\$2,129,119 Phase I Loan Balance

\$15,106,195

Net Deficit:

\$(141,232) Covered by Cash Reserves

* Ministry and Special Projects includes All In and Advent Conspiracy Projects



UPCOMING MINISTRY FOCUS

2016 - 2018



From the very beginning of our church's history back in the early 60's, the leadership of our church has been seeking God for direction. This past year the leadership has been asking God to guide us as we think, pray and plan for the chapter that lies ahead.

We are excited to give this chapter the title, "Rooted - Grounded for Good." We want to have our identities rooted in Christ, our relationships rooted in His grace, our families and church family grounded in Christ and His mission for the good of others.

As we seek to be a Christ-centered church for all people may we grow deep in Christ that we might reach far for Him.

"IN DAYS TO COME JACOB SHALL TAKE ROOT,
ISRAEL SHALL BLOSSOM AND PUT FORTH
SHOOTS AND FILL THE WHOLE WORLD
WITH FRUIT." - ISAIAH 27:6



**DOOR
CREEK
CHURCH**

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