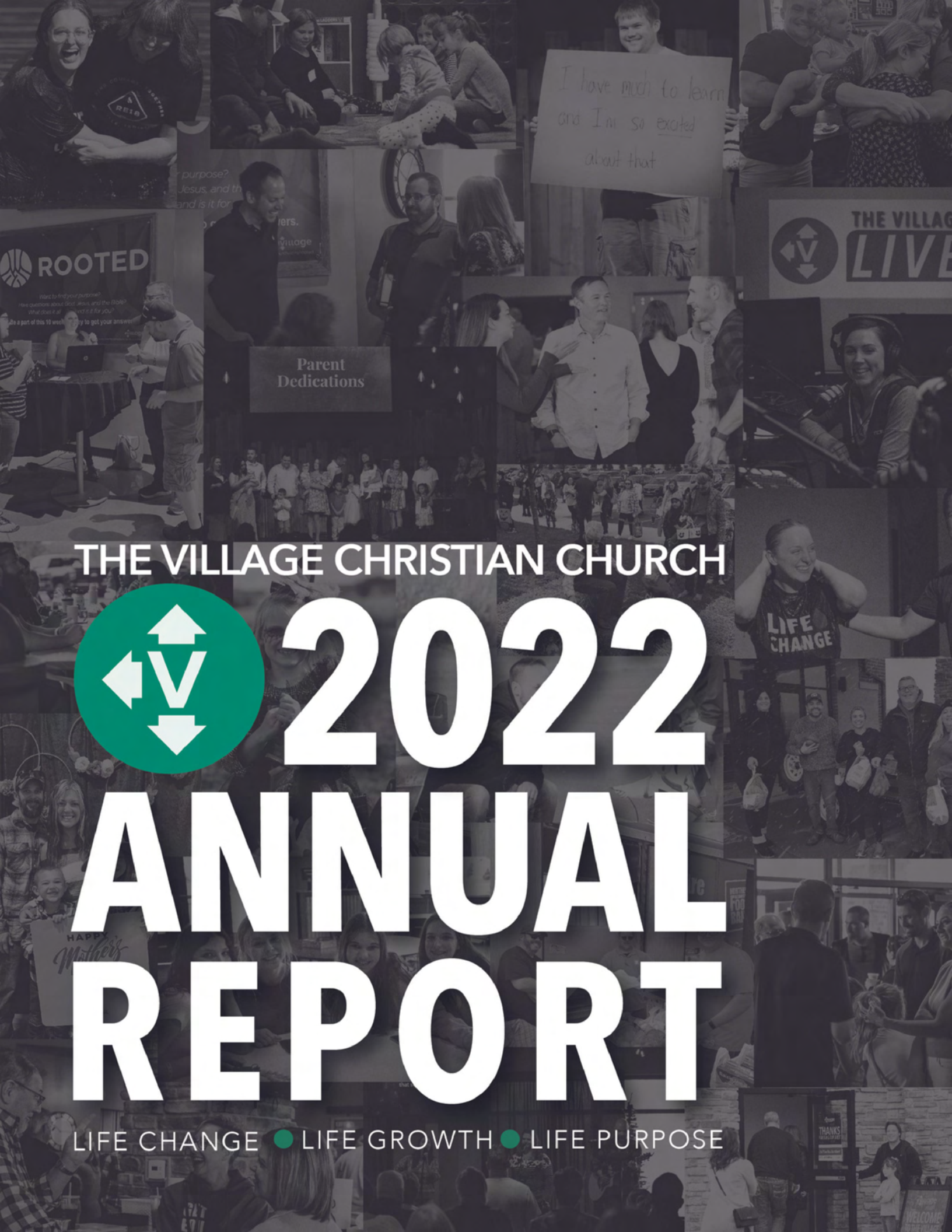


THE VILLAGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

LIFE CHANGE • LIFE GROWTH • LIFE PURPOSE

MISSION: *Helping People Experience* LIFE CHANGE, LIFE GROWTH, AND LIFE PURPOSE

This report celebrates all that GOD HAS DONE in 2022.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
1 Chronicles 16:8 (ESV)

Our goal with this report is to live out this verse. We give thanks to God and look forward to sharing incredible stories of what He has done in 2022, another year of God growing His church.

- Our Online Campus, The Village Live, grew from reaching 368 people per week to now over 500 per week. Every week we meet new people who are watching, and we get to hear their stories of how God is working in their lives.
- Our Seneca Campus continues to grow and reach new people every week. In February, we celebrated our 1-year birthday, and in April we were able to purchase the building that we had been renting. Now our Seneca campus is poised to reach more people as we head into the future.
- Our Coal City Campus launched December 11 and has made an immediate impact in the community. We can't wait to see how God will use this new campus to reach more people for Him.
- The Minooka Campus had another strong year, and we are poised for an incredible 5-year run of growth with 500 homes being built within 1-mile of the campus.

In this report you will read about increasing attendance, baptisms, Pulse students, Lifegroups, volunteers serving, money donated to missions, record generosity, and record number of people reached through our digital platforms. Please remember, this is all a gift from God. We share these to give glory and honor to Him.

The Village is now one church in multiple locations - Minooka, Seneca, Coal City, and Online-with unlimited potential. We can't wait to see how God will use each of us to be His Church and carry out our mission - helping people experience Life Change, Life Growth, and Life Purpose.

Nate Ferguson
Lead Pastor
The Village Christian Church

CORE VALUES

The Priorities To Drive The Mission Forward

In 2022 these Core Values were introduced to the church as the priorities for years to come as we help people experience Life Change, Life Growth, and Life Purpose. Our Core Values outline how we as a church body behave, so we can drive our mission forward. You will see more examples of these Core Values in this report.

THE BIBLE IS OUR GUIDE

We teach the Bible and equip people to live it out.

EVERYBODY GROWS

Growth happens when we connect in Lifegroups, discipleships, and community.

EVERYBODY SERVES

God has uniquely created you and given you gifts, and it's important to use those gifts to serve others.

NO BORING HERE

Church can be a fun place, a place that you want to be a part of!

COAL CITY CAMPUS

Expanding Into More Communities For More Life Change, Life Growth, And Life Purpose

LAUNCHED DECEMBER 11, 2022

WITH 171 PEOPLE

- Volunteers donated over 250 hours and $50,000 worth of labor, repairs, and materials to get the campus ready.
- Even before services began, 3 lifegroups started meeting to study Scripture, pray together, and get to know each other.
- October 2 we announced the lease was signed and the building permit received.

"I can't wait to see what God has planned for the Coal City area - I know that He is going to impact the community in ways that only He can.
I can't wait to see life change, life growth, and life purpose being fulfilled in new lives! - Justin

SENECA CAMPUS

Expanding Into More Communities For More Life Change, Life Growth, And Life Purpose

121 AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

- Fall Fest
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Christmas at Crotty Park
- Shipyard Days
- Marseilles Fundays
- Financial assistance (school supplies, clothes, food, gas, utilities, housing, and furnace repair)
- Provided a vehicle for a woman
- Free Gift wrapping with kid's crafts

- What did God do in 2022? 7 baptisms, 8 Lifegroups, 5 Rooted graduates, 4 discipleships, 3 mobile food pantries, 12 Thanksgiving boxes, Christmas gifts for 10 kids, teams expanded, including a new worship leader hired in January.
- Moved from renter to owner in April, installed a new ceiling in May, new HVAC in July, and new bathroom floors in August.
- Outstanding generosity provided for renovations, a $7,000 gift for Destiny Rescue was matched resulting in $14,000 to rescue exploited children, and a $40,000 gift toward building payoff.

> God is so good. I'm so grateful for His hand in all of this. The Village is a church that equips people to use their gifts to expand the Kingdom of God. - Sarah, Campus Pastor

THE VILLAGE LIVE - ONLINE CAMPUS

ENCOUNTERING JESUS AND EXPERIENCING CHURCH ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.

38.5% FROM 2021

518 AVERAGE # OF PEOPLE THAT EXPERIENCED ONLINE CHURCH WEEKLY

"Not being able to take my family to church due to not having a vehicle is definitely a new problem for me. I'm so thankful and grateful for the ability to be able to watch online. Today's message was so perfectly timed. If you look for it, you'll find so many things to truly be grateful for in the midst of difficulties. - Jessica

"Thank you for connecting with me. I'm not sure how I even found this church in my YouTube feed, but have been so blessed by the messages. The doctors say my time is short, but I wanted you all to know that you are making a huge difference. Before I started watching, I'm not sure if I knew God, but now I know I do. - Anonymous

- 76% of the YouTube online audience on Easter Sunday were not subscribers. This shows we are reaching new people!
- 59 people texted "Connect" as they watched online. States represented:

Illinois	Indiana
Florida	Tennessee
Texas	Washington

DIGITAL MINISTRIES

Stay Connected To Be Encouraged And Equipped

3594
Facebook Followers
↑ 12%

98,325
Post Engagements

967
YouTube Subscribers
↑ 18%

44,785 views
294,240 watch time minutes

972
Instagram Followers
↑ 25%

13,054
Content Interactions

Today we did a test run at the new Coal City Campus with the launch team! 👏
We are beyond excited to announce we will be open for church in Coal City next Sunday, December 11, 9 + 10:30 AM!!!

965 E. Division St. (Above Fitness Premier)

Praising God and so thankful to be part of His plan!

TOP FACEBOOK POST
6,432 REACH
1,732 ENGAGEMENTS

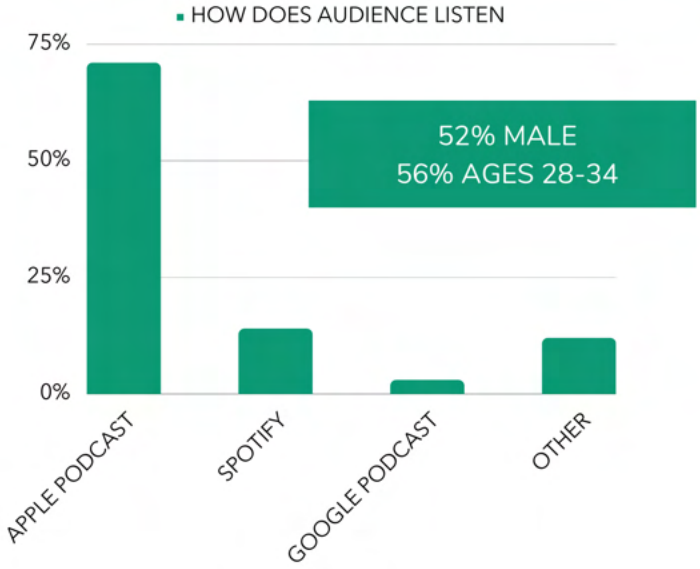
TOP INSTAGRAM REEL
13,900 PLAYS

A 24/7 online approach increases opportunities for community and for someone to start a relationship with Jesus. Digital ministry takes advantage of the other 167 hours in the week beyond the 1-hour church service to share the good news of Jesus.

PODCAST LAUNCHED IN APRIL

2,853 PLAYS IN 2022

A place to listen to incredible stories where God has been at work.



DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Life Change Through Baptism

A Public Commitment To Say YES To Jesus. A Starting Point For Life Change!

Last year I was living in so much muck and wanted to feel a physical change in my relationship with God. I'm ready for good, Holy, pure, living water to clean me right up! -Katelyn

462 BAPTISMS SINCE THE START IN 2004

52 BAPTISMS in 2022

Today marks a milestone in my Christian walk! Being baptized I'm declaring a fervent belief and love for my Savior Jesus Christ! -Tibor

Last year I decided I needed to change. My heart needed something different. I was angry, irritable and spiraling out of control. Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice because he knew I was far from perfect. My choice to get baptized is because I want to confess my love and need for God. -Mia

As I grew in my relationship with God, I realized I wanted to make a public proclamation showing gratitude for His grace. It became clear to me that if Jesus, the perfect, sinless son of God, was baptized– I need to let pride die and do the same. - Tracy

I wasn't raised in a religious home, but I've always felt there was something out there. On Feb. 20th we decided to go to church and the message hit a nerve. I felt that I had finally found what I'd been searching for. I started reading the Bible and got to know Jesus, and now declare that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. - Steve

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Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
-Acts 2:38

BAPTISMS CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. JAILS, POOLS, RIVERS...IT'S NOT ABOUT THE LOCATION. IT IS ABOUT THE HEART.

It's time to stop doing life my own way and follow Jesus instead. I'm ready, and I want to experience the peace of God every day.
-Amanda

This past year, our family has been through devastating trials that I would not have been able to get through without trusting in Jesus. He has given us strength, comfort and peace. Today, we dedicate our lives to Jesus Christ. -Woodruff Family

I was following the Lord, but didn't think I needed to get baptized. Once I finally wrapped my head around the fact that God created me, and rescued me, I knew I had no choice but to say yes to whatever He asks of me. -Jon

I've never had much of a relationship with God. It wasn't that I didn't believe, it was that I didn't know what I needed to do. I've never been one to suggest going to church, but a few months ago, I woke up and something told me I needed to go. I could relate with the message and what was going on in my life. I knew I was meant to be here and realized how patient God is, how long He had waited for me for this moment. I want to continue to build my relationship with God. -William

LIFEGROUPS

Life Growth Through Community

Love Jesus, Each Other, And Help Others Find And Follow Jesus.

380 PEOPLE CONNECTED IN 39 GROUPS

SECOND HALFERS GROUP STARTED IN JANUARY = AVERAGE OF 25 PEOPLE CONNECTING EVERY MONTH

LIFE CHANGE THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

"It's been a great year growing together in our relationship with God. I cannot wait to see the amazing work God will accomplish through Angie.
-Samantha

EVERYBODY GROWS

WHAT IS A DISCIPLESHIP?
One-on-one weekly meetings for a year to explore spiritual gifts and purpose in God. Discipleships equipped us to disciple others. We are disciple-makers!

He doesn't call the qualified.
He qualifies the called.
2 Corinthians 3:5-6

LIFE GROWTH

Loving Jesus
Relationships
Friends
Serving
Supporting
Encouraging
Hanging Out

ROOTED EXPERIENCE

Connect With God, The Church, And Your Purpose

60 PEOPLE EXPERIENCED ROOTED

11 DECISIONS FOR BAPTISM AFTER ROOTED

EVERYBODY GROWS

Before Rooted, I believed in a God who was for everyone else but me. I never believed He could love ME or be for ME. God has shown up every time I asked. His constant pursuit of me broke every stronghold that was holding me back. I surrender my life to Him. -Mandy

I was at odds with God and disliked religion. My wife began to read the Bible and I saw the miraculous way it changed her. She signed us up for Rooted, and I was challenged to read the Bible. I realized what I had been missing, and craved more. I've found God and experienced incredible changes, and I wish I found Him sooner. - Rob

I felt I had this light inside of me that I wanted to share, but didn't know how to show it to others. During my Rooted prayer experience, I kept hearing 2 songs in my head-In My Father's House and King Of My Heart. Now I know! I'm in His house, my shame isn't welcomed in my life anymore. God is good, and I'm good because of Him. - Sarah

MISSIONS

Life Purpose Through Service

Reclaim3d, Our 501C3, Exists To Reclaim Bad Circumstances Into Something Beautiful Locally, Regionally, and Globally.

1324 PEOPLE SERVING OUTSIDE OF OUR CHURCH WALLS

$417,920 GIVEN TO MISSIONS IN 2022

$1,831,496 GIVEN TO MISSIONS SINCE THE VILLAGE OPENED IN 2004

LOCAL & REGIONAL

- 11 mobile food pantries (6 in Minooka, 3 in Seneca, 2 in Braidwood) provided 100,000 lbs. of food. 120 mobile food pantries have provided 1,200,000 lbs. of free food to our communities since 2005.
- Volunteers packed 3,950 food bags for the Channahon-Minooka Rotary Club Backpack Program. The food is discreetly placed in the backpacks of 150 kids from low income families.
- 135 guests attended the Dance The Night Away prom in April for the special needs community.
- The Golf Outing got rained out, but the Reclaim3d Banquet was a success! The goal was to raise $30,000 to put back in to the communities we serve. The result was $31,000 raised.
- 247 kids came for new shoes, socks, laundry detergent, and a lot of clothes at the Big Give in August.
- 40 turkey dinners were delivered to single moms and struggling families at Thanksgiving in the communities of Coal City, Seneca, and Minooka.
- Our church family donated $10,506 worth of toys for Ms. Pearl's Christmas Store serving families in Roseland, a community on the south side of Chicago.

EVERYBODY SERVES

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GLOBAL

- $6,289 from ornament sales was raised for Heart For Africa. This mission serves over 300 orphans bringing HOPE to the Kingdom of Eswatini, Africa in the areas of Hunger, Orphans, Poverty and Education.
- Rescue Sunday fueled $34,000 in donations to our mission partner, Destiny Rescue, to rescue children from human trafficking.
- The goal was to pack 100,000 meals for Haiti at the November Lifeline Christian Mission Meal Pack. 450 volunteers packed 100,008 meals!

> This has been an incredible opportunity to see so many people from our surrounding communities gather together to serve a common goal - to help those in desperate need.

EVERYBODY SERVES

HEART FOR AFRICA

ATTENDANCE

Every Number Has A Name. Every Name Has A Story. Every Story Matters To Our God.

1149 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE ACROSS ALL CAMPUSES

247 NEW GUESTS THAT PROVIDED THEIR INFORMATION

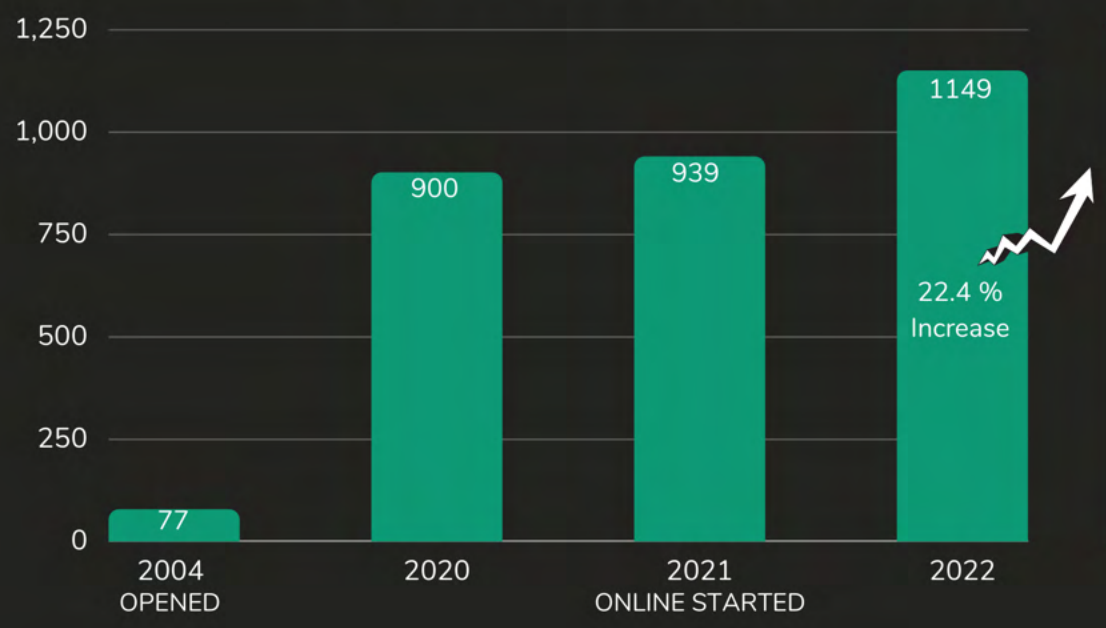
204 PEOPLE ATTENDED COAL CITY CAMPUS DECEMBER 11 LAUNCH

2309 CHRISTMAS SERVICES ATTENDANCE

"The Village is the best church I've been to! So many friendly people. There is truly no judgement and I have always felt judged at other churches. So much support! - Danielle

"I never felt like I belonged in other churches. As soon as I walked in to The Village, I felt welcome. I get something out of every message and my kids love Kid Village! - Nikki

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE



The numbers represent lives being changed by God. Every number has a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God.

LIFE-CHANGING GENEROSITY

Your Generosity + God's Blessing = More People Coming To Know Jesus!

2022 BUDGET

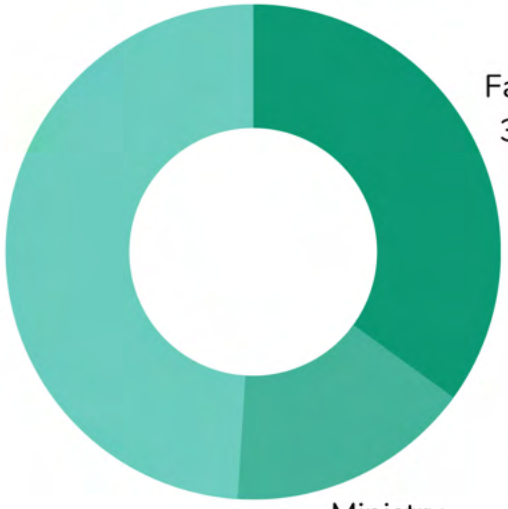
$1,098,136

WEEKLY NEED: $21,118

2022 ACTUAL

$1,200,368

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED $23,084



HOW $102,232 SURPLUS WAS ALLOCATED:

- $10,232 Reclaim3d
- $40,000 Seneca Mortgage
- $52,000 Reserves/Mortgage Extra Payment On Principal

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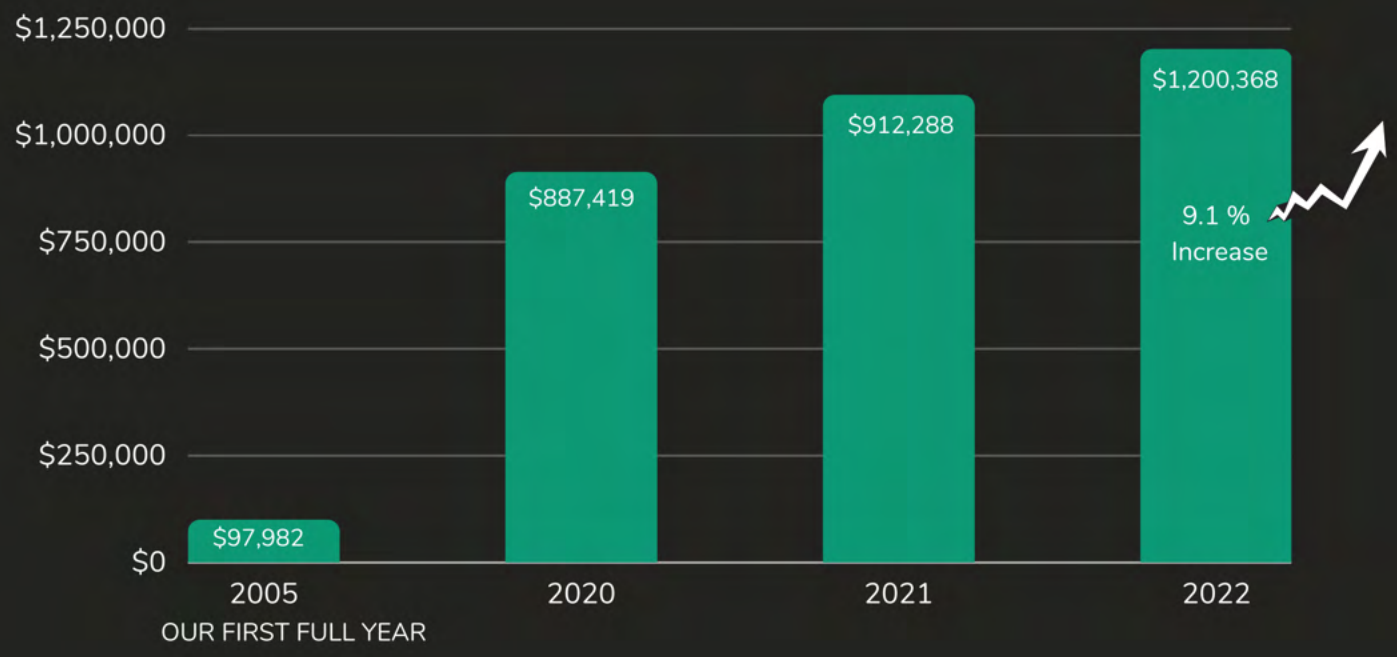
NEW GIVERS

GIVING RECAP



PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES

A Place Where Students Meet Jesus, Know Jesus And Share Jesus!

114
SUNDAY & DURING THE WEEK NIGHTS

51
SUNDAY MORNINGS

AVERAGE # STUDENTS LEARNING ABOUT JESUS EACH WEEK
(ALL CAMPUSES COMBINED)

THE BIBLE IS OUR GUIDE

MAKING FRIENDS, CONNECTING AND COMMUNITY HAPPENING AT LITTLE GALILEE CAMPS

EVERYBODY GROWS

PULSE STUDENTS ARE EXCITED TO SERVE AND BE AN EXAMPLE TO LIVING OUT LIFE PURPOSE.

EVERYBODY SERVES

A FUN PLACE WHERE STUDENTS WANT TO BE, A PLACE TO CONNECT, FEEL VALUED AND SUPPORTED.

NO BORING HERE

PULSE STUDENTS

PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES

A Place Where Students Meet Jesus, Know Jesus And Share Jesus!

"I didn't grow up in church and thought it was boring. After I started going to Pulse, I felt a change and wanted to give my life to Christ. - Brynn

16 Pulse students took the next step of baptism!

66 students attended summer camp and learned more about Jesus!

100+ students from Seneca, Minooka, and Coal City came to the pumpkin carving event. Worship, carving, snacks, and fun!

130 past and present students and volunteers connected at the Thanksgiving Feast and honored leader Carder Ferguson as he moves on to an internship.

"Going to Pulse is such a great start to my week. I look forward to the time I get to spend furthering my relationship with God, alongside other young Christians. - Natalie

KID VILLAGE MINISTRY

A Safe, Fun-Filled Place Where Kids Can Come To Worship And Learn About Our Amazing God!

44	KID VILLAGERS AT COAL CITY LAUNCH
140	VISITING FAMILIES ACROSS ALL CAMPUSES
91	AVERAGE # OF KID VILLAGERS EACH WEEK (ALL CAMPUSES COMBINED)

> My goal for, His Church, is to be there for hurting and lonely children. -Tom, Volunteer

THANKING GOD FOR

ALL THAT HE HAS DONE AT

THE VILLAGE