



CORNERSTONE CHURCH

Cornerstone Faith Family,

So much happened at Cornerstone in 2018 and what a joy and privilege it is to be a part of all that God is doing! The financial giving and generosity from the body of believers at Cornerstone has allowed us to look at the budget with open hands, ready and willing to give as the Lord leads, and to use the resources for our church, our city, and the ends of the earth. We pray that we always model this open-handedness and riskiness for the advancement of the Gospel.

At the end of 2018, we had \$72,000 that was given in abundance over our budgeted expenses. Praise God for how He has richly provided for us! The Financial Stewardship Team with the oversight of the Elders prayed and discussed how best to use this money. It was recommended to the church at the budget meeting in November to use this surplus money in three ways: one-third Capital Investment (building fund), one-third Debt Payoff (down payment for new building), and one-third Kingdom Giving.

We wanted to inform the Church of how the \$24,000 for Kingdom Giving was invested. (Please note that these gifts are ***in addition to*** the planned giving for our many partnerships throughout the year.)

LOCAL PARTNERS:

Community Care Prayer Outreach (CCPO) – \$3,000

God is at work through CCPO to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the least of these in our community. Some of the services they provide for families include: distributing food and clothing; providing financial assistance for paying for utilities, rent, and medications; and giving gifts for children in need at Christmas time. Cornerstone has had the opportunity to partner with CCPO multiple times, and it is always a joy to serve our community in this way and partner in this great ministry.



Mid-County Young Life – \$1,000

Many of our members have been involved with YoungLife in some capacity, whether it is attending Clubs on Monday nights, mentoring and discipling students as a YoungLife leaders, or serving on Committee. We at Cornerstone have seen the impact of YoungLife in the lives of students in our community, and we pray for God to continue to work through this ministry to impact the next generation for Christ.



MISSION PARTNERS:

Brent & Savannah Sorrels – \$3,600

Brent and Savannah Sorrels are reaching the Buddhist population in DFW and SETX with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They have recently lost several ministry support partners, and our partnership has been helpful in the continuation of their ministry. Please continue to pray for the Sorrels—that God would meet all of their financial needs as a family and that they would see the Gospel bear fruit in the lives of those that do not know Him.



Rafael & Sarah Araujo – \$3,600

As Rafael and Sarah serve the Brazilian population in Vancouver they need a bigger space to meet – which is a problem we can relate to. We pray that these additional funds help to alleviate some of these costs in a place where the cost of living and real estate is very high. Be in prayer for this ministry and the second small group they are starting in the town of Coquitlam.



Travis & Charissa Bertrand – \$3,000

Travis and Charissa hold a very dear place to many at Cornerstone. They worshipped with us while they were stateside and have now returned to serve the people in North Africa. Their funding is all self supported and on top of Cornerstone monthly contribution, we pray that this one-time gift helps to off set cost so they can focus their attention on furthering the Gospel.



MAP Missionary in Brazil-\$1,800

We currently support church planters in the Amazon, Brazil. The cost to support additional missionaries in Brazil through the Missionary Adoption Program for one year is \$1,800. We are looking to send another team to Brazil this summer. Be praying about if God might be calling you to go!

GLOBAL PARTNERS:

Acts29 “1,000 in for 1,000”- \$1,000

From the Acts29 Website: “1000 in for 1000” is a new Acts 29 fundraising campaign. We are seeking to raise \$1 million through the generous giving of 1,000 people who each provide \$1,000 to support church planting around the world. These 1,000 givers will be a significant and distinct group of donors, directly enabling key initiatives to be launched and sustained.”

Lottie Moon-\$7,000

From the IMB website: Because you and your church give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, IMB missionaries can take the gospel to unreached peoples around the world. Every dollar you give makes a difference, because 100% of the money collected goes to the work of reaching every nation.

As we look expectantly to what the Lord will do at Cornerstone and beyond in 2019, let us take time to rejoice and praise God for all that He has done in 2018!

Quick Building Update: There is approximately \$125,000 in the Building Fund as of this week (after closing costs). Because of the generosity of both the body at Cornerstone and those in the community who have given their time and resources, the building renovations are in full swing. The hope is to be able to do all the major projects which includes parking prior to making the move. Please be in prayer that the Lord guides the steps of all of the building renovations and that God would be worshipped in this place and the gospel would be furthered through the ministry of our church for many years to come.

Your giving is making a difference in our church, our community, and the nations. All that we have--our money, our time, our resources, our gifts--belong to God and have been given to us by His exceedingly great grace. May we be found faithful stewards of the resources He has given us, each individually and corporately as a church body.

“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.” – 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” - Matthew 24:14

To God be Glory,

The Financial Stewardship Team

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