



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

# **Dear Bridgetown Family,**

On the journey of life there are ups, and there are downs. Church is no different. We've been through a lot as a community, but this last year was a marked high. As we look back over the last twelve months, I can't help but thank God, and you.

We started in the fall with The Emotionally Healthy Church. It was hard, difficult, and painful at times, but so good and healing and freeing. In just a few short months, I feel like our church grew up.

Then we spent all winter learning about the things of the Holy Spirit - prophecy, healing, freedom from demonic spirits, and more. After years of gearing up for more of the Spirit, we finally took the plunge. Bridgetown will never be the same again. We've discovered a whole new space in the kingdom of God.

On top of the amazing things happening in our gatherings, we have seen scores of people get into missional community. It's been a joy to welcome so many new people to our city and church. For a lot of people, a community-centric model of church is all new, and, even though it's hard, they are living into it with great joy.

And then there's justice: in addition to the amazing stuff happening around Foster Care, this year the Spirit inspired a whole new initiative around Refugee Care. Watching this unfold - even in the midst of the hostile political climate around the world - has been a beautiful kingdom moment.

All of this is God's grace. No question.

But we believe that God's grace is his empowering presence. This is something God has done through us, with you and me as his partners.

So we want to say thank you. To God, for his grace. And to you, for your generosity. Bridgetown happens because week after week, you give. Some of you have a lot to give, others of you are poor college students who just give what you can. But together, as a community, we give to our church. Your generosity makes it possible for Bridgetown to be a kingdom outpost in the middle of our city. Thank you.

As we look forward to the coming year, we continue to pray, Your kingdom come, in Portland as it is in heaven.

John Mark Comer

Pastor of Vision & Teaching



# **Gather**

We gather as a church around the bread and cup, to pray, learn the Scriptures, and worship together as the people of God.

First Baptist Church 909 SW 11th Ave, Portland, Oregon

Sundays 5 PM & 7 PM

# Scatter

We scatter as a church into our neighborhoods as Missional Communities to be the people of Jesus in our city.

Northwest Portland Downtown Portland Northeast Portland Southeast Portland Southwest Portland Vancouver, Washington

# Serve

Followers of Jesus are called to be servants. We want to actively demonstrate self-sacrificial love in and outside the church.

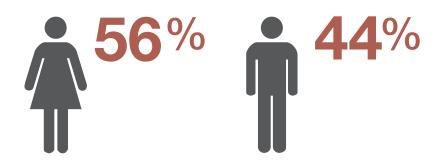
# **Give**

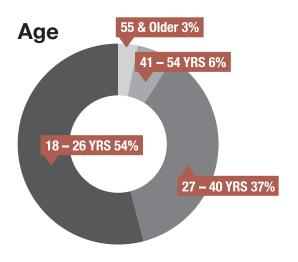
We want to partner with Jesus to serve our city and dream of becoming a church marked by radical generosity.

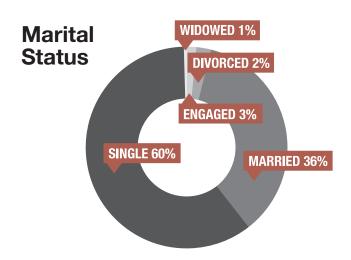
# THAT GOD'S WILL WOULD BE DONE IN PORTLAND AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

# Bridgetown Survey Results

Results compiled from 705 voluntary entries in church-wide survey taken October 2015.



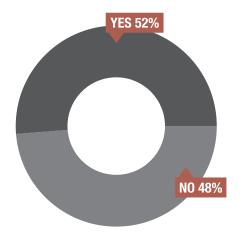




# **Years of Attendance with Bridgetown Church**



# Part of a Missional Community



# Financial Summary

Oct 2014 - Sept 2015

\$1,510,884

**Total Giving** 

This figure represents 100% of giving before 10% transferred to Hear The Cry and 10% to Church Planting & Evangelism.

\$151,088

Hear The Cry Income Gifts Toward Hear The Cry: 10% of every dollar given to the church goes directly to justice work and those in need both globally and locally.

\$1,359,796

Net General Giving

\$48,048

Ministry Expenses

Ministry Expenses include but are not limited to: Kids, Youth, Young Adults, Men, Women, Benevolence, House of Learning, and Missional Communities.

\$636,031

Wages & Salaries

Wages & Salaries include but are not limited to: Wages and salaries for all staff, and benefits for full-time staff.

\$341,659

**Operating Expenses** 

Operating Expenses include but are not limited to: Building Leases, Maintenance, Utilities, Office Supplies, and Insurances.

\$334,058

**Net Surplus** 

By your generosity and God's grace, we have ended the year with a surplus for the first time. These monies have become the beginning of a much needed reserve fund.

# **Bridgetown Church**

# Church Planting & Evangelism

Bridgetown is a collection of missional communities for the urban core of Portland, Oregon, but what we realized is that among these communities was a faithful presence of people doing life in Vancouver, Washington. A few years ago we began asking ourselves, "what would it look like to plant a church in Vancouver?" After several years of praying, searching, and planning, we are doing exactly that. Bridgetown Church is planting a church in Vancouver, Washington.

# \$122,078

# Total Expenses of Church Planting & Evangelism

These funds were collected during the 2014 fiscal year and given during the 2015 fiscal year.

# Van City: A Jesus Church

Vancouver, Washington

### **SOMA**

Tacoma, Washington

& More

# A Jesus Church Family **Hear The Cry**

As disciples of Jesus, we have a responsibility to hear the cry and to take action both globally and locally. At the end of 2012 we launched Hear the Cry: Local to create partnerships with churches, government offices and other organizations to provide for those in need in the Greater Portland area.

In 2015, we worked within our city in the areas of foster care, anti-sex trafficking, and started focusing more on local refugee care. About one thousand refugees are placed in our city every year. Our goal is for them to experience God's love by providing them with the necessary tools for a bright future.

# \$952,053

# Total Giving to Hear The Cry

The total amount reflects 10% of every dollar given from all churches in the Jesus Church Family as well as direct giving to Hear The Cry.

### Remember Nhu

Thailand & Myanmar

# **Restore International**

Uganda

# **Hands of Hope**

Zimbabwe

# Fly Fishing Collaborative

Thailand

### **Happy Home**

India

### Jose Zayas International

Europe & Africa

# **Royal Family Kids Camp**

Portland, Oregon

### **New Horizon Foundation**

Colorado Springs, Colorado

### **Berean Way**

Tualatin, Oregon

# **Leadership Foundation**

Portland, Oregon

# **Transitional Youth**

Portland, Oregon

### & More

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# Hear The Cry: Global

People Traveled

Teams
Traveled



In 2015, Hear The Cry was able to accomplish some very important work. 400 students have begun their education at a school in Somalia after starting a school with Restore International. They also opened a school with Restore in Northern Iraq for refugees that have fled from ISIS. 200 kids were brought in to receive safety and an education. In the same area of Northern Iraq, they were able to build three refugee camps for 450

refugees fleeing from ISIS. 160 of those refugees were sponsored by our family of churches. They built two greenhouses and an irrigation drip farming system in Uganda. They built a new home for Remember Nhu in Myanmar, started a bible school in Yangon, and built a Tilapia fish farm in Rwanda and Belize feeding dozens of families and children. They were able to send 15 students to University in Uganda, most of whom are female

medical students. Hear The Cry also launched two new non-profits.: The Fly Fishing Collaborative rescues kids from human trafficking through the efforts of the fly fishing community, Refugee Care Collective works to see refugees successfully transition from their crisis-centric reality to a thriving new life in Portland.

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# Hear The Cry: Local

70 Kids average per month at Foster Parent's Night Out

40 Kids at Royal Family Kid's Camp

\$17,097
Raised for Homeless
Ministry

**267** Refugee Restart Kits Collected

\$5,588
Raised for Compassion
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