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It only took a few months into the pandemic before many of us realized that this was going to last a while, that it wasn't going to be easy, and that it had the potential to bring a lot of change to our lives and to the world as we knew it. After the denial, delusion, and fragile hope that we would breeze through this global pandemic quickly and easily had gone, many of us who follow Jesus sensed that there was more going on with all of this than simply a difficult time to get through. The testimony I have heard from so many people—and certainly the experience I have had over these past two years—is that through it all, God has been and is at work.

CS Lewis once said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

For me, the past year has been a time of noticing what God is saying and doing more than ever before. Although there generally is more mystery than answers when it comes to the things of God, I can say I have noticed a few things about Him over these past months, both as an individual and as a pastor.

First, I have a new appreciation for God's ability to provide for and take care of His people through every season, even the wilderness seasons. I have seen the goodness, favour, grace and power of God on display in ways I have never seen before in my life. Even in this difficult time of health crisis, political division, lockdowns, war, and economic instability, I have seen the goodness of the Lord, and He truly has brought rivers into the wastelands. As a church, a ministry, and a community, we should marvel at how God has carried us, provided for us, empowered us, blessed us and used us over the past year. Despite all the challenges, we have

seen fruitfulness in most measurable areas. We've seen hundreds profess faith for the first time; we've added so many incredible people and families into our community, and we've been able to continue to drive core health and growth into all of our congregations throughout Atlantic Canada. We've started the process of the official launch of our St. Stephen congregation. We've seen God raise up some incredible new pastoral, ministry and lay leaders. We've seen our Celebrate Recovery ministry, Alpha program, Kings Youth, KC Kids, and our adult discipleship ministries continue to make a HUGE impact all over the Atlantic Canada region and beyond. We've been able to begin the rollout of the Kings Academy of ministry, and, by God's grace, have been able to partner up with the Buckingham Leaders Network, through which God is going to do great things in the years to come. We've also seen incredible growth in tithes and offerings. We've been able to move our Halifax congregation into a new

home, have undertaken renovations in West Saint John, and have given more money away to partner ministries, charities and people in need than we ever have in the 40-year history of our church. God is so faithful.

Second, I have learned that there is purpose in our pain and that God never wastes a wilderness. Beyond all of the metrics that we can measure and celebrate, the most precious thing to me from the past year is the deep work of refinement and transformation God has been and is doing in me, in Kings Church, and, I believe, in the global church. It says in the book of Hebrews, chapter twelve:

"My son, do not take lightly the discipline of the Lord, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and He chastises every son He receives."

The past two years, for me, have been more transformative on a soul, calling, character, and heart level than any before. I am thankful for the challenges, hardships and hurts of this past season, and I've only just begun to get perspective on some of the ways God has used it. He has been shaping me, humbling me, and causing me to dig my roots down deeper. Deeper into His Truth, His love, His grace, His calling on my life, His presence with me, and His goodness to me. I believe this is what The Lord has been doing to His people through all of this. He's been deepening our love, our character, our faith, our commitment. He has been weeding out the weeds, burning up the chaff, moulding us more into the bride we are meant to be. I can't yet put my finger on all of the ways, but I know for certain that I am different than I was two years ago. And, along the same lines, I know that Kings Church has changed in some profoundly deep ways. I believe we will look back years from now and see just how profound the shifts and shaping truly was. I am thankful for the growing awareness of the hand of God causing "all things" (even hard things...no...especially hard things) "to come together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes."

Finally, I have learned that there is an invitation in our afflictions. I've discovered that God longs for us to notice His closeness, and to become truly aware of His character in these wildernesses we journey through in life. This has happened for me, and I know this has been happening for hundreds of my brothers and sisters in Kings Church, and millions of brothers and sisters around the world.

Early in 2020, I was given a verse as a prophetic word over this season. Taken out of Song of Songs, chapter 8:

"Who is that coming out of the wilderness leaning on her beloved?"

I love this picture of the bride of Christ, leaving the woods. Not only leaning on her beloved (the groom) in a way that denotes reliance, but I envision her leaning on Him in such a way that He is not only her strength, but He is her sole focus, the object of her attention and affection. She is so taken by Him that it no longer matters where they are or how they got there; just that she's with Him.

I am amazed at how this picture has become a reality in my life and in the life of our church. I do feel we are coming out of the wilderness, being led by the Bridegroom Himself. But, the longer this season has gone, the more my attention has been drawn to Him. I don't know what's next, I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future. He's holding me, He's holding us, and He's holding His Church. May we continue to lean into Him, learn from Him, and love Him in increasing measure in the days to come.

I continue to count it a supreme blessing of the Father to have been called to serve the King at Kings Church. Thank you, Kings Church, for being the absolute best church I could have ever hoped to pastor. Thank you for loving Melanie, me, Ava, Aden and Alex, along with all of the other Pastoral team so very well. And, above all, thank you for leaning into Jesus.

Let's keep going, leaning on Him, shall we?

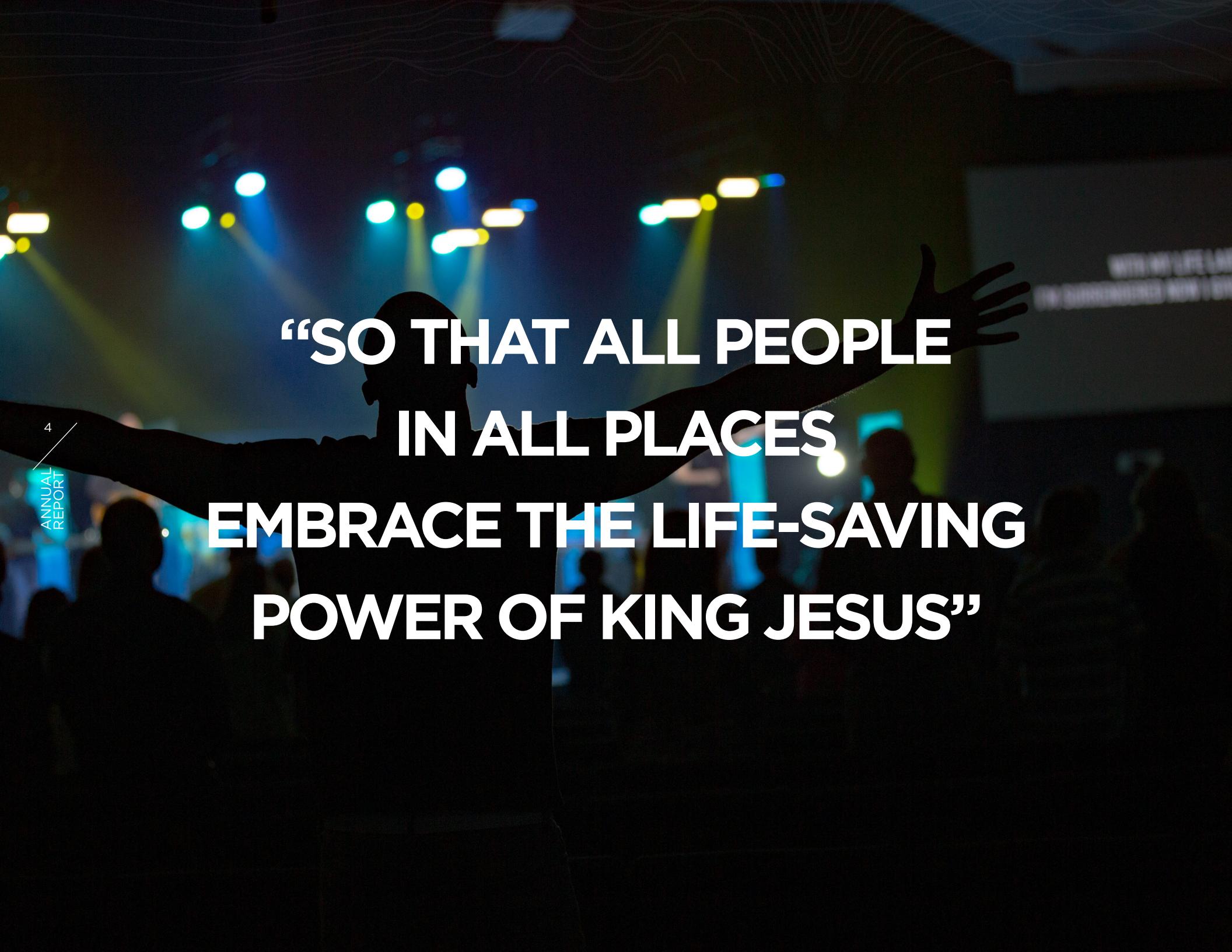
With love, gratitude, and great hope for the future,



Brent D. Ingersoll

May, 2022

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**“SO THAT ALL PEOPLE
IN ALL PLACES
EMBRACE THE LIFE-SAVING
POWER OF KING JESUS”**

CODE OF KINGS



FOR KING & KINGDOM

We surrender our whole lives in total allegiance to King Jesus and the advancement of His Kingdom.

BY THE SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the power at work in us to live the Kingdom life. Apart from Him we can do nothing.

LOVE THE WORLD

We serve a King whose extravagant love for this world compels us to engage it, not escape it.

BUILT TOGETHER

We thrive and flourish only as we are built together in Kingdom community.

PRAYERFULLY FAITH-FILLED

In life and death, we are a praying people of active, relentless, audacious faith in God.

DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT

We wholeheartedly embrace the culture of Heaven, and we fully expect our lives to reflect this Kingdom reality.

RADICALLY GENEROUS

We serve a generous King who gives without limit or condition. Out of His unending wealth, we give.

ON A MISSION

We are sent out to earnestly declare and demonstrate the Good News that Jesus saves.

ON THE WORD

We stake our lives on the Word of God, our unshakable foundation, food for our souls and our weapon in the Battle.

EXCELLING IN HONOUR

We honour God as we honour others as it is currency in the kingdom of God.

ON THE WORD

SERMON SERIES

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APRIL - JUNE	AUGUST - SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	JANUARY - FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
 AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE	 REVELATION ROUND 3	 BEHOLDING JESUS	 40	 JESUS: GOD WITH US	 FRESH START	 REVELATION: THE FINAL CHAPTERS	 PHILEMON	 MATTHEW

BY THE SPIRIT

**180**

People have been equipped in Prophetic & Supernatural Ministries

**200**

People have received Freedom Prayer Ministry

**150**

People have participated in Freedom Prayer Training Courses and Workshops

**900**

People engage in "Starts with Prayer" every week

TESTIMONIES OF THE HAND OF GOD

"I called my sister late one night because I hit the lowest point in my life. I lost, what I thought at the time, was everything. I was ready to end my life. I was an atheist with a grudge against the world. That night around midnight my sister strong armed me

and told me

that I needed Jesus. Since I had nothing left I decided to take her offer and go to CR the following day. The second I stood up when Pastor Seth began to sing my whole body was filled with warmth, I felt the Holy Spirit for the first time in my life. Instead of rejecting the Holy Spirit, I let Him fill my heart. In that moment I knew that even though I couldn't physically see God, I could feel how real and how loving He is. Easter weekend 2022 I was baptized at Kings West and God has since radically changed my life.

My BPD is silenced, my anxiety is almost non existent, and for the first time in my life I feel whole. God has shown me the purest form of love and has shown me that I'm accepted. He's given me the confidence to speak to others, get on stage and talk in front of a crowd, to share in a group setting, and how to love myself and others. I don't just exist anymore, God has given me new life."

"A family in our church community

suffered a tragic loss, and to see not only the West campus, but also the Valley, come together to surround this family was beautiful. My friend and I helped plan a meal train, and the Kings family showed up. It meant the world to the family, and we as a church got to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

"Being a part of this family has helped bring me from a lifetime of hurt and fear and rejection, into a place of restoration. And God gets the glory."

"I can finally look at myself in the mirror and see a woman I recognize as a child of God."

"My aunt had to go for a second MRI and if the results were the same as the first one she had she would have needed brain surgery. I asked the prayer team to cover her in prayer and the results came back normal! Wow, God!"

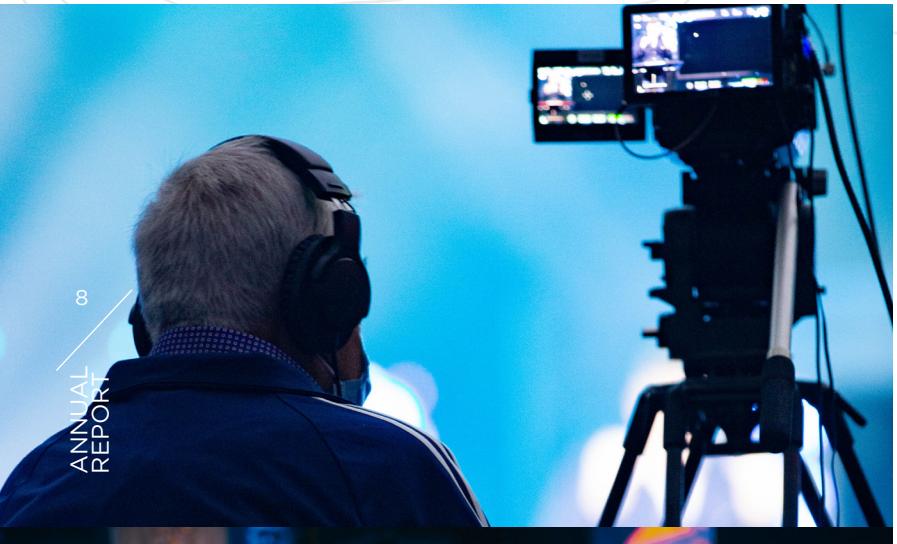
"I'm proud to say that through Jesus healing, I have been able to get off my medication for mental health."

"I requested prayer for my mom who was admitted to hospital for a dye test to check for blockages. Her oxygen levels and blood pressure were both very low and we prayed for her to get strong enough for the test. After having an echo for her heart it was determined she didn't even need the dye test! Things turned around within a week, she went home and is doing remarkably well!"



ON A MISSION

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WEEKLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

-  **2744** LIVE ONLINE SERVICES
-  **976** ONSITE WEEKEND GATHERINGS
-  **285** AVERAGE MIDWEEK GATHERINGS
-  **80** BAPTISMS
-  **235** DECISIONS TO FOLLOW JESUS

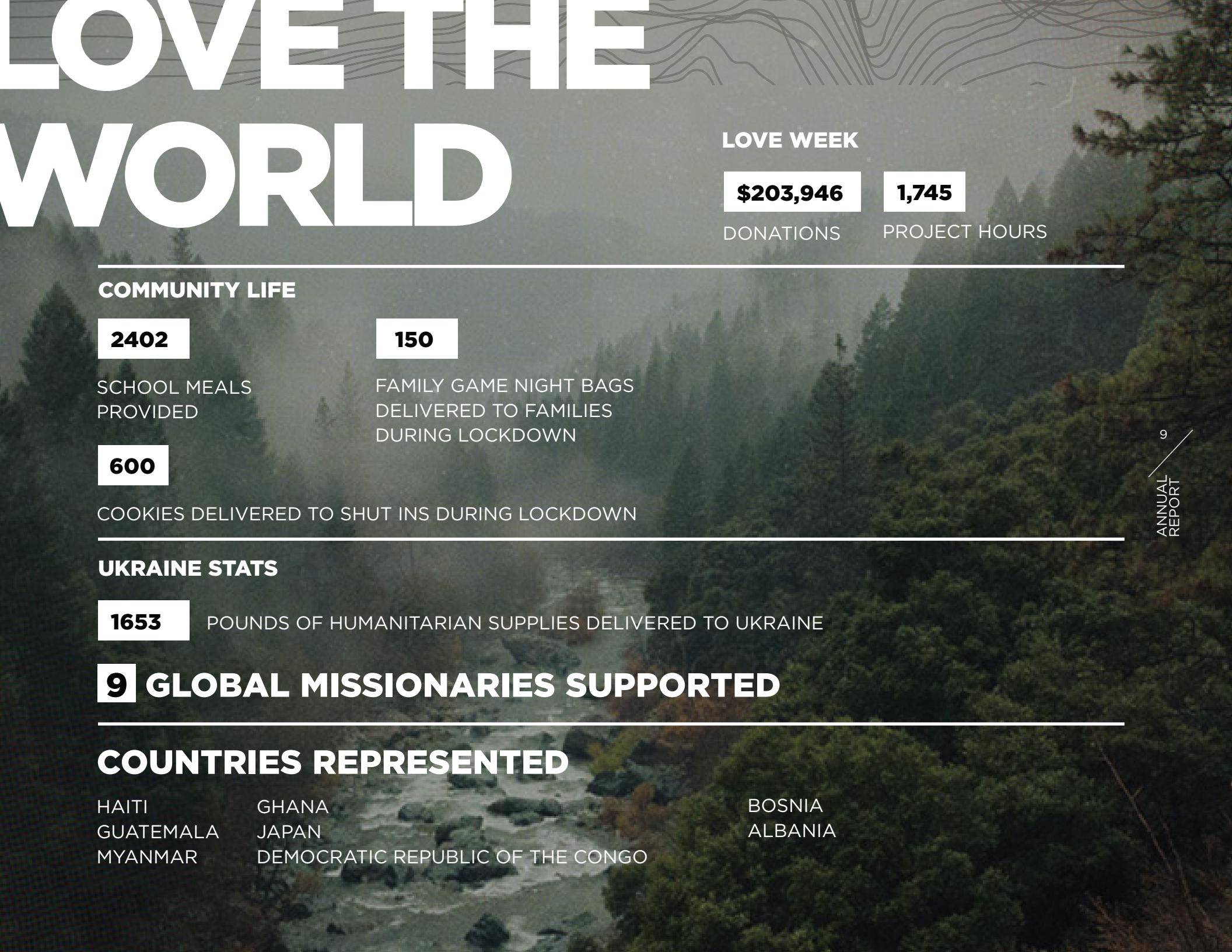
SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

-  **2528**
-  **8866**
-  **2375**
-  **7028**

TOTAL VIEWS

-  **61K** YOUTUBE
-  **88K** FACEBOOK VIDEOS

LOVE THE WORLD



LOVE WEEK

\$203,946

DONATIONS

1,745

PROJECT HOURS

COMMUNITY LIFE

2402

SCHOOL MEALS
PROVIDED

150

FAMILY GAME NIGHT BAGS
DELIVERED TO FAMILIES
DURING LOCKDOWN

600

COOKIES DELIVERED TO SHUT INS DURING LOCKDOWN

UKRAINE STATS

1653

POUNDS OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES DELIVERED TO UKRAINE

9 GLOBAL MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

HAITI
GUATEMALA
MYANMAR

GHANA
JAPAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

BOSNIA
ALBANIA

BUILT TOGETHER



2,142

ATTENDANCE AT VARIOUS
LEARNING & GROWING OP-
PORTUNITIES SUCH AS ALPHA,
MARRIAGE COURSE AND STEP
STUDIES



896

PEOPLE CONNECTED THROUGH
REGULAR GATHERINGS SUCH AS
HOME CHURCH, WORSHIP NIGHTS
AND KINGS CLASSIC



977

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS



382

PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN BIBLE
READING PLANS

RADICALLY GENEROUS

TOTAL \$ RECEIVED

\$2,833,496

TOTAL \$ GIVEN TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

\$381,028



JESUS AT WORK

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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THIS YEAR...

-  **47** PEOPLE COMPLETED STEP STUDIES - A ONE YEAR PROGRAM GOING THROUGH THE 12 RECOVERY STEPS
-  **25** PEOPLE WHO COMPLETED STEP STUDIES ALSO SHARED THEIR STORY OF RECOVERY AT CR ON TESTIMONY NIGHT
-  **20** SALVATIONS
-  **14** BAPTISMS

"Being a part of this family has helped bring me from a lifetime of hurt and fear and rejection, into a place of restoration...and God gets the glory!"

"Without this program, I would be swimming in a pool of despair, anger and sadness. The Lord has allowed me to use my hurt, trauma, and pain to create something beautiful out of it."

"Because of Jesus, and this program, this once hopeless, helpless, homeless, drunk, gambling, lying, smoking man is sober, and free from suicidal tendencies!"

"If he can take a broken guy like me and turn him into the person I am today, standing up here, sharing all my pain and glory then he can do it to you as well."

"There's a saying that hurt people, hurt people. Well I believe healed people can introduce healing too and that is what I'm doing with my family."

"I was vulnerable and was able to open up and talk and felt like I received answers."

ALPHA

 **172** PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ALPHA PROGRAM THIS YEAR.

"I found family I didn't have before."

"It's like a buffet and I keep filling my plate. And it's so good I want to go out and tell everyone else where to find the buffet, too."

"Things clicked".

"I've been praying that God would reveal Himself to me."

"Appreciated the discussion and the people."

"I just want to strengthen my relationship with God."

"One day I prayed and said, 'God, open my eyes to You and Your Word, and to the understanding I desire, but do it in Your timing. I will wait until You know I'm ready to understand it.' Then, a staff member randomly sent me the link to join Alpha."

"Week after week, God has answered many of the questions in regards to the Holy Spirit and theology that I've longed to know the answers to."



KINGS YOUTH

WEEKLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

 **258** KIDS CONNECTED TO KINGS YOUTH

 **98** AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

 **110** MADE A DECISION THIS YEAR TO FOLLOW JESUS



BIBLE STUDY PROJECT - 30 KIDS - 7 WEEKS

"I really liked Bible Study Project because we got together to study the Bible with friends. I also liked how it's small and you feel like you can share things with the group."

"I loved Bible Study Project because it was a fun time devoted to getting to know God and His word! I liked how the groups were small, making it easier to share personal information. Everyone actually wanted to understand what God was telling them through His word! We got to ask lots of questions - which made it super fun!"

"A few things I really loved about the Bible Study Project is that I got to dive deeper into God's word

with people my own age and at the same time had a lot of fun. I also really loved how it felt like such good community as we got to know each other and God better."

"The Bible Study Project was especially important to me because I got to interact with people my age. Bradford, Emma, and Ron did really a great job getting everyone to share their own opinions. Each week, I felt so involved and loved in this community. I always looked forward to going and laughing with others and sharing my own testimony."

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

We experienced a healing! One of our girls had trouble sleeping (that day we talked about trials), it grieved her. So we prayed for her and over her mind - she was healed and had blissful night of sleep.

HE NIGHT! We had over 50 boys here. SO many guys invited friends and they heard the gospel. 30 students raised their hand to receive Jesus. We had a blast!

KC KIDS

 **419**

CONNECTED TO KC KIDS

 **169**

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

 **750**

CUPS OF COFFEE AND CANDY CANES GIVEN AWAY FOR JINGLE JAM ONLINE!

 **200**

RESURRECTION EGGS GIVEN OUT DURING EASTER

 **164**

VOLUNTEERS

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LEADER'S PRAISES:

"I'm just so blessed each and every Sunday with how open and ready to receive the kids are. I feel that we are learning deeper about the relationship we can have with God through each other. Not just the "teacher" teaching. The kids are teaching the leaders, and the leaders are teaching the kids at the same time. It's honestly getting better and better the longer I lead."

"Last week I was praying for the kids at Kings Church and with Holy Spirit being a topic this month I felt God telling me to help kids know the Spirit. On Sunday, during the clubhouse video I heard a couple kids say "Jesus!" And the other answered "No! GOD!" And that prompted our discussion on God being three in one.... And WOW those kids loved it so much and had so many questions. It was AMAZING."

"God is working in amazing ways in the lives of the kids. Even when we don't always see it at first, He opens their eyes and the kids are able to understand His love for them in BIG ways."

"I love seeing the kids' understanding of Jesus grow week to week and see how their relationship develops and grows as we learn and discuss new topics together as a small group. I love their excitement and love for Jesus!"



