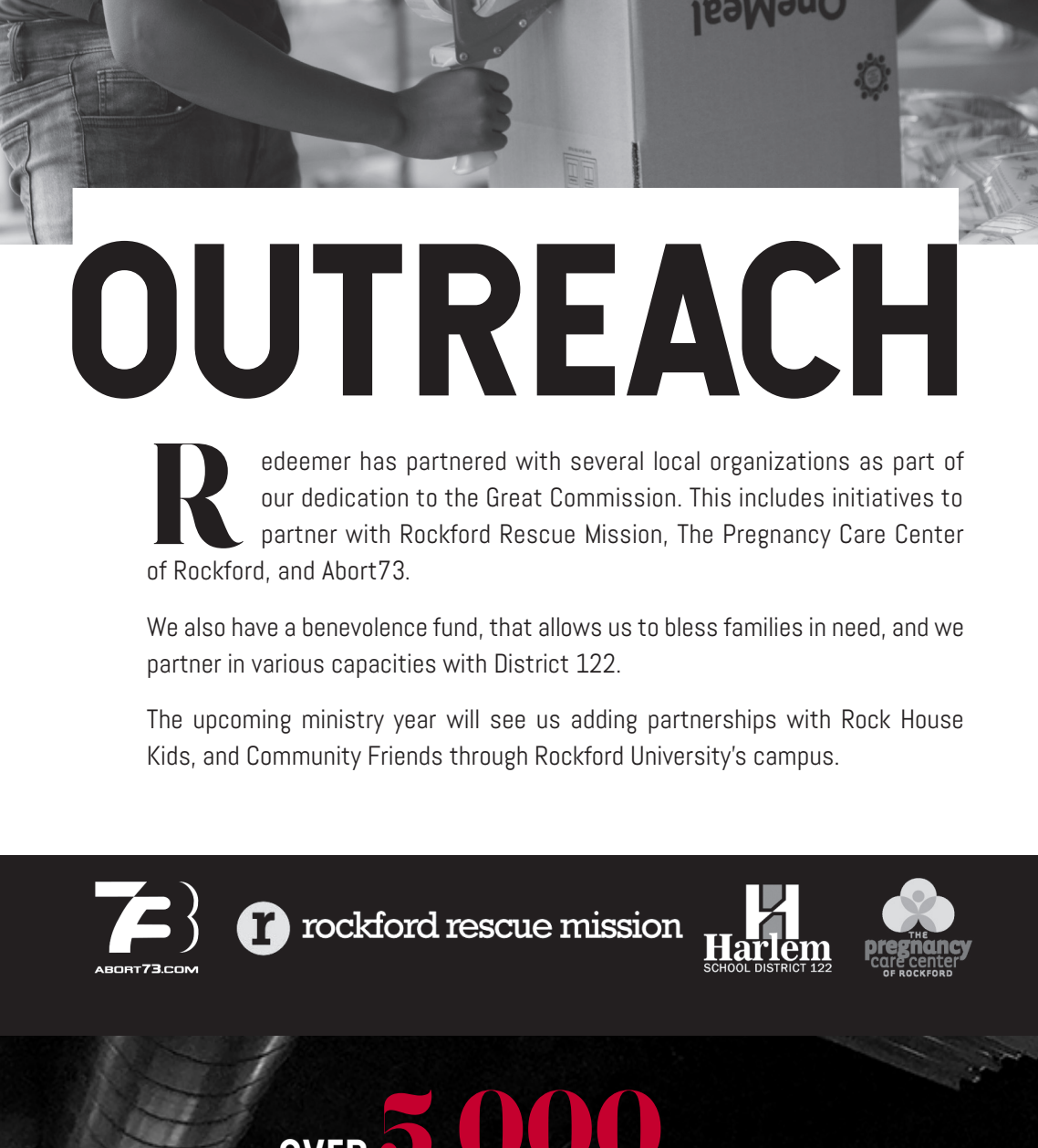


# ANNUAL REVIEW

REDEEMER CHURCH  
2020-2021



As we look to the year to come, it's wonderful to look back and see all the amazing work God has done at Redeemer Church through the ministry year.

**2020-2021**

We pray that you will find yourself celebrating the moving of the Spirit in our community, and get excited for the coming year. We can't wait to see all God will do in and through us. For His glory!

Until then, **HERE IS OUR ANNUAL REPORT FOR LAST YEAR:**

## GIVING

**2020/2021 BUDGET: \$1,477,783**  
**2020/2021 GIVING: \$1,755,647**

**10%** of our yearly budget to mission work through church-planting networks, missions networks, and organizations with which we partner. Your abundant giving has led to initiatives like our Compassion Center, and the opportunity to bless those in need through our benevolence fund.

**YOUR GIVING BEYOND EXPECTATION**  
**\$277,864**

**TOTAL ALLOCATED FOR OUTREACH**  
**\$121,322**

## OUTREACH

Redeemer has partnered with several local organizations as part of our dedication to the Great Commission. This includes initiatives to partner with Rockford Rescue Mission, The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford, and Abert73.

We also have a benevolence fund, that allows us to bless families in need, and we partner in various capacities with District 122.

The upcoming ministry year will see us creating partnerships with Rock House Kids, and Community Friends through Rockford University's campus.

# MINISTRIES

**OVER 5,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED IN OUR MINISTRIES**

**120 YOUTH COMMITTED EACH WEEK TO OUR STUDENT MIN.**

**REDEEMER KIDS**

**197 KIDS ATTENDING EACH SUNDAY FROM INFANTS - 5TH GRADE.**

**REDEEMER 20s**

**50 20s GATHERING WEEKLY TO GROW TOGETHER.**

## BAPTISMS

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life."  
-Romans 6:3-4

Baptism is not a requirement for salvation, but it is commanded of all believers. The waters of baptism are a symbol of death, burial, and resurrection to newness of life that happens when a person becomes a new creation in Christ.

We have been honored and humbled to see new believers baptized into the family of Jesus Christ this past year.

Let's celebrate His redeeming work!

## BABY DEDICATIONS

"This is the perfect reason why I want to be baptized: because God is good and I want to honor Him with my life."

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."  
-Deuteronomy 6:6-7

At Redeemer, our families make public statements of intent to disciple their kids in the faith; then we pray for their children and their future parenting.

**23 PEOPLE WERE BAPTIZED THIS YEAR ALONE.**

**16 FAMILIES DEDICATED CHILDREN THIS YEAR.**

# INTERNSHIPS

We have the blessing of offering internships to help prepare individuals for their work in different ministry roles. We've begun partnering with regional colleges to offer pastoral and staff internships as well as internships through Redeemer Students.

**PASTORAL INTERNS**

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## COUNSELING CENTER PLAN

Redeemer has taken on the vision of creating a free counseling center for our community. Our desire is to take the call for all believers to counsel the Word of Christ to those in need and add a tangible location to empower believers to share with those in need throughout the community.

**WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY TO SEEING THIS VISION COME TO LIFE.** All of our leaders will be certified to counsel in the coming year and a half, and these will be the ones officially launching the counseling center.

**5 THE LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO HAVE 100 CERTIFIED COUNSELORS** in ten years, as well as to eventually have multiple buildings throughout the city to better reach all areas of the community. We already have our first cohort who have begun the multi-year certification process, and new cohorts will begin every August and January.

**"WE DO NOT WANT TO BE A CHURCH WITH A COUNSELING CENTER BUT A CHURCH THAT IS A COUNSELING CENTER"**

**OUR COUNSELING CENTER WILL BE FOR THE COMMUNITY. BIBLICAL SOUL CARE IS WHERE OUR COUNSELING STARTED, AND WILL CONTINUE EVEN AFTER THE CENTER GOES UP. BIBLICAL SOUL CARE IS COUNSELING FOR OUR SPECIFIC BODY OF ATTENDERS; THE COUNSELORS GO THROUGH THE SAME TRAINING AS THOSE PREPARING FOR THE CENTER.**

Good Christian counsel, or soul care, is biblically based, Spirit-led, and Christ saturated counsel that brings about Christ-likeness, true soul rest, and targets lasting heart change.

**THIS PAST YEAR, WE HAD 18 PEOPLE GO THROUGH THE INITIAL CERTIFICATION TRAINING. LOOKING AHEAD, WE HAVE 30 PEOPLE BEGINNING THE PROCESS.**

Let's be a counseling church!

# THE MISSION OF REDEEMER CHURCH IS TO GLORIFY GOD THROUGH THE FULFILLMENT OF THE GREAT COMMISSION. OUR OBEDIENCE TO THIS MISSION IS THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY REDEEMER MINISTRY. FROM WORSHIP SERVICES TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TO STUDENT AND ADULT MINISTRIES, OUR CHIEF AIM IS TO MAKE AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES OF CHRIST WHO FOLLOW HIS WAYS IN THEIR WORSHIP, THEIR WALK, AND THEIR WORK.

## BIBLICAL SOUL CARE

# LIFE GROUPS

**REDEEMER HAD 28 LIFE GROUPS THIS PAST YEAR**

**THIS YEAR REDEEMER ADDED 19 NEW MISSIONAL PARTNERS**

"LIFE GROUPS HAVE BEEN FOUNDATIONAL IN MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BRINGING ME INTO A COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE ME. PRAY FOR ME, AND ARE WILLING TO HELP ME, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF MY DEEPEST DEPRESSION. GOD HAS GROWN ME TREMENDOUSLY OVER THE YEARS THROUGH LIFE GROUPS, AND I'M SO INCREASINGLY THANKFUL."

**381 TOTAL MISSIONAL PARTNERS**

Growing in Christ is a community project. After learning about our church through the Consider Redeemer class, some decide that they are going to be on mission with us as partners in this ministry. They become Missional Partners, joining in the work to fulfill the Great Commission.

The life God has called us to build be done alone. We need one another to be using our God-given gifts to build each other up. This is where Life Groups come in. Life Groups gather in order to pursue spiritual growth with other believers who share a commitment to radical life change through a study of God's word, accountability, and prayer.

**THE SUMMER LEADING INTO THIS MINISTRY YEAR SAW US BLESSED BUT OUTDOORS, WITH A MASSIVE TENT TO SHADE US SO WE COULD CONTINUE TO MEET DESPITE COVID-19. BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE YEARLED THIS MINISTRY INSIDE FOR OUR WEEKLY WORSHIP.**

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**TITUS FAMILY IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

Despite intense COVID lockdowns, God has been faithful and working. The Tituses have been a part of two successful church plants, and returned to the U.S. for a six month "home assignment", which is required to stay in the Social Security system, and allows the organization with which they are missionaries to do debriefs and health check-ups. They covet prayers for their family and that God will do great things with the church as everything begins to open back up, and they head back to the Czech Republic in January.

**VERTICAL CHURCH MILWAUKEE**

Launched September 30, 2018, Vertical Church Milwaukee saw our youth pastor at the time, Jesse Schmidt, and his wife Kaitlee head into the Milwaukee area to spread the Good News. After three years, God continues to build a unique community in their church with new families. They are in the process of looking for a permanent building, and appreciate prayers as they consider putting an offer on a property, along with praying for their continued focus on discipleship, to bring up new life group leaders, and start new initiatives within their community as they reach people with the hope of the Gospel.

**HARVEST BIBLE CHAPEL TO CHENNAI INDIA**

Harvest Bible Chapel Chennai, India has had a hard year, but there is much to celebrate. They've had online trainings with pastors/leaders as seven new churches are being planted. They've had monthly fellowship with local pastors, worked to provide COVID relief, worked with tutor centers, distributed food to leper colonies, and more. But God is still working in India, and they covet prayers for the upcoming pastors and their church plants, for protection for their family in an area that is highly anti-Christian, for God's guidance as their children grow (their oldest girls turn 18 next year), and that they would walk in the Spirit, with their eyes ever on the Father.

**AQUILA INITIATIVE IN GERMANY**

New to Redeemer this year, we have partnered with Aquila Initiative in Germany. A collection of people from across the globe, they feel a call to multiply churches and disciples, bringing the Gospel into new communities in Europe. They focus on appointing leaders to establish Christian community through marketplace missions.

**HIGH POINT SEND NETWORK**

Redeemer has partnered with Highpoint Send, a church planting organization with a passion for biblical, missional, evangelistic church planting. Highpoint Send has pastoral residency programs to train up new pastors to plant, as well as opportunities to support the new church plants with prayer, wisdom, and encouragement.

**PURCHASE WITH A PURPOSE**

Every year this event gets bigger and bigger, and COVID didn't slow us down. Our community still came out and made a huge impact with decisions to purchase with a purpose, leaving us excited for this coming year.

# COMPASSION CENTER

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This year, we started a partnership with Compassion International to build a Compassion Center in Bolivia. As progress continues, we will, as a church, have an opportunity to support this center financially and with our prayers. Here is a current update on the state of the build in Bolivia:

Construction on the church plant was paused due to the pandemic, but leaders expect construction to resume soon. Currently 60 children and 17 adults are attending church activities. During the time of decreased construction, the church developed house-to-house evangelism activities for families, and biblical teachings were given to children in the community.

**TWO TEENAGERS HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS AS THEIR LORD AND SAVIOR, AND ANOTHER THREE CHILDREN ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST IN THE CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLUB.**

**17 ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED**

**\$12,871 IN PRODUCTS PURCHASED**

**\$2,288 DONATED TO COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL**

**340 PURCHASES MADE AT THE EVENT**

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