



Year-End Report

We give praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus for all that He has done in and through The Ridge this past year, as we have sought to live out our purpose of disciple: be one, make one for the glory of God. The following is a year-end report that gives a picture of what the Lord is doing globally and locally through the faithful sacrifice of people and their financial giving.

Global

France:

In France we had a full three weeks of ministry; a band at the Music Festival where 150 Bibles were given away; 80 plus children and parents attended a baseball camp; 100 children attended a Vacation Bible School, 15,000 Gospels of Mark distributed in 7 different communities. It all culminated with the start of a new church where two dozen believers gathered to sign a covenant. One new believer was baptized and two more received salvation. Two more new churches are being prayed for. We were able to give \$6,000 to this work last year through our Advent giving which is beyond our monthly support of this work.

Gospel for Asia and Jesus Wells:



The Ridge Church has provided 52 wells over the last 6 years.

Most of us take for granted the water which flows freely from our taps. But for many villages in South Asia, this basic life necessity is often in short supply. Village wells may dry up—especially during drought season—and it is not unusual for families to walk several miles just to find water for their household needs. If you are a Dalit, one of Asia's "Untouchables," you will likely be barred from drawing water from the village well at all because of your inferior social status. And Christians suffer too, as persecution commonly comes in the form of banning them from the local water source. This year we were able to provide two more wells through Gospel for Asia, which makes a total of 52 wells that has been provided through the church over the last 6 years. The wells not only provide a source of water, but helps point people to the Living Water. Also this year we have been able to help support local staff at GFA with \$2,750.



Serving in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Mexico:

In Guadalajara we had the pleasure of offering Vacation Bible School at Pan de Vida (Pastor Eleazar Gallardo). 58 children heard the gospel and received clothes that The Ridge donated. Prior to our visit four adults were baptized. We also partnered with Pastor Paul Fisher and took 18 inner city children

camping. They had never been outside the four block area where they live. As a result, one or their parents open their home for a Bible study which may become a church. Last year's Advent giving allowed us to give a total of \$3,000 to the work in Mexico.

Papau New Guinea:

Nafian, a local bible translator with Wycliffe in Papau New Guinea, continues to minister to the discipleship needs of the local people. It has been a joy for us to partner with him in his work and your Advent giving last year provided him \$1,000 to help in his work.

Serbia:

God is at work in Eastern Europe. The Israels and their three children serve there as church planters. They use their non-profit educational consulting company as a legal means to provide services like English classes and business seminars to serve people there. They are blessed that this also gives them the opportunity to get to know lots of people. They share countless cups of coffee and great Balkan meals as much time as possible with lost people listening to their stories and sharing God's amazing story with them. What a great joy to partner with them in providing prayer and financial resources (\$4,000 through last year's Advent giving).

Local

LINC:

Through the relationships that were formed and are being deepened through community outreaches such as the Student Advancement and Leadership Initiative, ESL, and parenting small groups, the LINC NT team has worked to transform the lives of more than a thousand families. These relationships lead to discipleship through Bible studies, regular pastoral care, and LINC NT's newest program, Faith & Finances. This core group of more than a dozen families will lead to a new faith community in south Carrollton and Farmers Branch. LINC NT has expanded northward to The Colony and westward to south Ft. Worth recently and will continue to grow as God opens doors for the Gospel. The Ridge has partnered with LINC through the Student Advancement classes at Creekview High School in Carrollton. We currently have two members (Joel Fletcher and Lucy Samways) teaching every other Friday in these classes and we have led a parent and student night as well that had 35 parents and 35 students. Through last year's Advent giving we were able to bless LINC with \$3,000.

Autumn Leaves Memory Care:

At Autumn Leaves God has formed a strong team that weekly ministers to the residents and their families on Sunday mornings. In addition to John and Diane Garmany, David Boehr, Dan Norrell, and Suzette Garrison are serving our neighbors across the street.

Ridge Foster and Adoption Ministry:

It has been a blessing to see this ministry grow and impact families both in our church and in the community. Through last year's advent giving we were able to put \$1,000 toward the adoption fund to help families. We currently have just under \$11,000 in this fund to help families. We have been able to help families both who have adopted and those in the adoption process with expenses.

Real Options For Women

Real Options exists to empower women, men and young people to make physical, emotional and spiritual choices that affirm life and health. ROFW takes the example Jesus Christ, who combined sympathy with action by speaking truth to clients, donors and the public, while being persistent in pursuing the mission of life despite the difficulty and to think and act outside of convention in order to achieve the mission of: teaching prevention through abstinence counsel and education, by point of decision counsel and medical services and post-abortion healing. Last Advent, your financial giving helped ROFW with \$3,000 plus \$300 in our 2013 baby bottle collection.

World Impact:

This summer, World Impact Dallas used its short term missions program (Harvest) to evangelize, equip, and empower God's people in South Dallas and Vickery Meadows which is an ethnically-diverse neighborhood consisting almost exclusively of apartment complexes in North Dallas. The Gospel was shared in deed and word through prayer walks, VBS, homeless ministry, and construction by youth and adults from places as far as Florida and as close as Carrollton. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the obedience of the body of Christ to give and go two church plants have seen growth in their congregation, new disciples being made, and leaders being strengthened and encouraged to continue to advance the Kingdom of God. Your Advent giving from last year funded the local work of World Impact with \$2,000, plus students and adults served this Summer with them in Dallas.

Autumn Chase Apartments:

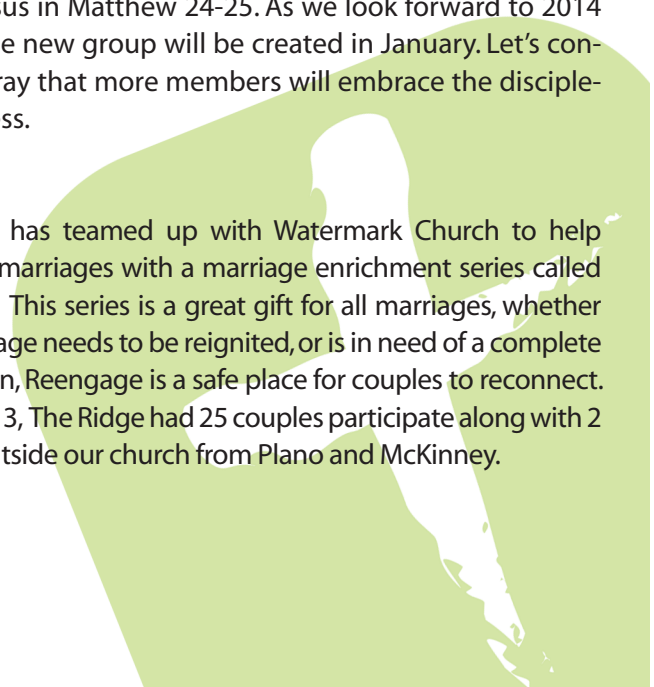
At Autumn Chase Apartments we enjoyed hosting our neighbors there with the Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School and Pumpkin Palooza. God is continuing to open doors there for ministry and spread of His gospel.

LIFEgroups:

This year we have had 15 groups and November had 131 of our 285 adults attending. Three new LIFEgroup were launched in 2013 giving us the capacity to enfold more believers and non-believers as well. The success in this area of discipleship of Being One and Making One includes two sermon alignment studies by Pastor Jerry on Prayer and The Return of Jesus in Matthew 24-25. As we look forward to 2014 at least one new group will be created in January. Let's continue to pray that more members will embrace the discipleship process.

ReEngage

The Ridge has teamed up with Watermark Church to help equip our marriages with a marriage enrichment series called Reengage. This series is a great gift for all marriages, whether your marriage needs to be reignited, or is in need of a complete resurrection, Reengage is a safe place for couples to reconnect. During 2013, The Ridge had 25 couples participate along with 2 couples outside our church from Plano and McKinney.



Ministry at Two Locations

The Josey Location is our main ministry site that also hosts the ministry of Nahnum Korean Church, The Ridge Preschool and Riverstone Community ministry.

The TVC Location, located at Old Denton and Frankford, currently hosts or has hosted this year the following ministries and community groups: Young Life's Wild Life,

Bezeugen Evangelism ministry, Boy Scouts District meetings, Brazilian Christian Church, Dallas Grace Korean Church, Hispanic Christian Church, LINC – Hispanic ESL & parenting meetings, Living Water Korean Church, some of Nahnum Church's ministry and The Ridge Student ministry.

Membership:

211 families
285 adults
259 children
15 new members

Baptisms:

10

Average weekly attendance:

205 adults and 107 children

Weekly servants:

Preschool Ministry: 42
Elementary Ministry: 16
Student Ministry: 9
Worship Ministry: 16

