

Quarterly Financial Update



fall 2014 update
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BECAUSE OF YOU...

Our giving goes to things like our buildings that welcome people as a place to explore God, a Sunday gathering to connect and refocus on God, the person who found helpful resources on our website, the people that came this month because they received an invite card for the Explore God series, the kids who are learning about God and building a foundation for their future, the person that read a Bible for the first time, the video or song that connects with a person & they feel like God is speaking just to them, the teens that make a positive connection at Middle School Monday Nights, or the people who engage and take steps to make Jesus the center of their life because of a Journey Night Class. Thanks for giving to the mission and making it a reality!

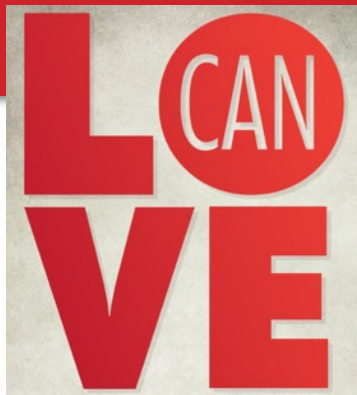
A \$20K THANKS

This summer we had two \$10,000 challenges issued to our church. Our fiscal year runs from April through March. We had a slow start this new year and a generous donor issued a two-part challenge. Our budget is set for maximum impact and the challenges were designed to help jump start our current situation and address our giving long-term.

Part one of the challenge was in June and July. If our giving was \$10,000 over the normal monthly giving, it would be matched. We went over by \$12,000. So the donor went over and matched the \$12,000 too!

Part two of the challenge was with our auto-giving options. For every person that signed up for auto-giving or intentionally increased their auto-giving amount, the donor would give \$200 per person, up to 50 people. This amounts to another \$10,000. We had almost 40 people take this step!

So to everyone who gives to make The Journey a reality, **thank you**. To everyone who gave extra for the first challenge or signed up for auto-giving, **thank you**. **Thank you** for giving to the mission because it helps people experience relationships, not religion along the lakeshore and beyond!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Halloween is here. Thanksgiving happens in a month. Christmas is on it's way. Every year we have a special Christmas Project with projects for the House of Hope in Kenya, Verve Church in Vegas and some local ways to share the hope of Christmas. **We will be rolling out our Christmas Project on November 16 as part of our new series, LOVE CAN!**

Finances for this Fiscal Year

YOU NEED TO KNOW

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April-September

Finances at The Journey

Income: \$233,335
Expenses: \$262,818
Difference: **-\$29,483**

Our Fiscal Year runs from
April 2014-March 2015

Everything we do happens because of our time, donations, invitations, service, and volunteer efforts. We don't have outside funding which means 100% of what happens at The Journey is funded by our giving. Our Lead Team works hard to make sure our budget is set up for maximum impact. In fact, our budget is 35% less than most churches our size.

Thanks again to everyone who gave to our \$10,000 challenges. It has helped bring some stability to our financial situation, especially through some of the harder financial summer months. As you can see by the numbers, we are still significantly in the red this year. The potential to pull out of the red will be helped by those who have signed up for auto-giving or intentionally increased their giving. In the next two months, we will wrap up the 2014 year. It's a great time to consider a tax-deductible donation or your next step in the giving process.

FIRST TIME → **INTENTIONAL & AUTOMATIC** → **TITHE** → **GENEROUS**

**What's your
next step in the
Giving Process?**

We want to keep taking steps to live generously because that is part of experiencing our best life. It's part of who we are becoming in our relationship with Jesus. This process can be helpful. What's your next step? Be a first time giver. Sign up to give automatically or intentionally increase your giving to take a step towards tithing. Tithing is bringing back to God 10% of your income. We offer a money-back tithing challenge for people who take this step. Generosity means living out how God is the blessing who blesses us to be a blessing to others.