

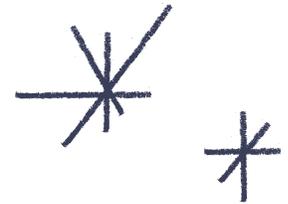


CHURCH OF THE
OPENDOOR

ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Open Door Family,



We are excited to share with you this year's Annual Report! This booklet is designed to celebrate all the amazing things that God has done and how He continues to impact lives in our communities as well as around the world. In addition, we want to continue our efforts to be transparent in how the resources He provides are being used.

You will find these pages filled with different statistics, numbers, graphics and real life God stories! This information is from ALL campuses.

Your faithful giving and generosity are making all of this (and more) possible!

One thing is clear - God is doing something special in northeast Ohio, and we are eager to follow His leading!

So, as you read these numbers and stories - please, remember: Every number is a person; every person has a story; every story matters to God!

* Thank you for being such an important part of our church family!



JIM MINDLING
Lead Pastor

MARK GEISSBAUER
Executive Pastor



What a year!

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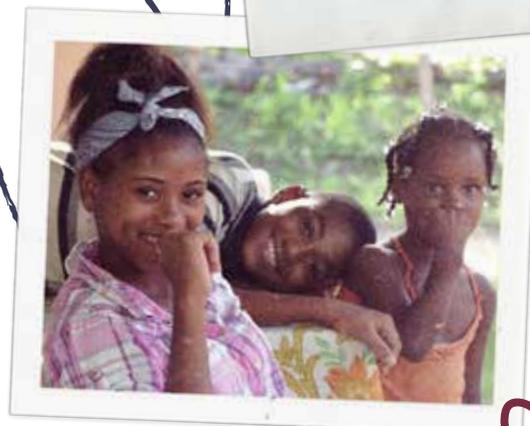


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MIKE'S STORY

"When you see the people that only come in on Christmas and wonder, 'Where are you the rest of the year?' That was me." Growing up, Mike had plenty of experiences with church, but none of them translated to an encounter with God. In his own words, nothing seemed to stick. He still struggled to see God's presence in his life as he grew older, graduated, and got married, and he had question after question about what God supposedly said in the Bible. And yet, armed with these questions and a deep frustration with Christianity, he was unable to find anyone to genuinely sit with him and wade through his doubts.

Until, that is, he took a job fixing up a bathroom for Evelyn. Mike would spend long hours working with his hands and opening up his heart to this woman, a stranger who welcomed his doubts with grace and truth. Her humility, genuine spirit, and devotion to Jesus was both a pleasant surprise and game changer for Mike. Could this be what God and Jesus are really about?

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But even then, Mike was faced with an open door, but no reason to walk through. And that's when he got the call that his childhood best friend, Scott, had experienced an extremely severe stroke at an extremely young age. The more Mike heard from the doctors, the worse it seemed. Yet Mike couldn't imagine carrying on without his friend.

So, with nowhere else to turn, Mike stood at the door and knocked. During Scott's week-long coma, Mike turned to the God he was just beginning to encounter through his conversations with Evelyn. Mike pleaded for God to save his friend, praying for perhaps the first time in his life.

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And he prayed not just for Scott's life, but for him to make a full and complete recovery—an outcome which seemed either impossible or incredibly unlikely. He prayed over and over: "If you want 100% of me, I need 100% of him." Mike knew that he was praying to the God of miracles—and that's exactly what he was asking for, knowing that if God provided in this way, he would give everything over to Him.



Almost exactly one year later to the hour, Mike and Scott were baptized together at Church of the Open Door in early February, 2021, where Mike's mother and sister had been attending for almost 25 years. Scott had made a full recovery, and they had both committed their lives to the God of miracles, and to His Son, Jesus Christ.

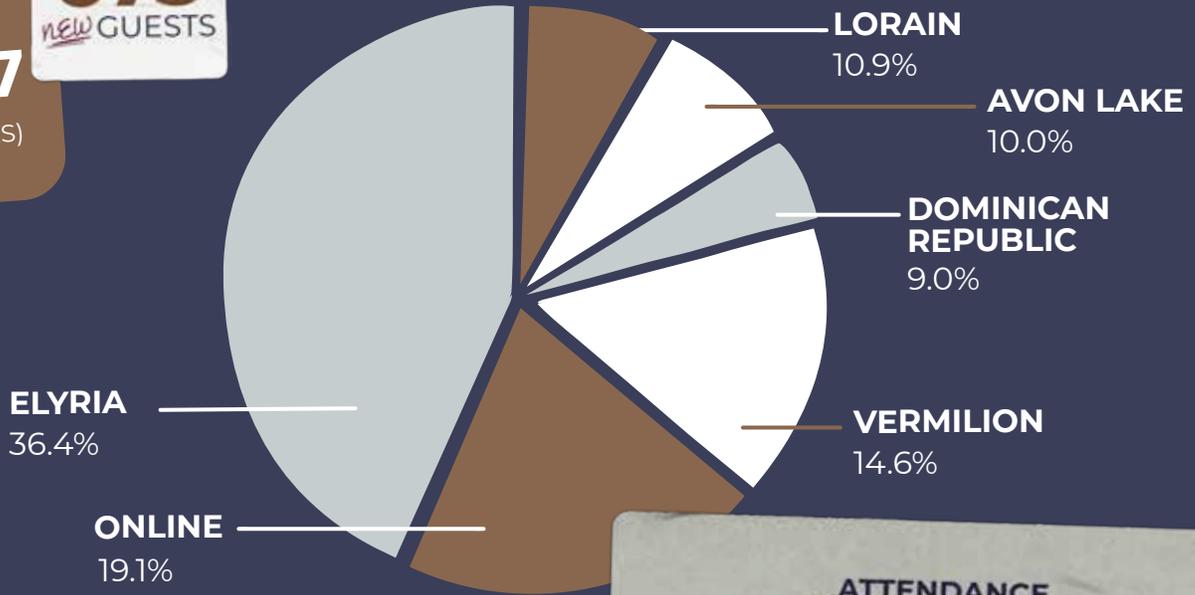
Since his public declaration of faith in Jesus, Mike's life has not gotten easier. He has difficulties. His decision to embark on the journey of becoming like Jesus wasn't welcomed by his immediate family, and it has definitely come at a high cost. But even though it hasn't been easier, it has been entirely made new. Walking with God has changed his life. He enjoys intimacy with the Lord as they connect through the Word and prayer. He has already read through the entire Old Testament, and was so excited to see Jesus enter the picture in the Gospels. He eats up time with Scott and a small group of men dedicated to walking beside one another as they pursue Jesus together. He's excited to find new ways to pour out God's love on others, blessing people with the skills and experiences God has entrusted to him. And even though he knows things might not get easier, Mike knows there's no way he could walk back through the door of surrendering everything to Jesus. God is simply too good to ever turn back.



TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED:
14,077
(7,962 FAMILIES)

673
NEW GUESTS

CAMPUS SPLIT



SPECIAL SERVICES



CHRISTMAS
706



EASTER
1,267



13.9%
Kids + Students

ATTENDANCE OVER THE YEARS



"Covid knocked us down, but not out!"

42% MALE

58% FEMALE

CAMPUS ATTENDANCE

LOCAL + GLOBAL OUTREACH



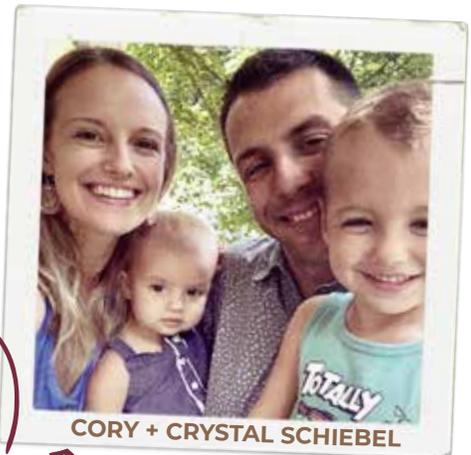
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:
480
 BOXES COLLECTED
 (GOAL OF 400)



JD + EMILY DUECK

Helping church plant, Pastors and leaders all over west Africa.

WE COMMISSIONED 2 NEW MISSIONARY COUPLES FROM OUR OWN CONGREGATION TO **"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES"**



CORY + CRYSTAL SCHIEBEL

Final preparations to go, minister and disciple the Burmese in Thailand.

MISSION TEAMS GOING OUT IN 2023:

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
 Fall (Las Brisas, Sponsors)

INDONESIA
 Winter (Missionary Visit)

CHICAGO
 Summer (Youth)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
 Summer (Family)

KENYA WITH KICKOFF TO HOPE
 June (Soccer and Teaching)



\$24K DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CAMPUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

to build a local pharmacy, new location for Las Brisas Kids Outreach, and assist another local church partner.

3,613 BOXES OF FOOD DELIVERED

to residents in Lorain County through our "Serve Our City" event to bless people in each of our campus communities.



INTERESTED
 IN JOINING A MISSION TEAM THIS YEAR?
 Let us know!

SAM'S STORY

When Sam landed at Open Door, he was already searching for the kind of community that the New Testament talks about. Having served faithfully for many years, Sam's heart was being pulled toward intentional, discipleship-oriented relationships. But the kind of community he was craving didn't come automatically. It was talked about during Sunday worship services, and at Men's Retreats, but all along the way Sam wondered when someone might see and invite him in. He waited. But it seemed like the invitation would never come. It seemed as though his dreams of being used by the Lord in relationship were dying.



Sam said at this point, "I want you to know that there was a time four or five years ago that I said to my wife, 'I'm going to die a lonely man.' I mean, look around. I've got no relationships. Every man, deep down, is looking for deep relationships. Most of us run from it, but we can't change it. It's what we were made for."

And it was in this loneliness that God was beginning to work. As Sam wrestled with the church, and with his desire for more, the Lord confronted him one Sunday morning. "It was like the Lord turned the tables around and said to me, 'Sam, you need to be that thing you always wish you had. You keep talking about these relationships—are you going to stop grumbling and do something about it? You need to find and invite men into your life and begin to disciple them.' That Sunday I went up for prayer, and shared with Pastor John what the Lord had put on my heart. And he echoed back to me what the Lord had said: 'What are you going to do?'"



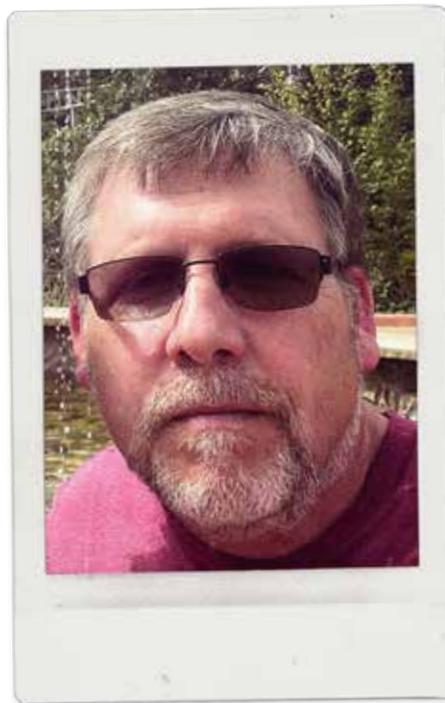
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In the end, all it took was the prompting of God, and Sam's faithful invitation to the men God had already placed around him. Before long, there was a newly founded group of men that moved from being acquaintances on Sundays and Tuesdays to living into what they actually are: Brothers in Christ and true friends—reaching out to one another, breaking bread together, building one another up in love, and holding one another accountable as they live the adventure of becoming more like Christ.

Sam knows that none of this is because of anything that he's done. But God brought together this group of people, made these connections, and the result looks a little bit more like what the New Testament says the church is to be. And after all, Sam concluded, "Today, if the Lord took me home, I wouldn't die a lonely man. God has blessed me beyond measure."



Q1 2022-2023

BUDGETED	\$599,655
ACTUAL GIVING	\$573,268
EXPENSES UNDER BUDGET	\$5,938
= PROJECTED NET LOSS	\$20,449

December is a crucial month financially for us.

Would you mind considering a special year-end gift to help us close our current deficit to enable us to impact more lives?

A special thank you to our Finance Team (Jonathan Abdul & Tony Reyes) and the Church Stewardship Board for their faithful and diligent work behind the scenes!

GIVING RECAP



FINANCIAL STATS NUMBERS

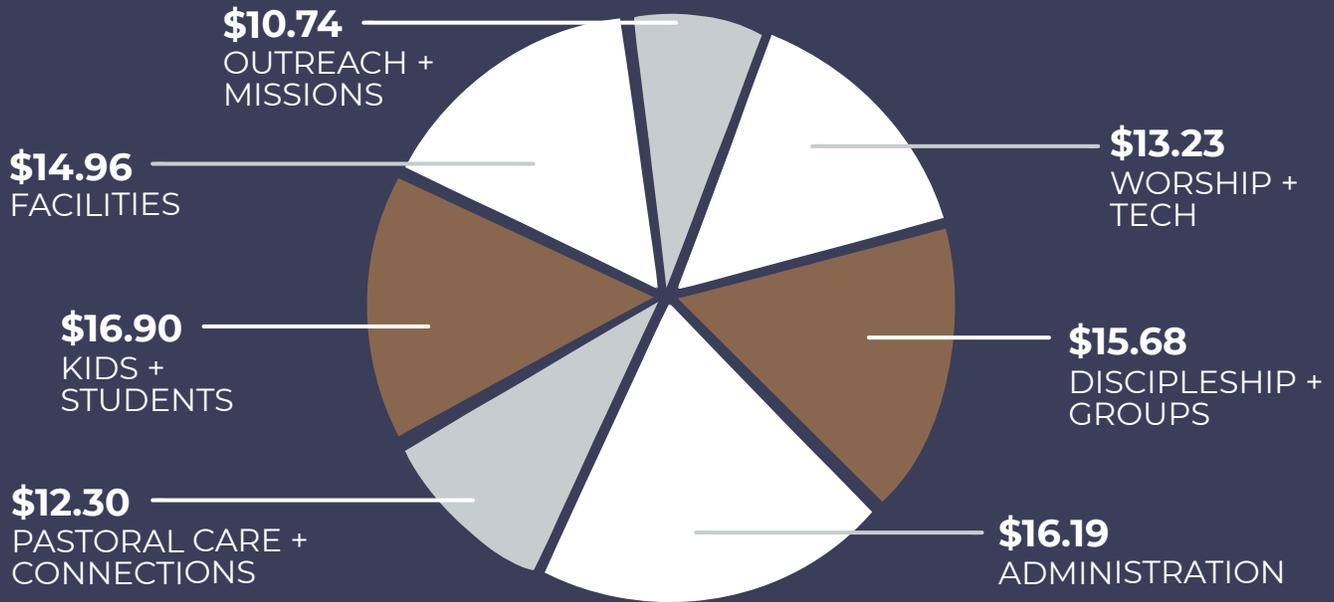
FISCAL YEAR: 2021-2022

BUDGETED	\$2,761,207
ACTUAL GIVING	\$2,693,477
EXPENSES UNDER BUDGET -	\$77,728

= NET PROFIT OF \$9,998

READY TO GIVE?
SCAN ME





WHERE DOES
\$100 GO?

BRITTANY'S STORY

After a series of broken and abusive relationships, Brittany found herself in the hospital as doctors explained that if she was going to keep her two children and one on the way, she needed to find a new place to live.

Brittany secretly moved into a transitional home for survivors of domestic abuse while her husband was away to keep her children safe. Yet this was only a temporary solution, and when everything came crashing down around her, no one reached out. She was desperate to find a new home for her family. But one by one, every option was falling through. The safe house gave extension after extension, but time was running out, and Brittany had no place to go.

"That's when I heard about the Generation House," Brittany said. "The women at the safe house told me that my chances were slim, but I knew it was the only option I had.

I was so full of false hopes that I wasn't sure how to react at first, but I jumped on the opportunity to meet with Lois, the director at the Generation House." "Lois said that the room that they had available was small, but I told her I didn't care—if they have a room for me and for my family, I'm there! On my way to the meeting I just kept praying, 'God, please, please, please!'"

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"God, please, please,
please!"*

"As I spoke with Lois, I realized that the Generation House was connected with Open Door, and God began connecting the dots. I had visited Open Door over the years as a kid, and I remember crying and feeling so much power when I visited. It had always been in the back of my mind, and now God was bringing things full circle."





“For so many years, I felt like I didn’t belong. I had been abandoned by everyone in my life. And when I moved into the Generation House, I didn’t start coming to church at first. Yet slowly but surely, God drew me in.”

“The women helping out there would pray over me every single day and I would just cry. I felt immediately comforted, like I could take a deep breath after so much had happened, and just rest.”



“Before long, my son began to go to church in Lorain, where I reconnected with Pastor Jason Russ after so many years. Logan loved the sports camp so much that we began coming consistently. Before long, Jason said they would be baptizing people in Lake Erie, and it all made sense.

“When I was at the safe house, unsure of what my future would hold, I would often go to the lake and pray for God to deliver me from this mess and give me a place to belong. I had been pushed out over and over again throughout the years. And now a year later, as I was baptized in that very same lake, I knew that God did answer my prayer, and that He did deliver me to where

I belong—to the Generation House, and to Church of the Open Door. And I will be forever grateful for all that He has done for me.

MORE ABOUT GENERATION HOUSE:



The goal of **Generation House** is to help the families gain independence by teaching a variety of life skills such as meal planning, cooking and financial planning. The families are introduced to Jesus, if they don’t already know Him as their personal Lord and Savior.



Interested in volunteering or donating much needed items to Generation House?

SCAN ME!

DISCOVER DISCIPLESHIP

45

BAPTISMS

614

MEMBERS

673

NEW GUESTS

DEEPEN YOUR ROOTS



54% OF PEOPLE
ARE IN GROUPS



BREAKDOWN OF GROUPS:

15.5%



MEN'S
GROUPS

17.6%



WOMEN'S
GROUPS

20.5%



YOUTH
GROUPS

46.4%



LIFE
GROUPS

MINISTRY STATS

DEVELOP UNDERSTANDING THROUGH CLASSES

251 ATTENDEES
IN A VARIETY OF CLASSES



DO MINISTRY AS A LIFESTYLE

387 WEEKLY
VOLUNTEERS

DEVOTE YOURSELF TO GOD'S WORD

You've got mail!



DISCIPLE OTHERS IN DIG (DISCIPLESHIP INTENSIVE GROUP)

12
DIGS

IN ADDITION TO COUNTLESS
1-ON-1 MEETINGS AND INFORMAL
COUNSELING SESSIONS

REVERSE OFFERING STORIES

My husband gave his \$10 to a waitress. He told her that we would be praying for our meal & asked if there was anything we could pray for her. She enthusiastically said yes! So we prayed for her. When she brought our food, my husband pulled the \$10 & card from his shirt pocket & handed it to her. She was flabbergasted, and very thankful! So very thankful to be encouraged to watch where we can be generous!



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For years, I have seen a woman, whom appears homeless, just walking through the streets day after day. For a year she had on the same clothes. I have always wanted to help her but wasn't sure how. God orchestrated this moment, I called her over

to my car and rolled the window down. She looked cautious and confused. I told her God Bless You, handed her the Blessing card along with a message. She asked what I was giving her then took the gift and kept walking. After 4.5 years, God gave me the bravery to stop because of the sermon & God's gift of \$10! Thank you Open Door for helping me touch someone's life today with God's LOVE!

“So very thankful to be encouraged to watch where we can be generous!”

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This was an experience that I will never forget. I'm retired and don't get out much. I asked God; ok you have to help me find that person you planned for me to bless. My husband and I worked a hockey game tonight. As we walked into the building, God said I am going to you use tonight. I always walk 2 times around the stadium. And asking God is it her is it him? Then I spotted this older lady working. I smiled at her and said hi. She smiled back and said hi. I continued to walk a second time around and when I saw Liz again I walked up to her(I felt God nudging me) and asked her if I could bless her. She said sure! I gave her the little card and money. She started tearing up and said that she had been praying to God to show her how to get her life back in a close relationship with Him. She was saved in 1999 but with a hard life she slowly walked away.

But lately she has been praying for a blessing to remind her how great and wonderful He is. Wow! I will see my new friend Liz every time I work. She was overwhelmed about the GENEROSITY I shared with her thru God. We hugged and then hugged again. I told her I'll be praying for her. How her face lit up!! I didn't get a chance to pray with her right there because I had to get to the place I work. I love being generous just to see the smiles and appreciation. But this experience was different!!! I walked to my place where I do stats, well actually floating praising and thanking God for His love and GENEROSITY!!! Pray for my new friend LIZ!!!!

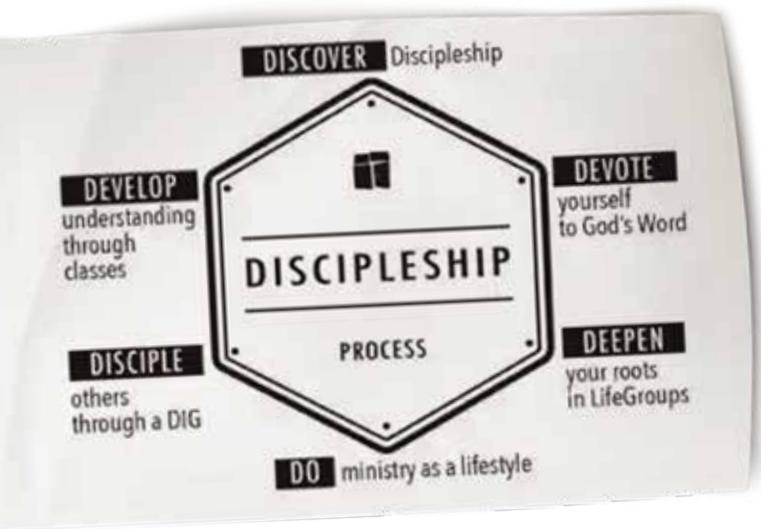
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My 11 year old daughter used the \$10 towards the Operation Christmas Child box. She then prayed over the box. Shopping, packing and praying over the box started a conversation about the joy that we can experience during hardships when we allow God to use us to bless others. My husband and I used our \$10 together to buy a Bob Evans gift card for our mail carrier. I want to thank Open Door for showing the congregation that you trust God to provide what is needed to and for the church; that you did not worry about the money leaving the building.

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The youth and I decided we would walk in Walmart and see what it's like to follow the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit pointed us towards a woman who was looking at bikes for her little girl. She was looking at the least expensive ones. I told her we wanted to bless her and she was shocked and immediately after we walked away she went and got a even better bike. God takes you from good to great from functional to efficient not because everything is always perfect but because your perspective changed. A life with Jesus produces a better version than we could ever create.





FOCUS ON DISCIPLESHIP

Helping people grow deeper in their faith (continual focus on all the 6Ds, offering more classes for seekers and people exploring Jesus, public reading of Scriptures together, more intentional training for leaders).

FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERS

Intentional investment in our volunteers. Volunteers are the engine of the church, and we are so grateful for your service and sacrifice. As such, we want to be more intentional in our investment in you.

VISION 2022/2023

FOCUS ON CONNECTION

Launch new ministries to provide people a way to connect.

- Family Advocacy Ministry (for single parents or family that serve kids by fostering or adoption)
- More campus-wide Women Events (such as IF Gathering, Girls Night Out, etc.)
- Marriage & Family Ministry
- Leadership Development (e.g. hosting the Global Leadership Summit in August)

FOCUS ON LOCAL OUTREACH

Making a difference in the areas where God has already placed us. Intentional approach individualized to for each campus and its community in order to have a greater impact and have more opportunities to make a difference by serving people.

YEAR-END GIVING PROJECT - WRAP UP THE WELL WITH WATER FOR GOOD

At the end of each year, we seek the Lord for a project that we can focus on as a church in an attempt to wrap up the year with generosity. This year, we're partnering with Water for Good, an organization dedicated to providing and maintaining wells in villages in the Central African Republic. To wrap up this well, we are committed to raising \$18,000. To give, mark your offering envelope "WATER" or text "WATER" to 440.323.4644.



HOW TO GIVE:

God repeatedly challenges us to trust Him with our finances, promising that when we give Him our first and best, He will bless the rest.

We use a giving platform called PUSHPAY, which will allow for a fast, simple, and secure giving experience on any device.



5 WAYS TO GIVE

TO CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR



IN PERSON



MAIL



ONLINE
opendoor.tv



MOBILE
APP



TEXT
TEXT "GIVING" TO
[\(440\) 323-4644](tel:4403234644)



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giving online?

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to give now.



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