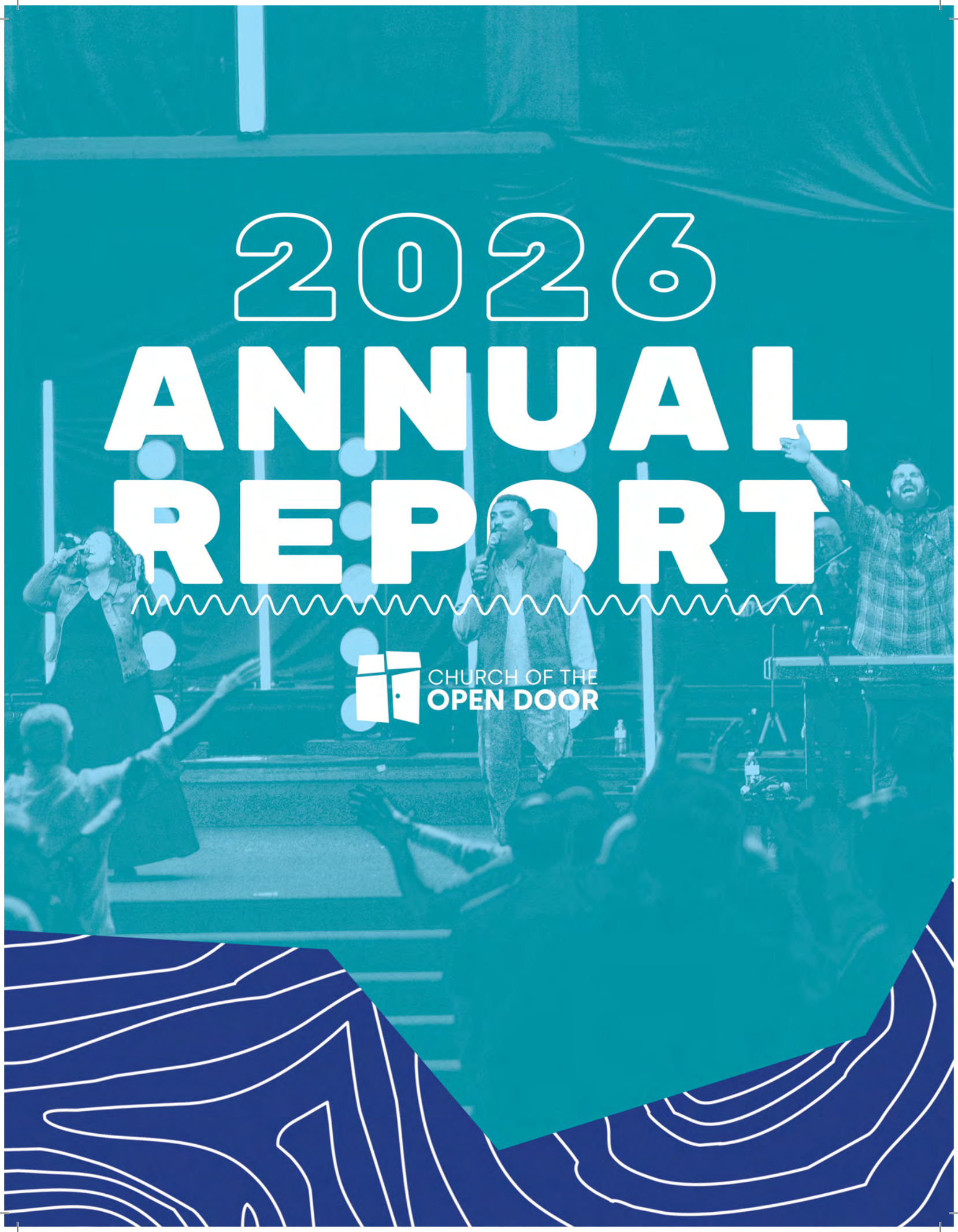

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

CHURCH OF THE
OPEN DOOR

Dear Open Door Family:

As we look back on this past year, we do so with grateful hearts. And as we look ahead, we do so with hopeful confidence in the faithfulness of God.

This has been a year of transition for Open Door. **Seasons of change are rarely easy, but they remind us of an essential truth: the Church belongs to Jesus Christ, and He remains faithful to His people.** Through this season, you have continued to pray, serve, give, persevere, and remain committed to Christ and His Church. For that, we are deeply grateful.

The pages of this annual report tell part of the story of what God has done through Open Door during the past year. They give us an opportunity to celebrate His faithfulness, recognize the ministry He has accomplished through His people, and give thanks for all He has entrusted to us.

As we enter the coming year, our mission remains clear: **Leading People in the Adventure of Becoming Like Christ**. We will pursue that mission by strengthening the health of our leaders, staff, ministries, and congregation; cultivating deeper unity in Christ through the work of His Spirit and the truth of His Word; and renewing our commitment to discipleship, evangelism, missions, and meaningful church membership.

These priorities are not a departure from who we are. They are practical ways we will continue seeking to love God, love people, and live surrendered as one church expressed across four campuses.

Thank you for praying, serving, giving, trusting, and walking together in unity. We are grateful for where God has brought us, and we look toward the future with confidence—not in ourselves or our plans, but in Jesus Christ, the faithful Head of His Church.

Let us continue forward together with faith, courage, and our eyes fixed on Jesus.

With gratitude and confidence in Christ,





Pastor Daniel Fagbuyi
Lead Pastor

Mark Geissbauer
Pastor Mark Geissbauer
Executive Pastor



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*Most numbers in this report reflect our fiscal year, **July 2025–June 2026**, unless otherwise noted.*

In this last year, we got to minister to
1,976 people who had never before attended Open Door!

YEAR IN REVIEW

- Pigtoberfest
- Hymn Sing
- Bethlehem Walk
- Adult Christmas Dinner
- Student Ministry Camping Trip
- Lorain Soccer Camp
- ODCS/Church Staff Worship
- TrueGirl Crazy Hair Tour
- Family Movie Nights
- Soup, Stems, & Sisterhood
- Open Door Christmas Album
- Israel Tour
- Special Needs Ministry Launch
- NEO Worship Conference

(and so much more!)

We're so thankful for all the ways that God moved this year!





Staff Health Survey

Every year, Open Door's staff takes a survey that measures health, loyalty, and satisfaction and is rated according to a national standard.

Scale

- < 0 = Poor
- 0 = Good
- 50 = Excellent
- 70 = World Class

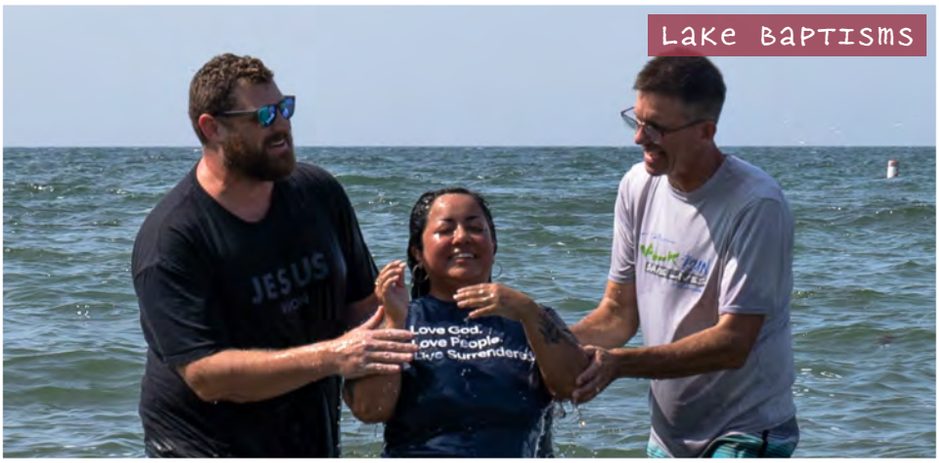
Open Door's Results

- **2023** -13
- **2024** 31
- **2025** 43
- **2026** 25

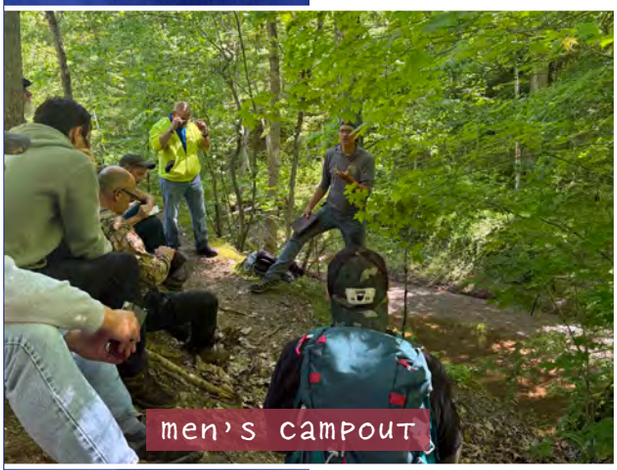




FAMILY SUMMER BASH



LAKE BAPTISMS



MEN'S CAMPOUT



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH



WHAT A MESS! VBS



NIGHT OF WORSHIP



CELEBRATION OF PASTOR JIM & ANDREA





GENERATION HOUSE WORK DAY



PRAYER IN THE SQUARE



YOUNG ADULT NIGHTS

TOM'S STORY

I was at Home Depot when Mike approached me.

As a contractor, I've been in Home Depot more often than the average person. Many of my days start or end there. Suffice it to say, I know what to expect. But one day, God used a "routine" interaction in a routine place to change my life forever.

I was in line getting ready to check out when I noticed that the guy behind me was carrying a giant piece of drywall without a cart. I figured he was in a rush, and if it were me, I'd want to set that drywall down as soon as possible. I asked if he would want to go in front of me. He gladly took the offer. But then, the guy turned around to me and said, "God bless you," and he handed me a little figure of Jesus. I wasn't a Christ follower yet, so it wasn't even in my vocabulary. Before I knew it, I'd said, "God bless you, too."



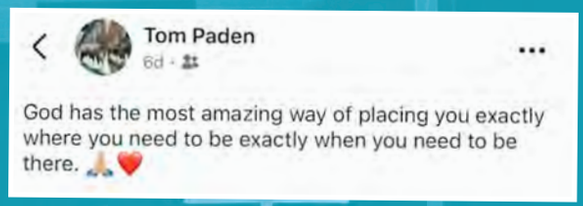
TOM & THE SOFTBALL TEAM

After Mike checked out and left the store, I thought that was it: a really genuine interaction with a guy that might have been a great friend in another life. As I was walking out the front door of the store, I saw Mike heading back with a small gift for the rest of my family. We proceeded to have a 40-minute conversation right there in the parking lot about everything from softball to what was really going on in life. What was so striking to me was how right it felt to talk about Jesus. I had never felt so open-minded about the gospel in my life.

Once Mike left, I couldn't help but think about a Facebook post I'd made a week prior: "God has the most amazing way of placing you exactly where you need to be exactly when you need to be there." Whatever I thought that post meant at the time, I realized in that moment that this is exactly what had just taken place. God had sent Mike to me to connect me to Himself. I was in the exact spot I needed to be, and with the exact person I needed to be with in order to be saved and to live a life for Jesus rather than myself.

Everything was about to change. I started playing softball with the Open Door team that Mike had mentioned to me in passing, where I got connected with Pastor Pierce and Pastor Clay. I joined the team halfway through the season, long before I had ever even stepped foot in the church. The team not only let me play, but really embraced me. Whatever I had thought about church people before, what I realized now is that these people seemed to really accept me and care about me, even though I was just getting to know them.

After the softball season, my schedule changed so that I was able to finally come to Open Door on a Sunday. After such a long journey, I stepped into church, and I knew it was where I needed to be. That same Sunday I talked with Pastor Clay after church to pray and accept Christ as my Savior. The next Sunday, Mike, Clay and I got into the water so that I could make that decision public through baptism. **My life has been forever changed—and through something as seemingly small as one conversation in the checkout line.**



WELCOMING



On Easter Sunday of 2026, Pastor Daniel Fagbuyi preached his first sermon as the fifth Lead Pastor at Open Door. His desire is to faithfully preach the Word, love people well, and help the church grow in Christlikeness as we live out the mission God has given us. Daniel and Erin have been married for over fifteen years and have two wonderful children, Josiah (9) and Hope (7). They moved to Ohio from Arizona, and with Erin being a licensed Christian counselor, they share a passion for shepherding and caring for people, especially those who have experienced trauma and come from difficult circumstances.

THE FAGBUYIS

ERIN

"Moving to Ohio has been a significant transition for our family, and we are grateful for the Lord's kindness in bringing us to Open Door. The intentional warmth and love we've experienced have made Ohio feel like home—**not simply as a place to live, but as a place where we truly belong.** As we look ahead, our prayer is that we would continue to grow together in our love for Christ, our faithfulness to His Word, and our love for one another and the community around us."

"One of the ways God has blessed me since moving to Ohio is by giving me **good friends** right away. Their kindness and friendship have made the move easier and helped Ohio feel like home."

JOSIAH

HOPE

"One of the things I appreciate about Open Door is how people have taken the time to get to know me and Josiah. It makes me feel **seen and loved**, and I'm thankful God brought us here."

DANIEL

"My heart for Open Door is that we would be a healthy church—healthy in mind, body, and spirit. Echoing Paul's prayer in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, I long to see God sanctify us wholly as a church family. By God's grace and through the work of the Holy Spirit, that health would be marked by four characteristics: singular devotion to Christ; sound doctrine rooted in the Word of God, teaching us to think with the mind of Christ; sincere discussions that are caring, candid, and constructive; and a sanctified disposition evident in how we live and love. As we look toward 2027, my prayer is that God would continue making us healthier, draw us closer together as one body, and use us to carry the hope of the gospel into every community He has called us to serve."



THE OPEN DOOR COUNSELING & COMMUNITY CENTER

On September 1, 2026, we launched the Center to offer hope and healing within the Lorain County community by providing Christ-centered licensed counseling and services rooted in biblical principles and clinical expertise.

Located in downtown Elyria, we want to serve our community by providing accessible mental healthcare and resources for those who are in need!

Visit theopendoorcenter.com for more information!



The Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting



Open House at the Center

Our program is intentionally designed to serve people who are most often excluded from or unable to access mental health care, including children, youth, adults, and families experiencing poverty, housing instability, trauma, and underinsurance. By pairing professional counseling with life skills classes and support groups (such as Alcoholics Anonymous, GriefShare, and Celebrate Recovery), we provide an enriching space where the people of Lorain County can build relationships, cultivate wellness, and experience the love of Christ.

We are so excited to see how God will move; we desire to be faithful stewards of the grace He has given us, that we may impact the community and **fulfill the needs that we see for His Kingdom**.

"We see a real need for timely and affordable mental healthcare in Elyria," says Kevin Brubaker, Mayor of Elyria. "People experience all sorts of trauma and don't even know how to begin to process it. There are so many barriers to getting care, but with The Center being right here in downtown Elyria and committed to making counseling accessible, **I believe it will make a huge difference for our people and start to change the community from the inside out**."

JEN'S STORY



JEN & HER DAUGHTER

I always knew that something was missing.

My parents divorced when I was seven years old, and while they were believers, they never brought us to church regularly. I was baptized as a baby in the Lutheran church, and if anything, I thought that covered me. By the time I was a teenager, I had decided that there couldn't be a God for the same reasons many atheists come to that conclusion: there was no visible proof and it didn't make logical sense to me, so it couldn't be true.

Over time, this belief led to deep-rooted depression and anxiety about existence and the point of living. By the grace of God, I never struggled with suicidal thoughts, but I didn't have any hope. Later in life, I got pregnant and gave birth to a daughter; through that process, I nearly died, but that begged the question in my mind—why didn't I die? Was there a purpose to my life?

My daughter gave me a reason to keep moving and keep living, but slowly, my heart softened to the idea that I could be proven wrong about God, that there might be a greater purpose in life. But I wasn't ready to seek Him yet. Instead, I tried to fill that gap in my heart with other things: marijuana, drinking, smoking cigarettes, tattoos, vanity, worldly validation, my career. **The gap turned out to be a bottomless pit, and none of those pursuits gave me the peace and identity that I was craving.**

I've always hated the way the world operates, how much evil is glorified, and how broken it is, but one night, I realized that if God isn't real, there truly is no point and no light to combat the darkness. I cried out to Him: "God, if you're real, please show me. Give me a sign tomorrow and I'll follow you."

The next day, He did give me three signs: ordinary things that I would not have normally noticed, but that I knew in my soul was God revealing Himself to me. It was like He had opened my eyes to recognize Him.

I texted one of my childhood friends and asked to attend church with her. I went to the Open Door Elyria Campus for the first time in fifteen years. Since I live in Avon Lake, I started regularly attending the Avon Lake Campus with my daughter in September of 2025. I got baptized on Easter Sunday (April 5, 2026) at the age of 33, and my family was there to witness it.



EASTER BAPTISM

My life looks completely different now. I'm in a Bible Study group with other women at Avon Lake, and I'm growing closer to God each day and growing in my acceptance and understanding of Scripture. I'm learning to navigate the world day to day with truth and love. **I know that I'm not a perfect person, but in Jesus, I am perfected** (cf. Hebrews 10:14). I grew up in survival mode and relied only on myself, but now, I am learning to surrender and fully trust God. Through that, I was freed from my addictions, and I now care more about stewarding my health than I ever have in the past.

I'm still figuring out how God wants to use me, but He's guiding my steps every day.

> "FOR BY ONE SACRIFICE HE HAS MADE PERFECT FOREVER THOSE WHO ARE BEING MADE HOLY."
>
> HEBREWS 10:14

FOCUS ON HEALTH

- Singular Devotion (to Christ)
- Sound Doctrine
- Sincere Discussion
- Sanctified Disposition

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

- Discipleship & Evangelism
- The Importance of Church Membership

FOCUS ON UNITY

- Sincere Discussions
- G.R.A.C.E. Process
- Biblical Reconciliation

LOOKING AHEAD

AS WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WILL ALWAYS STAY ROOTED IN WHO WE ARE, A CHURCH THAT:



VIVIAN'S STORY

The Lord brought me to Church of the Open Door in the midst of the most difficult days of my husband, Rob's, illness. I was searching for hope, strength, and courage when I started attending the Vermilion Campus, and I found it through the uplifting worship and the hugs from new friends.

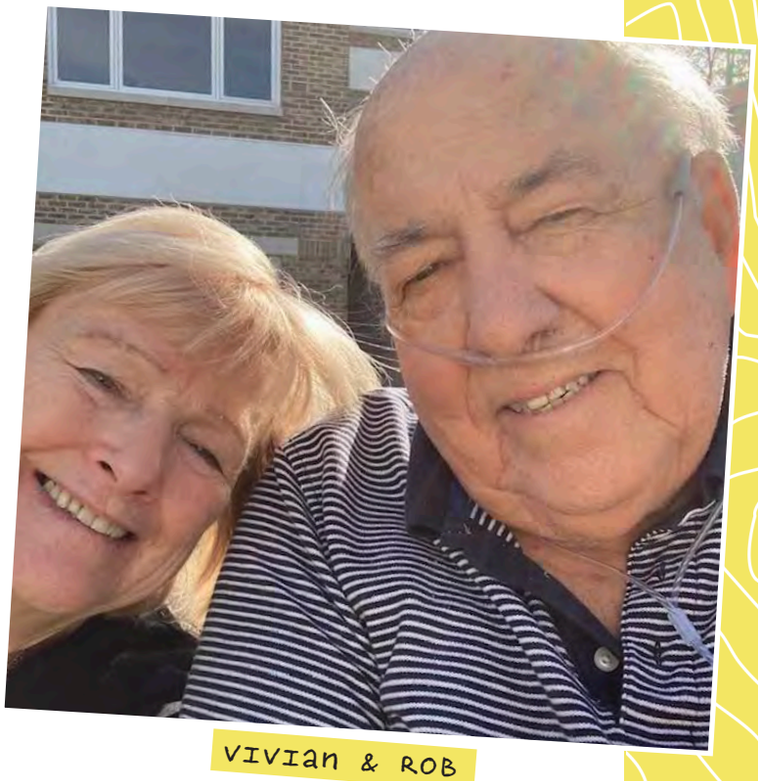
My excitement inspired Rob to come with me. He had been hesitant to come at first because he was wheelchair-bound, and getting him there was hard for both of us. Even so, we always sat right up front with his wheelchair parked in the aisle by the door.

This is where we met the most wonderful young man, Tyler Skillman. Without us even asking, he started to help Rob and I every Sunday. He'd wait at the door, and as soon as I pulled into the parking lot, he'd come to our car. He lifted Rob's legs in and out of the car and put the wheelchair in the back for us. **The support that we found at Church of the Open Door through Tyler's servant heart was such a gift to us.**

Pastor John and, later, Pastor Bob both prayed with Rob often and shepherded us through the painful season of Rob's last days. Pastor Bob even visited Rob in the nursing home.

The Lord took my dear Rob home on August 1. We asked Pastor Bob to say a few words at the funeral service and give the prayer. I'm finding my way alone after over 60 years with him, but I'm continuing to find my strength and faith through my community at Open Door. Even with Rob gone, Tyler continues to sit with me in the front row each Sunday.

It is truly a difficult time for me, but **the joy of the Lord is my strength**! Thanks for sharing it with us.

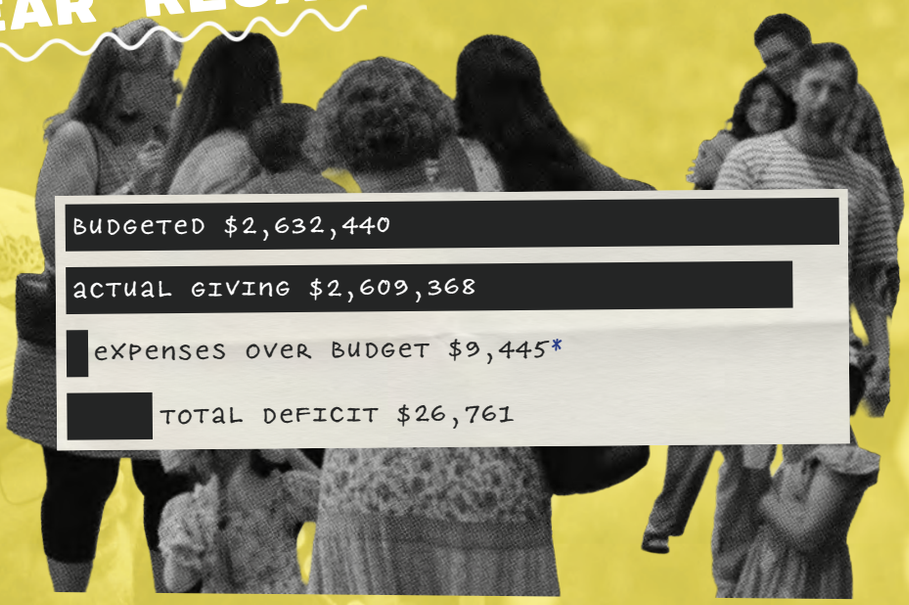


VIVIAN & ROB

"I'M FINDING MY WAY ALONE AFTER 60 YEARS WITH HIM, BUT I'M CONTINUING TO FIND MY STRENGTH AND FAITH THROUGH MY COMMUNITY AT OPEN DOOR."

FINANCES

FISCAL YEAR RECAP



BUDGETED $2,632,440

ACTUAL GIVING $2,609,368

EXPENSES OVER BUDGET $9,445*

TOTAL DEFICIT $26,761

$48,409
AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

710
TOTAL GIVERS

97
NEW GIVERS

**includes a significant amount for an unbudgeted Lead Pastor search process*

TITHERS 13.1%

GIVERS 17.7%

TIPPERS 69.2%

ELYRIA CAMPUS SALE



In order to assist with the **ODCS 2.0 More for His Glory Capital Campaign**, the Governing Board voted to adjust the original terms of the interest free $1,000,000 payment by ODCS (10 equal installments over 10 years) by adding 5 years, making the total term 15 years. **The remaining 11 installments will be $54,545**, with no shared facilities expenses through the extended term.

$400,000	MONEY RECEIVED FROM ODCS
$71,554	INVESTED IN MINISTRY EFFORTS *(especially local outreach and foster/adoption ministry)*
$295,000	PURCHASED 300 4TH ST IN DOWNTOWN ELYRIA FOR THE CENTER
$33,446	INITIAL LAUNCH & INVESTMENT IN THE CENTER

WHERE DOES $100 GO?

CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR'S SPENDING

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DISCIPLESHIP & GROUPS	25.66
ADMINISTRATION	16.34
WORSHIP & TECH	16.16
FACILITIES	15.89
FAMILY MINISTRY	12.18
MISSIONS & OUTREACH	9.55
CARE & CONNECTIONS	4.22

Thank you for your generosity!

TOTAL: $100.00





* Would you consider a special year-end gift to help us close our current deficit and enable us to impact more lives for Jesus?

SCAN TO GIVE!

Q1 2026/2027

BUDGETED $587,326

ACTUAL GIVING $523,394

EXPENSES UNDER BUDGET $42,641

TOTAL DEFICIT $32,445

DID YOU KNOW?

We have partnered with one of the nation's leading church auditing and accounting firms, **Carr, Riggs & Ingram** (formerly CapinCrouse), to independently review our financial practices and help ensure the highest standards of financial accountability, transparency, and integrity.

HOW PEOPLE GIVE

46.5% CASH/CHECK

53.5% ONLINE

EMMA & SWAY'S STORY

Emma and Sway both grew up in Christian families and had been serving regularly in church for their entire lives. When they got engaged, they decided that they wanted to find their own church to attend as a couple, which is what brought them to Open Door.

emma

I immediately loved the culture at the Lorain Campus. I got so much out of the teaching and the people were welcoming and lively. But after six months, I still hadn't taken any steps to serve, which was unusual for me. I think I was afraid to start saying "yes" to things; in my experience, once you said yes to serving at a church, you'd be asked to do more until you were completely burnt out.

God wouldn't let me stand on the sidelines for long. One Sunday, the friend I'd been standing next to during worship encouraged me to try out for the worship team. I felt really intimidated. I'd never led worship, but God had already been nudging my heart that way.

Before I knew it, I was singing on stage with Tony, our worship leader. At first, I was nervous about messing up the words or my voice not sounding good, but when I reflected on the heart behind those nerves, God helped me to see that it's not about me, but about leading other people to Him. And isn't that how life in general is supposed to be? **It's not about us, but having that attitude of humility and pointing people to Jesus.**

Emma and Sway have now been serving at Open Door for several years and have even gotten involved with Night to Shine and the Special Needs Ministry. **To avoid burnout, they've realized the importance of identifying and serving out of their gifts, passions, and values and to form relationships with those they serve alongside.** They've built a deep community while in the trenches with other volunteers, rooted in a love for God and the body of Christ.

Through their serving, God has helped them see the needs in their community. Their next step of faith is to start a LifeGroup—one specifically for young people that want to grow in Christ and do life together.



sway

When we first started going to Open Door, I was in a similar spot to Emma. I'm a Pastor's Kid, so helping at church was just the thing you did. You didn't question it. But I'd just finished running a young adult ministry and I was pretty tired.

Once Emma started singing on the worship team, I knew my time was coming. Sure enough, Pastor Jason started to talk with me about Guest Services. He needed someone to oversee one of the teams; since he saw administrative and leadership gifts in me, he thought I'd be a good fit. The thought of hopping into another serving role was scary at first, but after a lot of prayer, God made it clear that it was my next step. I was moved by the idea of making an impact when someone walks through the door. It's more than greeting people and making them coffee. **You never know what people are going through when they pull into the parking lot, but you have the opportunity to be Jesus to them.**

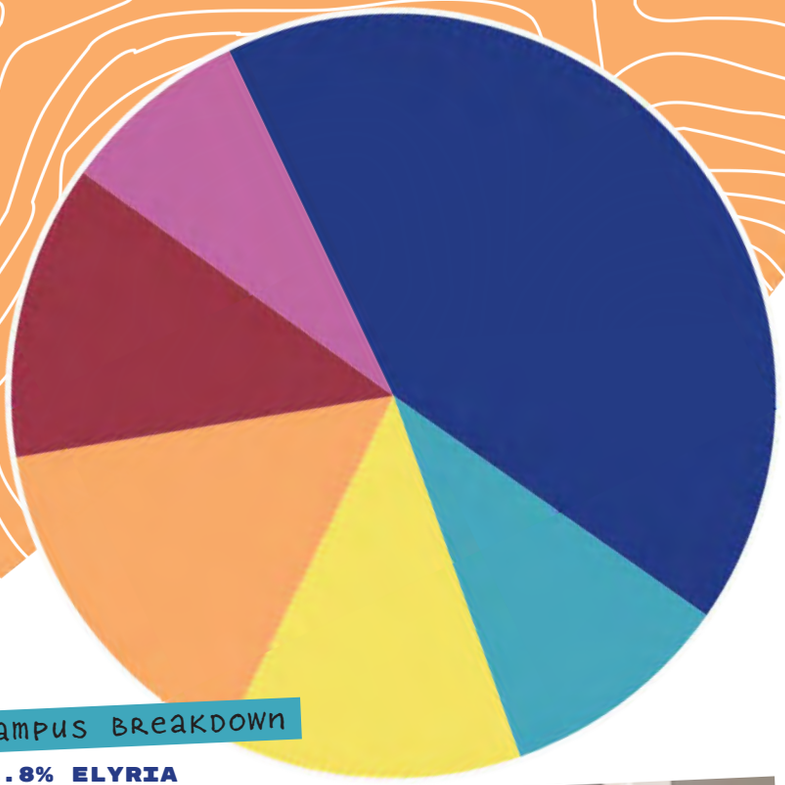
Once I started the role, I found that it challenged me to step out in faith. I'd ask God to open my eyes and make it obvious when people needed prayer, and He did! God's gonna move if you allow yourself to be moved by the Holy Spirit. It's not about me. It's a way I can be a part of furthering God's Kingdom.



ATTENDANCE

1,374
average weekly attendance

368
members



Demographics

ADULTS	79.9%
KIDS	13.3%
STUDENTS	6.8%
MALE	48.2%
FEMALE	51.8%

Special Services

CHRISTMAS EVE	1,523
EASTER	1,813

Campus Breakdown

- 41.8% ELYRIA
- 9.9% AVON LAKE
- 12.7% LORAIN
- 15.1% VERMILION
- 12.5% DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- 8% ONLINE









DID YOU KNOW?

- We have 103 volunteers in Kids Ministry.
- We had 85 new students visit our programs in the last year.
- We've seen our worship volunteers grow immensely in their leadership and step up in more than 150 opportunities to help lead our congregation in worship.

DISCIPLESHIP

75% IN A GROUP (+9%)

70% VOLUNTEERING (+12%)

808 SUBSCRIBED TO DAILY DEVOTIONS

158 VOLUNTEER LEADERS ACROSS CAMPUSES

309 ATTENDED A CLASS

ENGAGEMENT

measured as doing least two of the following three: serving, giving, being in a group

staff & board	95%
member	87%
attendee	57%
new guest re-engagement	19%

percentage of people who take a next step within six months of their first visit

18 DECISIONS TO FOLLOW JESUS

60 BAPTISMS



764 VOLUNTEERS ACROSS ALL CAMPUSES AND MINISTRIES

117 DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER ROLES



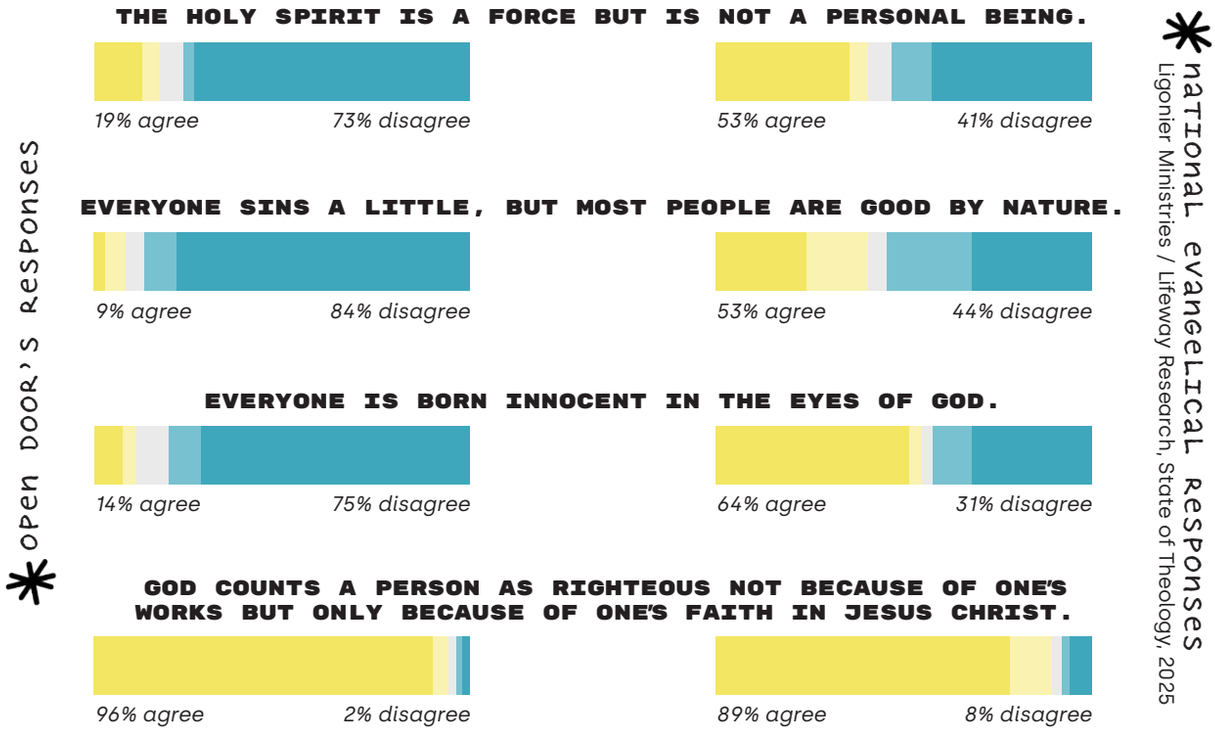


STATE OF THEOLOGY SURVEY

This year, we asked the congregation of Open Door to complete the State of Theology, **a nationwide survey that reveals how people today view key doctrines of the Christian faith**. From our church, 242 participants answered 35 theological statements.



At Church of the Open Door, we place a high value on the exposition of God's Word. **We want to know who God is, believe what He says, and share His good news**. The responses give us much to thank God for, including strong agreement on salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. They also point to opportunities to continue growing in our understanding of Scripture. These findings can help guide our teaching and discipleship. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.



AREAS OF STRONGEST DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT AT OPEN DOOR

- Jesus Christ, the Cross, and Salvation
- Confidence in Biblical Authority
- Understanding of God and the Trinity
- Convictions on Marriage, Sexuality, and Life
- Commitment to Evangelism and Christian Witness

SCAN TO VIEW ALL RESPONSES

MEDIA



WEBSITE

- 8,659 monthly average sessions (+73%)
- 15,205 monthly average pageviews (+37%)

APP

- 500 average monthly users (+18%)
- 1,146 new downloads (39%)



SOCIALS

- 2,155 net followers (469%+)
- 9,651 monthly avg interactions (507%+)
- 97 posts published
- 26 videos created

- 38 days & 21 hours total watch time
- 890,055 total views
- 102,008 content interactions
- 438,797 Instagram reach

TOP 5 FACEBOOK POSTS

1. Prayer in the Square *(57,133 views)*
2. Welcome to Pastor Daniel as New Lead Pastor *(31,904 views)*
3. Pastor Jim's Last Sermon on Palm Sunday *(14,698 views)*
4. Family Summer Bash *(14,285 views)*
5. Night to Shine *(13,205 views)*

TOP 5 INSTAGRAM POSTS

1. Wrong Answers Only *(539,734 views)*
2. Describe Your Job (Badly) *(66,351 views)*
3. Christmas Eve Services *(9,558 views)*
4. "O Come All Ye Faithful" Music Video *(8,719 views)*
5. Water Bottle Prank *(8,161 views)*



ONLINE CAMPUS

18 PRIVATE PRAYERS

700 REGISTERED USERS

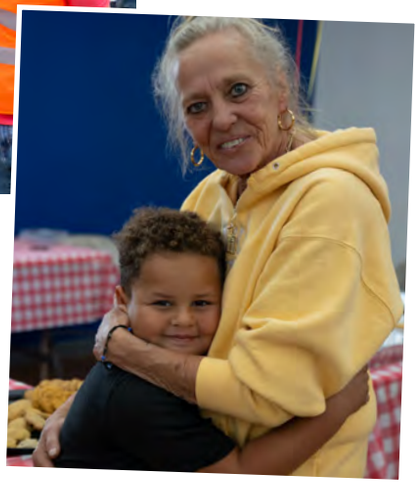
5 ONLINE HOST VOLUNTEERS

BENEVOLENCE

We supported our local community in significant ways through a multitude of different emergency situations. Our Benevolence Ministry is designed to help people in financial need. However, we also strive to **glorify God**, **honor the dignity of the recipients**, and **point people toward lasting hope in Christ**. To learn more about our Benevolence Ministry, visit opendoor.tv/help







THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY, IN THE LAST NINE MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO...

- Support **55 individuals and families**
- Evaluate **107 applications** for benevolence support
- Refer **65 people and families** to our ministry partner, Love Inc.
- Have our staff lead by example and **support 23 people** in the moment with a gift to point them back to Jesus
- Launch the **Helping Hands Ministry** to assist struggling individuals and shut-ins with practical home repairs and help

Generosity Changes Lives

A LifeGroup member shared a prayer request with a staff member about her car's broken heat. As a home health care worker who relies on driving, she was struggling but felt others were more "worthy" of help and didn't want to ask the church. With encouragement from her group, **she eventually came to see receiving support as part of God's provision**. The benevolence fund covered her repairs and allowed her to experience God's care through the church.

Someone whom we helped with rent last year reached out again for assistance. As a repeat applicant, **she was invited into a deeper process focused on long-term stability rather than one-time aid**. She is now working with a volunteer financial coach to build budgeting skills and explore employment opportunities. The goal is a "hand up, not a handout," equipping her with tools for greater financial independence.

A single mom at Georgia House with a church connection first reached out for help paying an old electric bill so she could get service at a new home and regain custody of her kids. She was able to take care of the bill herself, but a few months later reached out for help with a security deposit. We were able to help, and she and her children moved in shortly after. **She is now working in peer support, helping women in recovery and, in her words, "sharing Jesus all day!"**



WOOLY BEAR FESTIVAL

Our Vermilion Campus built a giant wooly bear float for this year's parade in Vermilion to represent Jesus and Open Door to the 100,000 people in attendance!



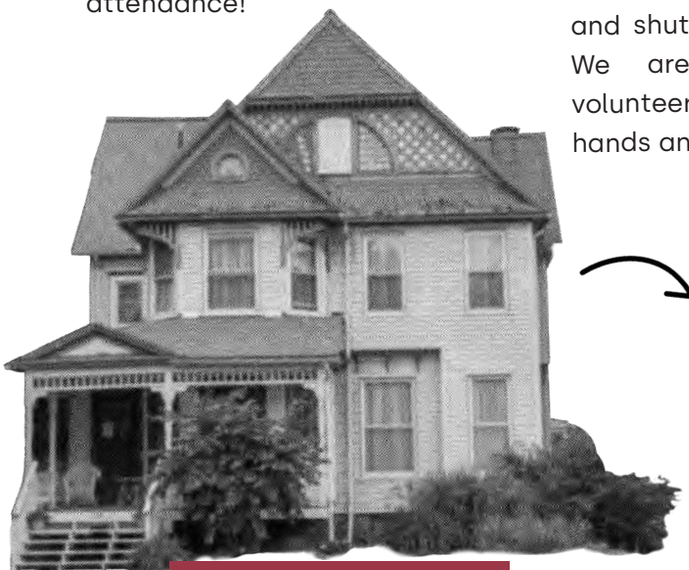
WECARE MINISTRY

Since 2020, we have delivered free, hot meals for the elderly and shut-ins in our community. We are thankful for the volunteers who serve as the hands and feet of Jesus!



BETHLEHEM WALK

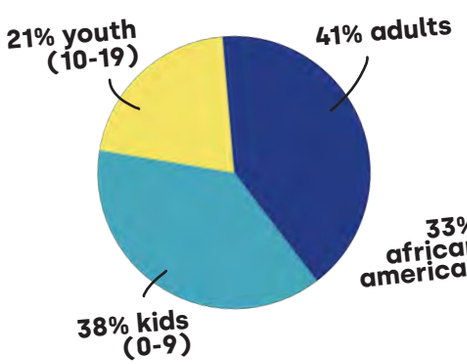
This is Open Door's biggest annual outreach event! We get to minister to ~1,150 people as we show them what it was like to live in biblical times and remind them of the true meaning of Christmas.

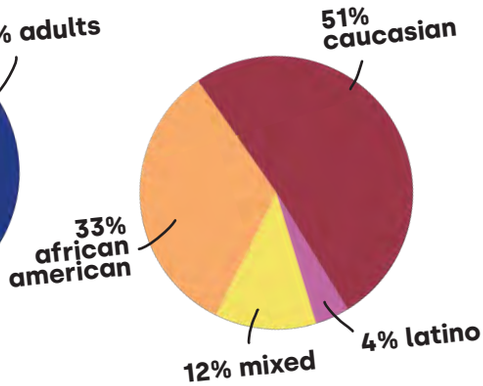


GENERATION HOUSE

Generation House provides a transformative transitional housing program for women, children, and families experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, mental health challenges, or housing instability in Lorain County. Guests come from many backgrounds—including survivors of domestic violence, those leaving addiction recovery, refugees, and families evicted from their homes—and are warmly welcomed into Generation House. Each family has a private bedroom and access to shared living spaces, with up to four families residing at Generation House at one time.

OUR GUESTS HAVE BEEN...





MISSION: LEADING WOMEN AND CHILDREN OUT OF HOMELESSNESS WHILE MODELING CHRIST.

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37 PEOPLE WENT ON A MISSION TRIP (+76% FROM LAST YEAR)

↳ *On one of those trips, five people from Open Door were joined by 12 other Christians from around the world to visit our village in Burundi.*

67 HOUSES WERE COMPLETED IN THE VILLAGE OF MBASI

↳ *Thank you for your generosity during the Year-End Giving Projects in 2023 & 2024; it's still changing lives!*

DID YOU KNOW?

Our mission council has been publishing a daily **prayer calendar** each month with up-to-date information and prayer requests. You can pick up your own copy at the missions table at each campus or online.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CAMPUS

- This year, there was a **26% increase** in Las Brisas Sponsorships compared to last year. As a result, **99% of all kids currently attending the after school program are sponsored**!
- **25 new visitors** attended the DR Campus and Bible Study in the last three months alone.
- **233 kids** participated in VBS this year.
- There were **3 salvations** and **16 baptisms**!

WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO ADD MORE PASSIONATE PEOPLE TO OUR CURRENT MISSIONS COUNCIL. THIS TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS LEADS, CARES, AND SUPPORTS OUR GLOBAL OUTREACH PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD. INTERESTED? EMAIL JASON@OPENDOOR.TV FOR MORE DETAILS.


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GLOBAL MISSIONS RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARD

1. World-renowned soccer juggler and sports missionary, Tamizh from India, joined us for a month to help with various activities, including a soccer camp where over 20 kids dedicated or re-dedicated their lives to Jesus!

2. We were blessed to have Daniel (son of Pastor Tito in the DR) complete a summer internship at Open Door.

3. Long-time missionary Carolyn Crockett visited our Lorain Campus and shared an update about her and Stephen's life-changing ministry in Indonesia.

4. Our Lorain Campus hosted a booth at this year's International Festival!

EACH

GLOBAL

YEAR-END GIVING PROJECT

MARINGO SAFE WATER PROJECT IN NAIROBI, KENYA



In partnership with Kickoff to Hope and our missionaries Musa Otieno and Frank Onyango, **our goal is to provide reliable, affordable, and sustainable clean water** to Dr. Krapf Primary School and the surrounding Maringo community in **Nairobi, Kenya**.

THE NEED

Dr. Krapf Primary School serves approximately **950 students and teachers**, though as many as **1,000 more nearby residents** could directly benefit from the project. The community currently struggles with unreliable municipal water and often depends on private vendors. **The proposed project would reduce the cost of water by 90-93% for this community**.

THE PROJECT

Kickoff to Hope plans to drill and equip a 300-meter-deep borehole on the grounds of the school, which will be expected to produce approximately 50,000 liters of water a day. This will make a profound difference for this community! Beyond providing water, the project will improve sanitation and health, reduce household expenses, strengthen education and community resilience, and create a sustainable source of income for Kickoff to Hope's ministry.

Importantly, the project also advances the gospel. Through indigenous missionaries and local churches, **the ministry intends to use the relationships created through this practical expression of care to make disciples and ultimately point people to the "Living Water" that never runs dry**.

We plan to take a mission team from Open Door to Kenya once the well is finished so that we can see and experience the community and project firsthand!





THE INVESTMENT

For every **$100** donated, another family in the Maringo community will have access to clean and affordable water.



SCAN TO HELP PROVIDE A SUSTAINABLE WATER SOLUTION FOR THESE KIDS & THEIR FAMILIES!

* WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP US MEET THE NEED OF THE MARINGO COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON? TO GIVE, MARK YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE "YEAR-END," OR TEXT "YEAREND" TO 440.323.4644. ANY GIFTS RECEIVED BEYOND OUR INITIAL GOAL TO BLESS THESE STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND RESIDENTS IN KENYA WILL GO TOWARDS OUR YEAR-END DEFICIT TO IMPACT MORE LIVES FOR JESUS.

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