

THE MOODY CHURCH



ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022–AUGUST 31, 2023

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME



KNOW GOD THROUGH WORSHIP

FEED YOUR SOUL THROUGH COMMUNITY

GROW IN LOVE THROUGH SERVICE

CHANGE YOUR WORLD THROUGH MISSION

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A LETTER FROM PASTOR PHILIP

As I look back on this past year, I'm so grateful for the ways in which God continues to lead and guide us as a church family. We continue to experience growing momentum in terms of participation in worship. Our children's and student ministries are growing by leaps and bounds. We're growing deeper as a family as well, as people of all ages and stages are engaging with our Communities. More and more people are finding places to serve and use their giftedness for the sake of others. The mission of God is going forth as we scatter to "be the church" each and every week, as well as through our local and global ministry partnerships. We're a Gospel movement in the city for the world. God is on the move! Even our forecasted budget shortfall turned out to be an opportunity for God to show Himself strong, and for His people to show themselves to be a generous family! We have much to praise the Lord about!

I'm always amazed to see what a year's worth of preaching covers. This last year, we introduced our discipleship pathway with *The Journey of a Lifetime: Know God, Feed Your Soul, Grow in Love, and Change Your World*. We then worked our way through Jonah and discovered God's unrelenting love for undeserving people. The *Identity Traps* series helped us discover our Gospel identity in Christ as beloved children of God. And our study through Ephesians helped us see what it means to live in a manner worthy of the Gospel as a people now alive in Christ. It's amazing we fit all of that in just one year!

Sometimes people ask me how I choose what books of the Bible to preach next. For what it's worth, there is a bit of a method to the madness. I always aim at variety in terms of Old and New Testaments as well as genre of literature. But more than that, I've been trying to lead us on a thematic progression through *The Journey of a Lifetime* in terms of our yearly emphasis as a church. When we were regathering on the heels of the pandemic shutdown, our emphasis was on Knowing God through Worship, and the Gospel of John series helped us keep our eyes on Jesus. This past year, our focus has been on Feeding our Souls through Community, and Ephesians, in particular, drew our attention to what it means to be the family of God. In the year ahead, we're laser-focused on Growing in Love through Service. Our series in Malachi is helping us see the kind of whole-hearted devotion and service

God desires. Soon we'll begin working our way through a longer series in the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus shows us what life as a servant is all about. After Luke, I plan to preach through the Book of Acts—the second volume written by Luke—which will help us move our focus to Changing our World through Mission as the Gospel goes to the ends of the earth. So that's our roadmap for the coming months, in case you were wondering.

Our emphasis for this year is on Growing in Love through Service. We all want to be loving people, it's just that our innate selfishness gets in the way. It's going to take the transforming work of the Spirit and the manifold grace of God for us to change on the inside. But one of the tools God gives us to help us practice and live out a life of love is...service. When we serve others, our selfishness begins to die a little, and the love of Christ comes to life within us. When we give ourselves away, we actually get ourselves back. The new life we have in Christ begins to take over, and we find ourselves becoming people of love, more and more like our Jesus. Don't you see how this revolutionizes service? Service isn't just about meeting needs. It's not just about volunteerism. Serving is the laboratory in which the transforming grace of God can go to work by the power of the Spirit. Serving is where we practice the way of Jesus. It's where we become ourselves—our new selves in Christ—the people we were always meant to be.

So my challenge for each one of us here at The Moody Church is this: Where are you growing in love through service?

Remember, you are loved more than you know!



A LETTER FROM OUR ELDERS

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. (1 Peter 4:10-11)

The year we have experienced a tremendous amount of God's blessings! We kicked off the year with Pastor Philip introducing The Journey of a Lifetime. We've enjoyed walking alongside all of you as we've been learning to Know God and Feed Our Souls. We ended the fiscal year in the midst of Growing in Love, and we are looking forward to continuing the Journey in the new year.

The Moody Church was blessed by several God-inspired sermon series to accompany each stage in our journey. We worked through *Identity Traps*, where learned about seeking our identity through significance, security, or satisfaction, when we should be seeking it in Christ. From there we embarked on the *Alive in Christ* series, in which we walked through Ephesians and were challenged to come alive in worship of God. What a privilege it has been to be invited by God to embark on this journey with Him and with each other. We would be remiss to overlook the explosive growth that we have experienced in TMC Kids and our Youth group! We are so thankful to see God's house packed on Sundays and Wednesdays with the vibrancy of our children. Director Michelle Forrider, Pastor Justin May, and all the many volunteers have been serving faithfully to the abundance of families that have been walking through doors of the church, and we are so grateful. An enormous thank you to Michelle, Justin, and our wonderful volunteers for serving day in and day out!

God's provision was once again overwhelming. At a time when it appeared nearly impossible to finish the year within our budget, God once again faithfully showed up through the generosity of His people. Pastor Phillip presented The Moody Church with a challenge, and the church responded in faith that not only helped us close the gap...but surpass it! As a result, we were privileged to come alongside God's plans to support after-school programs in Brazil, the Family Empowerment Center Food Pantry, Sabka Sahaara Church on Devon, and World Relief Cambodia. Thanks to everyone who has faithfully been a part of financially supporting God's work through The Moody Church.

There are so many other activities and events that our amazing ministry teams have been leading that we would run out of room to list them all, but it is worth mentioning a few. We kicked off our fiscal year with a fantastic MoodyFest all-church picnic. Pastor Tim Stafford organized and led a dedicated team in another successful Christmas concert, and our children were spectacular in their own concert! There was Artic Blast, Summer Blast, and Lake Ann Camp. We were blessed by Global Outreach Week and by the thought-provoking Summer Seminars...and so much more! Thanks to all the pastors and ministry directors for all your hard work.

Praise God for all His work in and through The Moody Church. We never tire of serving our awesome God! As we seek God's leading, we sincerely appreciate your prayers for the Elders and staff. Please continue to faithfully pray for one another, the lost, our city, our nation, and our world.

THE MOODY CHURCH ELDERS

Kevin Baloue, Joseph Carre, Tony Durns, Steve Giere, Jonathan Hauser, Philip Miller, Berv Peterson, Scott Pratt, Reg Rawden, Tom Sawyer, Greg Thorton, and Phil Zahn

ASSOCIATE ELDERS

Bill Bertsche and Michael Pitts

LIFE ELDER

Don Dix

2022–2023 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Years ago one of my seminary professors, who was also the pastor of a large church out west, said one of the first things he did when he became pastor of the church was to eliminate their annual report! His thinking was that it had become a boring and largely unread document. Apparently, he was right, because he told us that no one ever complained that their annual report was gone.

I mention that because, as a proud owner of annual reports from The Moody Church dating back to 1994, I am thankful we put the time and effort in each year to, I trust, creatively and joyfully remember and celebrate what God has done in and through our church over the past year.

The fact you are reading this report tells me it's highly likely that you were directly involved in one or more of the ministries below and I pray that you are encouraged by God's promise that your labor for the Lord is not (and is never!) in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

I love Psalm 34:8: "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" People who have grown to delight in the Lord want everyone to know how delightful the Lord is and how blessed we are to take refuge in Him. We do that as a church through the ministries the Lord calls us to because in them, we reveal the love and sufficiency of God. Serving others in Jesus' name honors the Lord and points people to Him—and what a privilege that is!

Thank you so much for all that you did over the past year to help us be faithful as the body of Christ!

For His glory,



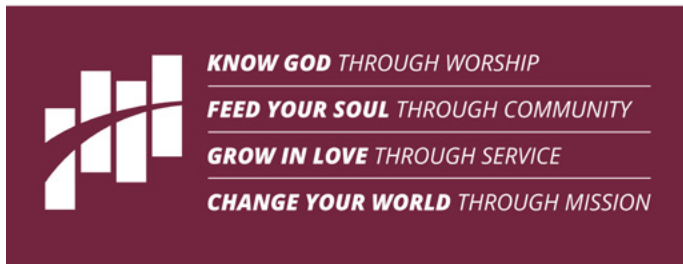
Bill Bertsche
Executive Pastor

MoodyFest 2022



SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2022

THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME



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In September, Pastor Philip launched his sermon series around the four stages—worship, community, service, and mission—that encapsulate the abundant Christian life Jesus calls us to. You’ve heard it many times, but it never gets old: “Jesus is inviting you on The Journey of a Lifetime to know God, feed your soul, grow in love, and change your world.”

MOODYFEST ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Every year, we kick off the fall with our all-church picnic in Lincoln Park. Communities host games, the BBQ crew makes delicious food, and we all celebrate God’s goodness to our church family. We truly have so much to be thankful for.

FALL FEST



In October, TMC Kids hosted this seasonal outreach to families in the neighborhood. Hundreds of kids join us for a fun afternoon filled with carnival games, food, LOTS of candy, and a Gospel-centered show in the extended lobby. It’s a wonderful opportunity for our church family to invite their friends into the life of The Moody Church.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year’s Thanksgiving Offering supported three of our close ministry partners doing work in Chicago and around the world. We raised \$280,350 to support: an after-school program in Brazil with our missionaries, Lee and Regina Bloch; the expansion of the Family Empowerment Center Food Pantry; and the Sabka Sahara church plant on Devon Avenue serving the local Indian and Pakistani communities.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We continued our partnership with Samaritan’s Purse to bless children around the globe with Christmas gifts packed in shoeboxes. Praise God, we packed 1,019 boxes filled with gifts for children all over the world. And the best part is that each child who receives a box hears the message of Jesus and is invited to a discipleship program in their own language. What a way to celebrate the greatest gift ever given!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our Christmas Concert attendance continues to grow year after year following the pandemic. This year, we saw a big bump in attendance as we welcomed over 2,800 people to this event featuring our Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra. On Christmas Eve, we slowed our pace to light candles and marvel at the miracle of the birth of Jesus. Then on Christmas morning, families attended Sunday service (some with children in jammies!) as we started our holiday festivities with adoration for the newborn King.

CHILDREN’S CHORUS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL



Our Children’s Chorus blessed us with a captivating performance of “The First Leon.” Our hearts were warmed and our ears were tickled as the children shared with us the true meaning of Christmas.

2022–2023 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

JANUARY–MARCH 2023

IDENTITY TRAPS



Pastor Philip launched his new series, *Identity Traps*. In this series, we explored the stories of nine different characters in the Bible, who each tried to build their identities in all the wrong places, but then discovered the kind of wholeness only God can give. In looking at their lives, we discovered the identity traps we fall into and the identity Christ offers us that changes everything.

ARCTIC BLAST

Thirty-four of our kids grades 3–5 (and eight chaperones) packed up for an overnight experience at Camp Timber-Lee in Wisconsin! Our young kids enjoyed their time together away from home, grew in their faith, and built lasting relationships with each other. This overnighter continues to be a great way for our third graders to gain camp experience before attending summer week-away camp.

GULL LAKE YOUTH WINTER RETREAT



In January, our Youth Ministry returned to Gull Lake Ministries for a three-day retreat. This year was even larger than the last, with 127 students in tow. This event is always the ministry high point of the Youth Ministry's year because it provides our students an opportunity to unplug from the world and focus on Jesus in a unique way.

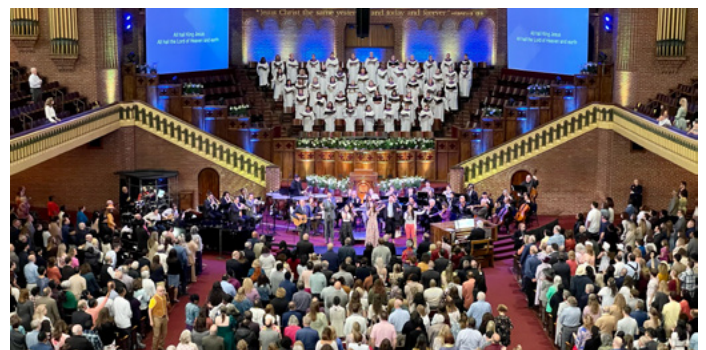
APRIL–JUNE 2023

REDEMPTION PROJECT: WORLD RELIEF CAMBODIA



This year's Redemption Project partnered with World Relief to reach the ultra-poor in Cambodia. World Relief and the local Cambodian church want to redeem ultra-poor families through an innovative solution that uplifts poor families, body and soul. Through this model, the local churches identify destitute families in their communities and place them on a sustainable path out of poverty. Praise God, we raised \$118,000 to help support over 40 families in this project.

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week is the highlight of the Christian calendar, and this year was even bigger than the last. On Palm Sunday we shouted "Hosanna in the Highest" as our Children's Chorus led us in adorable praise. On Tuesday, our church hosted a Messianic Passover Banquet with Chosen People's Ministries, teaching us how the Passover can be understood by Christians today. We held a Maundy Thursday service to wash one another's feet. On Good Friday, we shared communion and reflected Christ's atonement for us. On Saturday, TMC

Kids organized an Easter egg outreach event in the park where families came to have fun, play games, and search for Easter eggs. Then on Easter Sunday, we all gathered in the sanctuary for a beautiful service that reminded us that the resurrection changes everything.

JULY-AUGUST 2023

GLOBAL OUTREACH WEEK



This week featured two guest speakers, Dr. Scott Horrell and Pastor Michael Allen, who challenged us on how to live out the Great Commission. Many of our missionaries also visited Communities to share what the Lord was doing in their lives and through their work.

SUMMER BLAST



Summer Blast continued this summer with 257 kids blasting off on a stellar adventure to shine Jesus' light! Everyone enjoyed a week-long day camp where kids learned about Jesus, watched hilarious skits (including Pastor Philip as Blasto Man), and made new friends.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUTH



Our summer camping program was a huge success! **Soccer Camp:** The Chicago Eagles hosted another fantastic soccer camp for our kids. Around 148 kids (our largest ever!) joined soccer coaches for a week of athletic and spiritual development. And many of our church families graciously hosted soccer coaches in their homes for the week. **Kids Jam:** Kids and their caregivers enjoyed a week of music development, fun and games, and (of course) snacks. Thank you to Shannon Carter and the TMC Kids team for making this possible for around 60 kids up to age five. **Lake Ann Camp:** Our annual trip to Lake Ann in July was another roaring success with over 110 students (even bigger than last year!).



HISPANIC MINISTRY 18TH DISTRICT OUTREACH

As the migrant crisis worsened in Chicago, our Moody en Español Community responded in love by hosting children's Bible studies and kids nights at the 18th District Police Station. Many migrant families attended and heard the Gospel. We continue to look for ways to love this struggling community in the new year.

MOODY BY THE NUMBERS

MEMBERSHIP

2,215

Members

50

New Members

78

Associate Members

20

People Baptized



AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

1,330

Sunday Morning
Online

985

Sunday Morning
In-Person



SPECIAL ATTENDANCE

1,549

Easter Sunday
Online

1,855

Easter Sunday
In-Person

2,806

Christmas Concert

1,028

Christmas Eve



GENERAL FUND			SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
<div><div>\$6,671,806</div><div>Total Giving</div><div>2,103</div><div>Giving Households</div></div>			<div><div>\$280,350</div><div>THANKSGIVING OFFERING</div></div>	
<div><div>BABY DEDICATIONS</div><div>16</div></div>			<div><div>2022 REDEMPTION PROJECT HANDS OF PROVIDENCE Southern Albania</div><div>\$118,556</div></div>	
SMALL GROUPS			COMMUNITIES	GLOBAL MISSIONS
<div><div>27</div><div>Groups</div><div>230</div><div>Participants</div></div>			<div><div>16</div><div>Communities</div><div>550</div><div>Participants</div></div>	<div><div>45</div><div>Households Sent</div><div>15</div><div>Key Global Initiatives</div><div>65</div><div>Countries Served</div></div>
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• **ENGLISH** • **SPANISH** • **PORTUGUESE**

For God's glory and in His providence, Moody Church Media saw many lives changed by the Gospel this year. Pastor Lutzer's teaching program, *Running To Win*, is now in five languages with two new translations in development. Pastor Lutzer continues a ministry of preaching, leading tours, and writing new books.

We are excited to announce Pastor Philip Miller's teaching library is now hosted on moodymedia.org. Starting in early 2024, he will be the next preacher on Moody Church Hour, a weekly broadcast of our worship services that airs on over 700 local stations.

ENGLISH LISTENER IN THE U.S. "Listening to *Running to Win* on my commute has helped me dig deeper into God's word and have assurance of my salvation. I'm filled with hope because of God's work in transforming my desires to read His Word daily, pray, and share my testimony."

ENGLISH LISTENER IN THE U.S. "I'm a prison chaplain. We've placed your books in libraries in every prison in our region, reaching over 20,000 inmates. Our chaplains plan to develop a curriculum study. Many lives will be changed, and people will be set free."

SPANISH LISTENER IN ARGENTINA "Your teaching beautifully ministers to me. Growing up in a home full of rage, the abuse left a mark on me. Today, I am in Christ, asking God to finish healing me."

2022–23 By The Numbers

50+ Countries in 5 Languages

116,000+ direct contacts
with international ministry partners

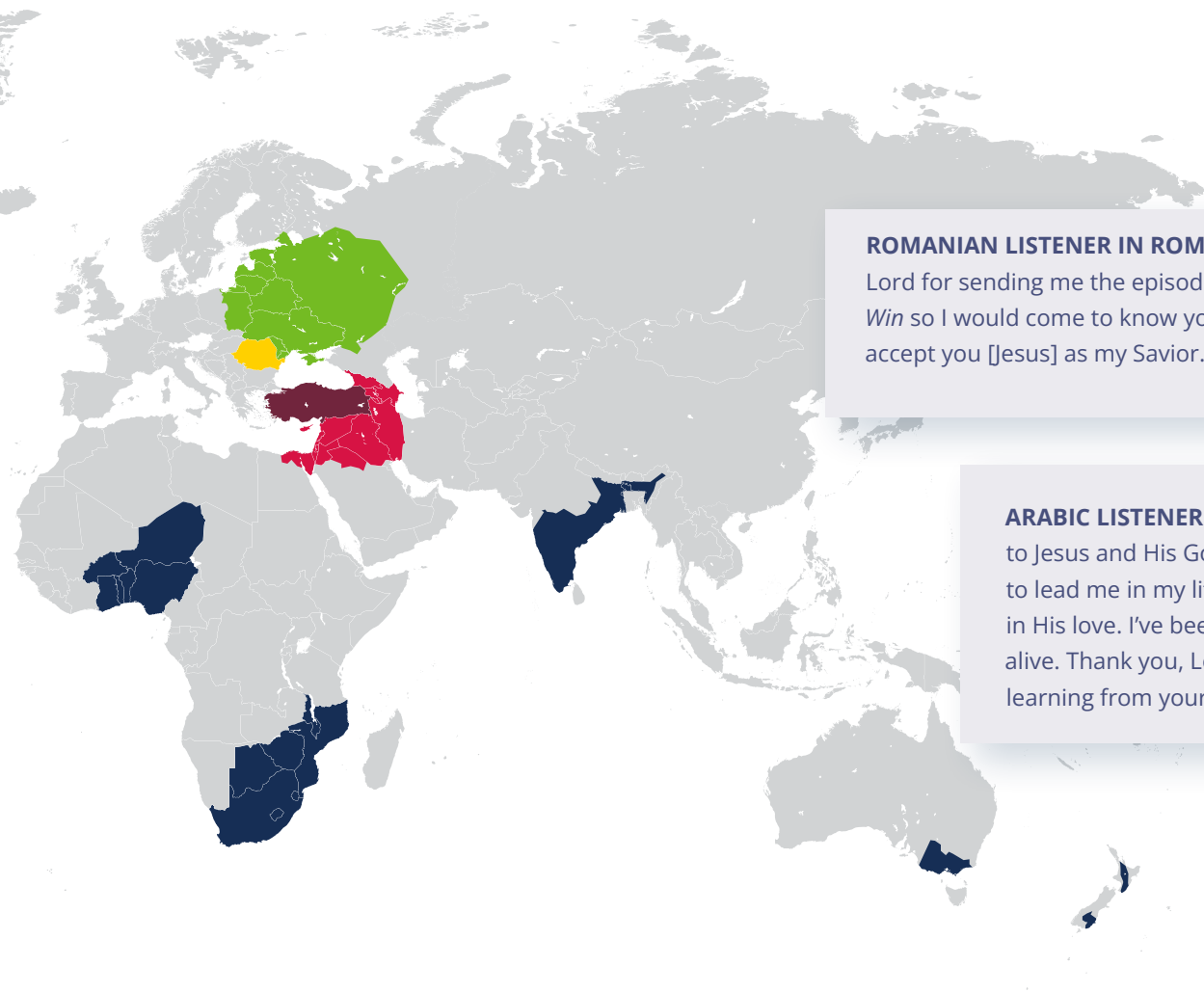
31,000+ Packages Shipped

Life-changing resources to encourage and
equip believers, including 3 new titles

INTERNATIONAL RADIO OUTREACH

Lives Changed Around The World

• ARABIC • ROMANIAN • TURKISH* • RUSSIAN*



ROMANIAN LISTENER IN ROMANIA "Thank you Lord for sending me the episodes from *Running To Win* so I would come to know you and love you. I accept you [Jesus] as my Savior. Amen."

ARABIC LISTENER "I am surrendering to Jesus and His Good News. I want Him to lead me in my life and help me grow in His love. I've been dead but now I am alive. Thank you, Lord. I'm eager to keep learning from your teaching."

* In Development

ENGLISH LISTENER IN SOUTH AFRICA

"I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, but I was lacking assurance. Since I heard *Running To Win*, I am now walking confidently with God."

ENGLISH LISTENER IN INDIA "Though I live in a remote corner of India, I thank God for the internet because I'm able to hear your clear and unambiguous teaching. Your teaching is my go-to resource on any biblical topic."

4 Million+ Digital Listens Across Digital Platforms

Reaching 200+ countries with 3,000+ digital resources freely accessible on MoodyMedia.org

8,156 Domestic Broadcasts Per Week

Running To Win, Moody Church Hour, and Songs In The Night combined domestic programs across 1,000+ outlets, totaling 178,000+ annual hours of Bible teaching



BY THE HAND CLUB FOR KIDS™

THE POWER OF ONE

When God plans to do something good, He often enlists the power of one life willing to say yes. It's these decisions, over the course of a lifetime, that tell the story of our impact. When we're faithful to spend our one and only life on the things that truly matter, we see the blessing compounded and multiplied.

By The Hand can testify to this kind of impact. We started as a ministry of The Moody Church more than 20 years ago, to join God's work within some of Chicago's most under-resourced neighborhoods. When By The Hand launched, we had 16 kids. In 2023, we served more than 1,700 children! Not only are we seeing ever-growing participation, but also ever-increasing transformation. This year 705 students completed Evangelism Explosion, 327 students professed faith in Christ, and 38 students celebrated baptism!

Additionally, while the majority of Chicago Public School students continued to try to make up ground after learning loss during the pandemic, we're thrilled to report that 69% of our kids made all ABCs, 92% passed all their classes, and our students' overall GPA was 3.15 this past school year.

This year has given us much to be thankful for. In particular, we celebrated the grand opening of our North Austin Center. Our first fully-bilingual site is housed in a stunning 150,000-square-foot facility. The building is a collaboration between By The Hand Club, Grace and Peace Revive Center, and Intentional Sports. Together, we provide after-school programming and resources to children in K-12, holistic care and wraparound services for families, and innovative sports opportunities for the community. We pray for lasting impact in North Austin for generations to come.

Thankfully, By The Hand is already seeing transformation in the lives of students. Jackie, a fourth grader at North Austin, only recently started attending By The Hand, where she was introduced to God for the very first time. She says, "at By The Hand I learned that God wants to be close to me. That's why He sent Jesus to save me. And I can trust God because He loves me."



Stories like Jackie's propel us forward. We're grateful for those who have joined our mission. People who have utilized the power of their unique lives—their time, influence, service, hospitality, prayers, and finances—to care for our students—mind, body and soul. We see changed lives, renewed families, and energized communities.

As always, financial responsibility, transparency, and accountability are key to our sustainability as an organization. We've worked hard to keep our overhead low and have now completed 23 years fully funded. We received a rare 100% rating from Charity Navigator, placing By The Hand in the top 1% of nonprofits they rate.

We believe God will use our efforts to usher in goodness, unleash healing, interrupt narratives of trauma, bring comfort, offer blessing, and even reveal glimpses of heaven here on Earth in the lives of our students—and ourselves—as we continue to say yes.



As we come upon our 7th anniversary of serving survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, God once again answered our prayers. Our theme this year was praying for power. Power that heals and reflects the Holy Spirit living in the lives of the women we serve. A woman in our Reside program said, "Forgive others not because they deserve forgiveness but because you deserve peace." Do you hear the power in her voice? Try to imagine forgiving someone who abused you or trusting in God when you weren't certain of His desire to rescue you from suffering. When this woman discovered God's love and that His plan for her wasn't full of abuse and pain, she was freed to forgive those who hurt her. And the result? She lives in peace. That was the type of power we prayed for in 2023!

Another woman, who had been homeless since 13 and exploited for over a decade, said, "When I first got [to Naomi's House] all I knew is that I had a bed. I wanted to leave. [But] I am proud of myself for sticking and staying. I have been trying to reach things that feel impossible but have been able to get there with everyone's help. You didn't give up on me and so I couldn't give up on me." Do you hear that newfound power in her voice? She didn't believe she could heal or was even worthy of choosing herself. But she didn't give up. She experienced the saving power of the Gospel and believes in her future for the first time.

In 2023, we opened our 4th location and are serving survivors in three counties through Chicagoland.

Total women served in 2023: **194** • Total women served since we opened in Dec 2016: **290**

RESIDE: our signature solution designed to support women on their healing journey through holistic, comprehensive, 24-hour residential care.

RESIDE BY-THE-NUMBERS

9 participants + 2 graduates served
6 completed job and employment training
3 enrolled in job coaching
4 enrolled in college
2 got baptized 6 renewed their relationship with God

RISE: day programming that supports survivors as they continue growing and learning through holistic services and group electives to heal from their sexual trauma.

RISE BY-THE-NUMBERS

80 participants served
324 hours of group therapy in the DuPage County Jail
216 hours of individual therapy provided
4 families in therapy
25 participants found employment
9 graduates from Rise Day Program
1 graduation from our Independent Living Apartments

RESET: outreach initiative that invites survivors who are stuck in exploitation to "come as they are"—to be known, loved, and find respite at our conveniently located drop-in centers.

RESET CHICAGO BY-THE-NUMBERS

52 participants served
13 offered housing support
48 groups offered
16 referred to partner therapists for therapy

RESET ELGIN BY-THE-NUMBERS

19 participants served
84 groups offered
25 outreach events occurred to meet women where they are at and bring awareness of our Reset services in Elgin
34 outreach touches with women still in the life

GO GLOBAL OUTREACH

This past year, we've seen the Lord do wonderful things through our Global Outreach Ministry, taking our gifts and multiplying them greatly to expand His kingdom.

We desire to equip God's people for fruitful, intentional living wherever He calls them. So, for the first time in over ten years, The Moody Church hosted a Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class in January. People from a mix of churches gathered over 15 weeks to hear from missionaries, pastors, professors, and scholars about God's heart for the nations and how each of us has a role to play.

In February, Pastor Bill Van Tuinen and Eric Morse traveled to Cambodia to visit World Relief, one of our Key Global Initiative partners. The Spirit is working among the poor and unreached, through the local Cambodian church, to raise entire families out of poverty and transform lives with the Gospel. It was so encouraging to see the people, pastors, and the families that our support was helping. The team got to visit several churches and Savings For Life groups to see how the local church in Cambodia is coming together to impact their community with the Gospel. We raised \$118,000 for our Redemption Project to help support more than 40 ultra-poor families in Cambodia by providing emergency cash gifts, resources to expand small businesses, and the love of the Gospel from the local church members who carry out the plan. Several new believers were baptized in the early stages of this program. We're excited to see how God will use this ministry over the next year.

We commissioned new missionary Melissa Warner for ministry in Thailand. She plans to work in mental health alongside our missionaries Jake and Honah Finn at Cornerstone Counseling Center. Melissa is being sent on behalf of a consortium of local churches to help new missionaries get to the field more quickly. She fills an important need at Cornerstone to provide ongoing therapy and counseling for missionary children and their families.

In June, we celebrated God's work around the world and in our city for our annual Missions Week. Special highlights included a night of confidential missions reports from our



partners at Call of Hope. Over 90 people attended to hear what the Spirit is doing in Lebanon, Nigeria, and North Africa. More and more Muslims are coming to Christ because of the faithful witness of servants like Haruna and Mohammed, meeting tangible needs in the name of Jesus. We praise God for our brothers and sisters around the world!

Pastor Bill went to Cuba with Neopolis, our ministry partner that helps church planters around the world. The Spirit is working mightily and multiplying churches through the courageous efforts of local pastors. Pastor Bill met with church planters and learned about the difficulties they face. He was encouraged by their perseverance and faithfulness amid government restrictions, and learned about ways to help. This group of pastors is taking over leadership of the church after their mentor was exiled from the country. We can be in prayer for the persecuted church in Cuba!

In August, Claire VanderHart and Kaitlyn Wisniewski visited long-time missionaries Jeff and Michelle McQueary in Costa Rica. The McQuearys have been ministering among the most vulnerable in the red-light district of San Jose through a small ministry center called Casa Esperanza (Hope House). Women come to the center daily for a hot meal and coffee, and to experience the love of Jesus. Each week, the McQuearys and their team offer Bible study, English classes, sewing classes, social services, and group therapy. The needs are many and never-ending, yet God is multiplying resources to bring hope to women that the rest of society has rejected. Evelin, who comes regularly for English Class, said, "I like coming to Casa Esperanza because they treat me with love. They don't discriminate. This is what I need the most."

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have a stewardship responsibility over the church's facilities and properties. God has been faithful to the work of The Moody Church, and He continues to provide through His people. We stand amazed at His work!

For the fiscal year, the Trustee's Facilities budget was once again well managed, and we are pleased to report that we ended the fiscal year under-budget by over \$255,000. We also were blessed with funds from various estates that allowed us to perform building repairs, upgrade technology, and implement accessibility enhancements throughout the campus. Project highlights for the year include:

- ADA accessibility for restrooms
- Annual building tuckpointing
- Upgrading and expanding stairlifts
- Repairs and resurfacing of the west parking lot
- Finalizing agreements with our community neighbors on emergency and contingency usage
- Repairing water leaks in Memorial Hall and the lower-level corridors (see downspout repair photos, right)
- Replaced the north side sanctuary doors
- Upgraded elevator door controls

The Trustees would like to thank and recognize the Facilities Team of Michael Pitts and Richard Hasse (Facilities Director) and their staff for their outstanding professionalism in keeping the church building and grounds clean and in good repair along with their other day-to-day responsibilities. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers for we covet God's direction and wisdom as we desire for Him to be praised and glorified in all we do.



THE MOODY CHURCH TRUSTEES

Earl Bowers, Daniel Favero, Kim Lahti, Berv Peterson, Tom Sawyer

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

With several open positions and expenses under budget in many areas, the church ended the year with a \$60,637 surplus in the General Fund. This allowed necessary increases in funding to the reserves and a small addition to the balance available to offset additional expenses in the coming year. Contributions were \$6,671,806 which was \$20,201 or 0.3% above budget. This was modestly less than prior year giving and was the result of the faithful giving of many, but without the large, one-off gift from the previous year. Expenses came in below budget in all areas except camp. Overall, total expenses were below budget by \$834,925 or 11.1%. We give thanks and glory to God for His continuing provision to The Moody Church and its ministries.

MEDIA MINISTRY

The Media Ministry income, which includes product sales, general donations, direct mail responses, and offering envelope contributions, was \$4,708,265, which was \$29,265 ahead of budget. Expenses were less than budget by \$401,620. The surplus was transferred to the Media Reserve and is available for future expansion to unreached regions around the globe.

ESTATE GIVING

Donations from estates totaled \$2,451,389. Funds were allocated to specific ministries as designated. Given the balance and anticipating future capital needs related to the church's strategic vision, \$1,509,339 was set aside for Strategic Capital Initiatives. For undesignated estates, 10% was allocated to Missions Projects and the balance to the Capital Fund. Stewardship materials to assist those interested in providing for The Moody Church ministries through their estates are available from Pastor Bill Van Tuinen in the church office.

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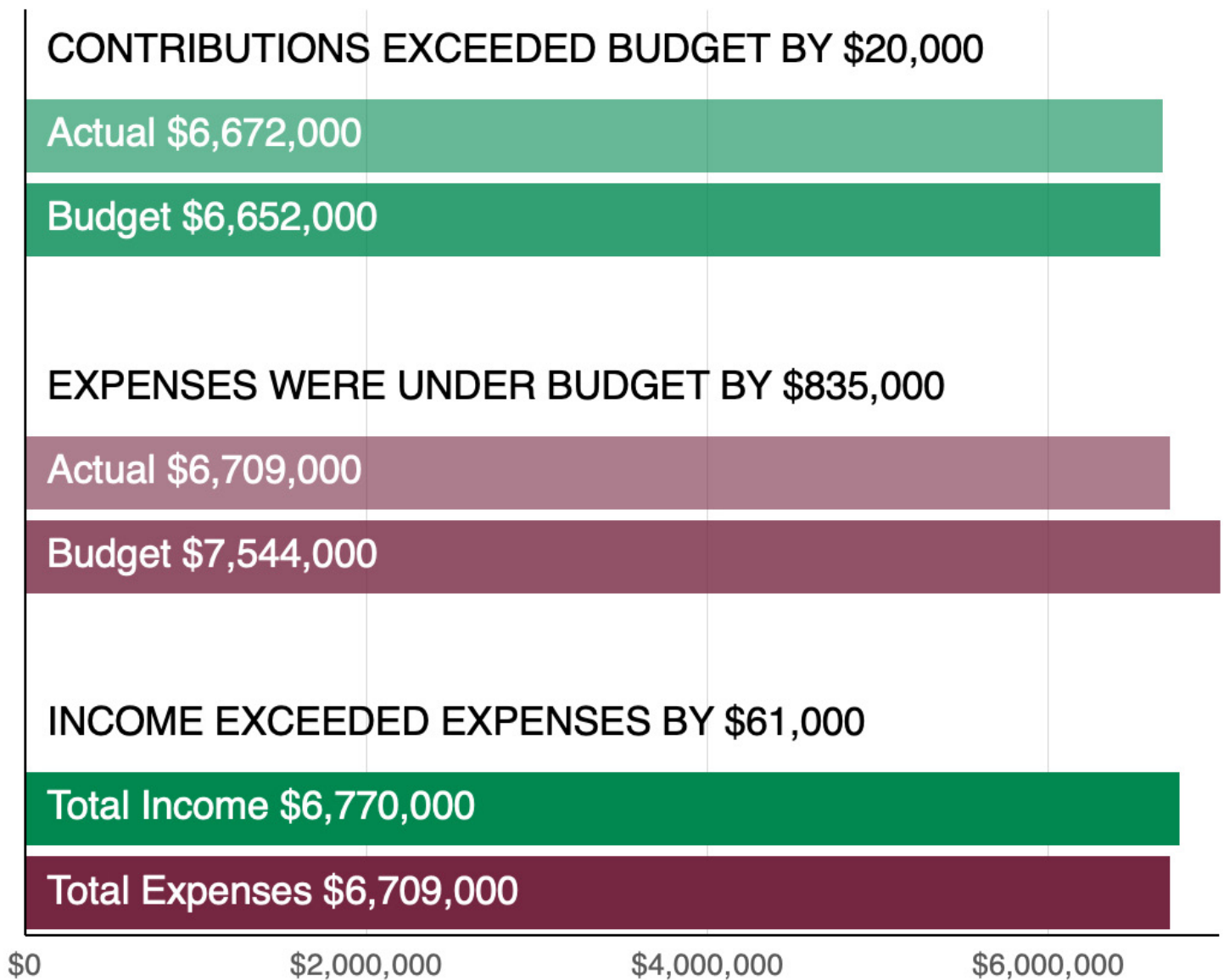
With the Elders considering this a continued time of rebuilding following the pandemic, the fiscal 2023-2024 General Fund budget has expenses exceeding revenue by \$1,011,424. The Elders have approved using the surplus from the recent fiscal years, up to \$300,000 from an annual estate gift, and up to \$300,000 from the Strategic Capital Initiatives fund to fill the gap. The General Fund budgeted contributions for next year are \$6,651,605, the same as this year's budget. All of this planning and budgeting would not be possible without strong support from Michael Pitts, Managing Director of Operations; Kent Schmidt, Director of Finance and Administration; and Financial Assistants Neelu Joseph and Jean Jacobsen. This great team is committed to conservative accounting for controlling the church's finances on a daily basis. The Finance Committee appreciates your prayers.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jeff Knapp, Timothy Kerr, Jose Gomez, Jonathan Hauser, Rick Kosloskus, Michael Pitts, Kent Schmidt, James Shilling, Micah Shumate, Wes Wu, and Ruth Zahn

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		FUND BALANCES	
	8/31/23		8/31/23
Assets		Unrestricted Funds	
Cash & Cash Equivalents, at cost (Note 5)	\$ 13,755,866	General Fund	\$ 452,978
Other Current Assets	322,091	General Fund Reserve	776,322
Promissory Notes for Pastoral Housing	173,968	Capital Reserve	776,322
Long-Term Investments, at cost (Note 5)	185,906	Strategic Capital Initiative	4,427,102
	<u>\$ 14,437,831</u>	Capital	1,098,091
Liabilities & Fund Balances		Auditorium Media Capital	293
Accrued Expenses	\$ (18,663)		<u>\$ 7,531,108</u>
Fund Balances	14,456,494	Restricted Funds	
	<u>\$ 14,437,831</u>	Camp Capital/Reserve	\$ 37,568
		Recreation	1,691
		Mission Projects and RTT	515,344
		Media Reserve & Strategic Initiative	3,720,844
		Fellowship Fund	471,755
		Naomi's House	1,804,155
		Naomi's House Capital & Estate	34,721
		Class Funds	153,406
		Elder Designated	16,283
		Other Restricted Funds	169,619
			<u>\$ 6,925,386</u>
			<u>\$ 14,456,494</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements as an integral part of these statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CASH FLOWS

FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET FOR FUND		BUDGET	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	%	Variance	%
GENERAL FUND						
Income						
Contributions	\$ 6,671,806	\$ -	\$ 6,671,806	100.0%	\$ 20,201	0.3%
Investment Income	2,117	-	2,117	0.0%	2,117	
	<u>6,673,923</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,673,923</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>22,318</u>	<u>0.3%</u>
Summarized *						
Ministries	52,340	2,463,951	(2,411,611)	-36.1%	180,850	7.0%
Camp	611	50,584	(49,973)	-0.7%	(7,972)	-19.0%
Missions	15,749	837,309	(821,560)	-12.3%	64,540	7.3%
Facilities (Note 4)	25,087	1,904,263	(1,879,176)	-28.2%	255,223	12.0%
Administration	<u>2,066</u>	<u>1,453,032</u>	<u>(1,450,966)</u>	<u>-21.8%</u>	<u>328,275</u>	<u>18.5%</u>
	<u>95,853</u>	<u>6,709,139</u>	<u>(6,613,286)</u>	<u>-99.1%</u>	<u>820,916</u>	<u>11.0%</u>
Total General Fund (Note 5)	<u>\$ 6,769,776</u>	<u>\$ 6,709,139</u>	<u>\$ 60,637</u>	<u>0.9%</u>	<u>\$ 843,234</u>	<u>12.7%</u>
BUDGETED RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Recreation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Naomi's House	1,630,850	1,572,869	57,981		57,981	
Media Ministry *	<u>4,708,265</u>	<u>4,275,380</u>	<u>432,885</u>		<u>430,885</u>	
	<u>\$ 6,339,115</u>	<u>\$ 5,848,249</u>	<u>\$ 490,866</u>		<u>\$ 488,866</u>	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

1. The Moody Church is a not-for-profit religious organization and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

2. In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available, the accounts of The Moody Church are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under these principles, resources are classified into funds according to their nature and purpose and financial transactions have been recorded and reported by fund group.

3. These financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis, but all significant liabilities are believed to be recorded or noted. The preparation of financial statements has required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of revenues and expenses recognized during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

4. The Moody Church owns virtually all facilities used for its ministries. Those facilities are not recorded in the financial statements. Non-cancelable operating leases for space and equipment are not significant.

5. The General Fund positive variance resulted from strong giving and controlled expenses for the fiscal year that made the planned use of Estate funds to balance the budget unnecessary.

6. Most funds are maintained in cash equivalents or other short-term investments, for which cost approximates market value. Longer-term investments are also carried at cost and may or may not be held to maturity. Investment objectives emphasize the safety of principal. Futures and forward contracts are not permissible.

7. The Moody Church receives and provides substantial non-monetary contributions of services and goods in connection with various ministries. Those contributions have not been quantified and are not recorded in the financial statements.

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