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ALL MY PAST AND MY REGRETS
MY PRESENT AND MY FUTURE

Annual Report = 2021

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Welcome

"Taste and see that the LORD is good." Psalm 34:8

As I look back on 2021, I see a year filled with many highs and lows, twists and turns, victories and defeats, and I am reminded of God's invitation to me and all of us in Psalm 34. The LORD is good; He is always good, and He has invited us to encounter and experience His goodness every moment of every day.

In your home - His goodness.

In your relationships - His goodness.

In your work - His goodness.

In your studies - His goodness.

In your neighborhood - His goodness.

In your church family - His goodness.

In your challenges and disappointments - HIS GOODNESS.

As you read through this year's Annual Report, I'm fully confident that you will be encouraged by the fresh stories of God's goodness in 2021. These are stories of new life, transformation, connection, friendship, generosity, and the Kingdom of God advancing in our midst. Every story told is ultimately a story of God's goodness expressed and experienced.

Be encouraged. Be blessed. Be humbled. Be grateful.

His goodness is for you...it's for me...it's for ALL of us.

Michael Davis

Thank you,

Michael Davis



OUR MISSION:

Helping all people walk with God.





At GENESIS we believe that if we are helping all people walk with God then ALL people will have fresh stories of God doing immeasurably more in and through their lives.



New Life



My name is Kevin Murphy. I have been an active member of GENESIS Church since June 2021. A year ago at this time I was a completely different person. On the surface I might have appeared that I had it all together, but inwardly is a whole different story. To put it simply, I was lost, devoid of hope and even the will to live. I had felt empty my entire adult life and was always searching for a way to fill that void of loneliness and emptiness. A life fueled by alcohol became my coping mechanism.

Getting sober and trying to turn my life around has not been an easy task. I didn't grow up in a religious home and I rarely went to church, but I always had a feeling that God was real. I remember the first time I ever read the Bible. I was in Basic Training and found it comforting during a very stressful time. I continued to look for comfort in my Bible whenever life seemed too much to bear over the next several years of my life. A year ago, I started reading my Bible more frequently as well as books such as "A Purpose Driven Life" and "Wild at Heart." I believed in God, but these books were telling me that I had to believe in and follow Jesus too. To be honest, I always got hung up on this, because I just didn't know how.



This past May when I started treatment for my alcoholism and depression, I finally surrendered my life to God. I wasn't exactly sure what I was doing, or honestly, if I really believed that giving my life to Jesus would change anything, but I knew I had to surrender. One night, I laid in bed and confessed, "Jesus I believe in you! I believe you are the Son of God that came to earth and was crucified for me and rose on the third day and now sits at the right hand of the Father." As soon as I said that, I was frozen in place as I felt God's grace wash over me and the Holy Spirit comfort me. For the first time, I felt the presence of God and I could hear him say, "Kevin, I'm here for you. I've always been here for you and I always will be here for you."

Shortly after I gave my life to Jesus, I knew I needed to be in a community where I could grow in my walk with God. I reached out to a friend from high school who I remembered as having strong faith. When I told him what had happened, he recommended that I look for a non-denominational church and gave me a list of options. I don't know what made me pick GENESIS off the list, but I do know that I love it here. I

feel loved and accepted by this family. I am learning so much about God and how to follow Jesus. I decided in September to publicly confess my faith and was baptized at GENESIS. Serving on the parking lot team has helped me get to know people and given me a sense of belonging and what it means to serve others. I now attend GROUP on Wednesday night and this continues to strengthen my faith. I still have a lot to learn about what it means to walk with God, but for the first time in my life I know I'm going in the right direction, following Jesus.



get DRENCHED Baptisms

NEW LIFE

"Baptism is bowing before the Father, and letting Him do His work." —Max Lucado

Baptism, or "getting drenched" as we like to say at GENESIS, is the public profession of one's faith. It's one of the first steps we take in our walk with God. Professing your faith publicly communicates to both God, as well as to friends, family and the church community, that you are a follower instead of just a fan of Jesus.

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This year **21** people publically shared their faith through baptism at GENSIS!

Growing in 2021

Growing Through Serving



Serving on our cafe and greeting team is a way we can surround ourselves with other believers who encourage and strengthen our walk with Christ. We have the chance, week after week, to look our guests in the eye and show them a glimpse of Christ's love and be an example of what it truly is to love others.

A simple smile or "hello" when someone walks through the door or grabs a cup of coffee might be the only time that week a guest may feel acknowledged and cared for. I love how our team makes the most out of this opportunity week after week, serving for the Glory of God."

-JILL JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY GREETING TEAM LEAD

Whether you're looking for a parking spot for your car or a spot on our team, we always have a spot for you!

-ONI ORTIZ, HOSPITALITY PARKING TEAM LEAD





The psalmist says, 'create in me a clean heart.' Therefore, we take out the trash. Seriously, though, we take out the trash not just to help keep GENESIS clean, but to create the most welcoming, loving environment we can for our guests."

-GARRET VAN MOURIK, HOSPITALITY FACILITIES
TEAM LEAD

Growing in Discipleship

People like maps. How often do you drive to a new destination without your trusted Google app telling you how to get there? One way that we help all people walk with God at GENESIS is by providing a clear roadmap on how to get connected and grow. This roadmap is called the Discipleship Pipeline. Disciples (or followers) of Jesus are called to grow in our love for Him, our love for His church, and our love for each other. As we do that, we share the things we learn with others.

Colossians 1:10 (NLT) says that "you will grow as you learn to know God better and better." This is the heart behind discipleship at GENESIS. We desire to come alongside you wherever you are in your walk with God and help you know God better and better every day as you grow deeper in relationship with Him.

Since we launched the pipeline:



CHAPTER ONE

Learn the story: Learn about GENESIS and our mission



CHAPTER TWO

Join the story: Partnering with GENESIS on mission



CHAPTER THREE

Lead within the story: Growing as a disciple and leading others

4 attendees
completed Chapter
3 and are currently
in our Chapter 4

Growing in Groups



GROUPS are simply small communities of men and women who seek to grow together in their walks with God. Several GROUPS multiplied between the spring and fall, enabling us to reach and disciple more people.

LORI MARCOTTE, GROUPS DIRECTOR

Centered on Jesus

We read the Bible, discuss Scripture, and pray together.

Built on Relationships

We develop meaningful friendships that strengthen our relationship with God.

Focus on Mission

We discover ways to serve each other, the church and wider community while seeking to make disciples.

GENESIS became my church in February 2019, making me feel welcome the minute I walked in. After a year of attending services, I didn't feel connected to the people I saw every week, so I decided to join a woman's GROUP. Never having attended a Bible study before, I was nervous because I did not feel like I knew the Bible well enough and was unsure how to participate in discussions. It was the best thing that I could have done. Not only have I made amazing friends, but the women in my GROUP have also helped me with my relationship with God. Being able to share God's Word with them each week is something I look so forward to. I am so blessed to have joined this group of women; they are my saving grace.



My wife and I have been Christians for years, and lived in New Hampshire for 40 years. In 2017, my wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This ultimately led her to a memory care facility in Lexington, MA in early 2021, close to our two children and grandchildren. I never thought I would move to Massachusetts, but it was the hand of God that brought me to live adjacent to my daughter and her family, and to become part of the GENESIS family. I quickly joined a men's GROUP and a co-ed GROUP to build

relationship with other Christians. It was amazing how quickly I really felt like a part of the GENESIS family.

After completing the CHAPTER classes, God enabled me to lead a co-ed GROUP in Woburn and provided a wonderful couple to host the meetings. A variety of people joined the GROUP, ranging from new believers to those who have walked with the Lord for many years. I have been amazed at the things that the Lord has done in the GROUP! A bond quickly grew between ALL members and there is a real desire to regularly encourage and support each other. We all engage in discussion of the Bible and prayer is an important part of each weekly gathering. We enjoy good times of fellowship over a meal and often linger after our Bible study has ended. We had the opportunity to serve a member who was in the hospital, which impacted his sister. She was impressed with how the GROUP was loving and caring for her brother; and has since attended GENESIS. GROUPS are an important part of the life of a church, impacting not only those within the GROUP but relationships outside of the church. I am happy that God has enabled me to be a part of this.

-DAVE, GROUP LEADER, GENESIS FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR

COMMUNITY

30 GROUPS cared for **350** people

4 prayer GROUPS

3 STUDIES

GROUP MULTIPLICATION

8 GROUP Leaders sent to the North Shore congregation

9 new GROUPS launched from previous GROUPS!

Growing in His Word

What we learned in 2021



February

1 Timothy: Every Moment, Every Day



August & September

Nehemiah: Propelled by Mission



October & November

Gospel of Mark: Portraits of Jesus



Twenty-One
Days of Prayer



July

31 Days of Fasting



September & October

Better Together



December

GIVEAWAY Christmas





Growing in Generosity

"...but they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich **generosity.** For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more..."

2 Corinthians 8:1

When I think about 2021, the words 'crazy generosity' come to mind. I am so grateful to be a part of a community that went above and beyond to be an example of Christ's generosity to the Woburn and North Shore communities out of the overflow of joy they've found in Christ Himself. It is immensely encouraging to see the GENESIS community mobilize in generosity by donating school supplies, providing Christmas gifts, purchasing grocery gift cards, and filling backpacks for those in need.

Thank you for growing in stewardship this year and partnering with GENESIS so that we could reach more people with the gospel and help meet practical needs in our communities!



350

We filled 350 backpacks with tons of school supplies for students in need in Woburn. They were distributed to Woburn Social Concern, Woburn schools, and the Woburn Boys & Girls Club



families in Woburn and the North Shore were gifted toys and meals so that they could celebrate this Christmas with gifts to share.



Thank you to our partners in the Woburn school district for connecting us to the needs within our community. Dozens of families and hundreds of children were able to see a glimpse of Jesus' love in 2021 because of your partnership with us. Thank you for all you do to love and care for Woburn families that are in need!

GENESIS Creative



What changes a single year can bring! The Creative team has evolved greatly since this time last year, and in many wonderful ways. By God's grace, we've gotten back into a rhythm of in-person Sunday gatherings including sharing communion together every week!

The biggest movement of 2021 was sending off many of our faithful volunteers to be a part of the North Shore congregation. Countless hours, blood, sweat, and maybe even some tears went into preparing for the launch in October, and there were many hands that made the development of brand-new tech, design, and music teams successful. We are overjoyed to continue to partner together,

sharing each other's energy and devotion, until we are able to be self-sustaining autonomous Creative teams.

We praise God that we added 12 new volunteers between Woburn and North Shore this year! It is a genuine joy to see the Lord work through the Creative team as we serve our communities and help all people walk with God through worship!





So much has changed in my 5+ years in Boston - in my life, in the lives of the people around me, in the WORLD. As sung by Bob Dylan & Adele (not together, though that would be cool), "the winds of change are blowin' wild and free." In this climate, it's not surprising that people are feeling tossed about, yanked this way & that, untethered. I often think about what my own life would be like if I wasn't tethered to Christ. Where would I find (or try to find) a sense of identity and belonging?

I am so grateful for the GENESIS community, and specifically the members of the Creative team, for consistently speaking truth to me. When I feel like I'm bending against the weight of wild winds,

they serve as deeply rooted, steady trees who point me to the ultimate steady Tree. I can come to a Thursday night rehearsal worn out and spread thin. I can make mistakes and I can humbly ask for help. I can fall miserably short - and my friends will meet me in that place, encourage me, love me, remind me of who I am and, more importantly, remind me of who HE is. In this way, serving at GENESIS is an opportunity to witness and partake in the gospel here on earth.

What a gift to experience true belonging. I belong to the GENESIS Creative team, because I belong to GENESIS, because I belong to Christ. Amen! — KATIE MEISTER





GENESIS KidS



"My favorite memory of 2021 was seeing kids grow in their awe and wonder of how big, loving, and awesome God is!"

JENNABETH JACKSON, GENESIS KIDS DIRECTOR

2021 was a phenomenal year in GENESIS Kids! We hosted incredible events that were fun for the whole family and members of the community as well. The Easter Jam and the Gingerbread Bash events reached more than 30 families and over 120 people combined, and welcomed 10 new families to the GENESIS community!

Because there has been continued hesitation from a portion of our community about reintroducing children to our Sunday morning services, we have found fun and effective ways to engage with kids and families online. We updated and redesigned the GENESIS Kids online experience to make lessons and blogs easily accessible for the family. Many families at home are utilizing this tool online. We have an average of 28 views per week!

One of the most exciting additions to the Kids ministry in 2021 is the worship team! We now have live music just for the kids once a month. It's been a joy to see the kids engage in worship in this way!

Lastly, leadership is incredibly excited about the beginnings of redesigning the Kids space! We were able to add a wall between our classrooms making it safer and easier for the teachers to communicate and for children to hear.



We were new to GENESIS in 2021, and this was my boys' first experience with Sunday school. My heart has been so full watching their excitement to attend each week and hearing all that they have learned. All of the volunteers for GENESIS Kids are truly amazing - so kind and welcoming. My five-year-old requested we write thankful cards at Christmas dinner like we did for Thanksgiving. Unprompted, he wrote all by himself, "I love Jesus." My heart was so happy. I'm so thankful for GENESIS.





What a year it has been! 2021 was filled with many fresh stories of God at work in our student ministry. One tangible way we saw His hand at work was in providing a new full-time Student Ministries Director over the summer. I am thrilled to be leading and loving the Journey community in this new role, and have been encouraged by the student's desires to grow their relationships with Jesus Christ, ask big questions, and be authentic with one another. God also raised up 7 brand new Journey Leaders to love and serve our students. The additions to our leadership team enabled us to meet more students in their unique journeys of faith and point them to Jesus Christ. I am so excited to see both students and leaders take

next steps in their faith!

In 2021, we had one student enter the waters of baptism, boldly proclaiming to his community that Jesus Christ is His Savior. In 2021, there were 13 students who served on a TEAM at GENESIS. Many of these same students serve faithfully every month. I am rejoicing in all God has done in 2021 and excited for all God is going to continue to do in the lives of the students, families, leaders, and the ministry of the Journey moving forward!

SIMEON BEIL, DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS



Student Testimonies

I've been going to GENESIS for about 2 years now; before that I had never really gone to a church. I am so glad that I am a part of this wonderful community that helps me get closer to God through amazing people and great groups like the Journey. This church has helped me keep my eyes focused on the Lord, and has brought light to a lot of questions I've had. Because of this, I have made pretty big and meaningful changes to my life. One of those changes was the decision to get baptized. I got baptized because I am not afraid or ashamed to declare to the world that I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I am not perfect, however, through Christ, I am not called to be perfect. I am called to follow Him and learn from His teachings and apply them to my life. I pray and strive so that my faith and relationship with Jesus improves every single day.

LEONARDO (LEO) ROSA, HS STUDENT

When I was in fifth grade, I struggled in my relationship with God. I questioned whether or not He was real and if I believed in Him at all. I remember specifically one night that I had a hard time falling asleep because I was questioning God with all my doubts, when I thought to myself, "When I go to the Journey, the people there will help me." I can say with confidence that my relationship with Christ has grown over this past year. I have come to trust God with all of my fears and doubts, and complaints. The wonderful community of Christ followers I see at the Journey every Monday night want to talk to me, they want to get to know me, and they want to help me. They have welcomed me enthusiastically with open arms, accepting me into their safe place. I don't know where I would be right now if all of the leaders at the Journey hadn't come alongside me to help me really grow.

ABIGAIL KAPALDO, MS STUDENT

Attending the Journey has been such a blessing because it is an outlet in which I can talk and learn freely about God with girls my age. One of my favorite parts of the Journey is how we look directly to the Bible - not what someone else has to say about God or His Word - but what God is saying directly to us. I love that! I've never met a group of girls who are so raw and honest about their love for God. It's a reflection of the leaders because they are also honest with us about their lives and don't hold back on what they want to share just because they're adults. This has built trust and respect within our group. The Journey has drawn me closer to God because I see how He is carefully placing people in my life to teach me more about Him. Since I've started attending the Journey, I see more and more everyday how all things good and beautiful point back to the Father.

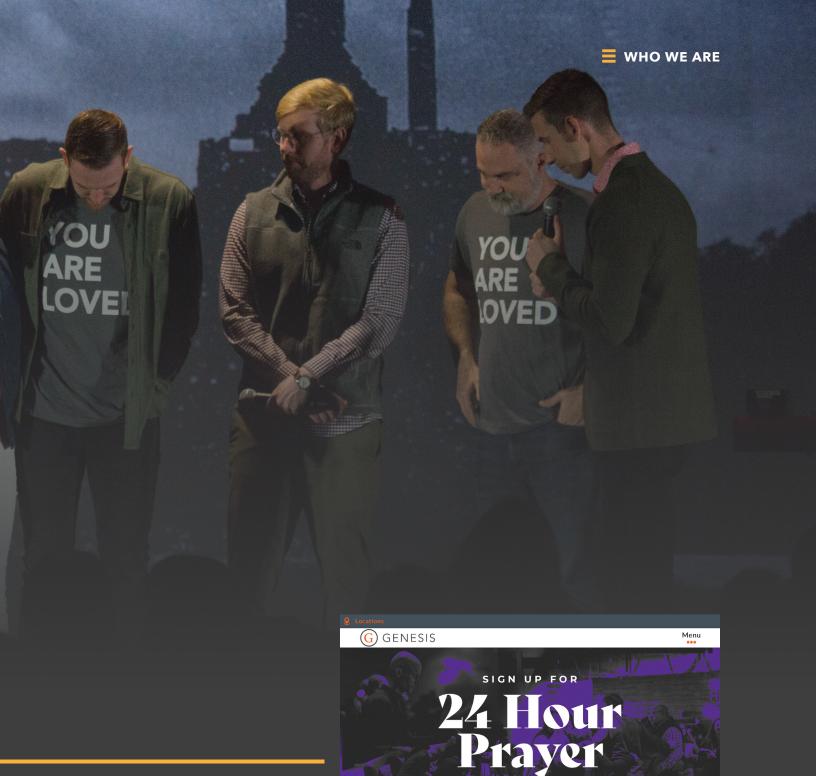
REGINA TASHJIAN, HS STUDENT



meets in MULTIPLE CONGREGATIONS.

If we are going to accomplish the mission of HELPING ALL PEOPLE WALK WITH GOD, "better together" is the best way to go. In October 2021, GENESIS North Shore was sent out in order that we might help those on the North Shore walk with God. Our hope, heart, and prayer is to plant new GENESIS congregations every few years in the greater Boston area.

In order to accomplish this vision, we need support from those within GENESIS as well as like-minded men and women who are committed to seeing the Gospel of Jesus advance in a region that is in desperate need of healthy, gospel-centered churches.



NEW WEBSITE

We launched a multi-congregation website to support both North Shore and Woburn. It allows our online visitors to set their location, so they have constant access to their specific congregations' content including GROUPS and events!

ONE CHURCH - ONE MISSION -MULTIPLE CONGREGATIONS

Woburn

North Shore







One Gathering

On Sunday, October 3rd, GENESIS gathered as ONE church for the first time in nearly seven years! It was a powerful Sunday as we celebrated God raising up nearly 50 men and women from within GENESIS to be a part of establishing GENESIS North Shore.

We're already looking forward to seeing who God will raise up next!







Global Impact

It is GENESIS' joy and privilege to continue to support church planting efforts locally, regionally, nationally and internationally through relational, prayerful, and financial support.





Church planting and church multiplication are at the heart of what we do. We have helped plant a few churches throughout the years in the country of Albania, and currently, we are pastoring one of the church plants in the capital city of Albania. Our vision is to see this church equip and empower disciples that would go and plant other churches in the most strategic cities of Albania and beyond. We also know that to reach a city, country or region it takes more than just one church. Because of that we helped initiate a national church planting network that has quickly grown to almost 100 churches in just 8 years.

Because of our partnership with GENESIS, we can dream bigger dreams and aim higher goals toward a future in mission. —KEJDIS & RUDINA - ALBANIA



Partnering for Gospel Advancement

VINTAGE MISSION

We are passionate about building healthy churches—churches that are vertical in their focus, that are reaching their communities with the gospel, and are accessible to all peoples in their community.

GENESIS began a partnership with Vintage Mission this year. This church planting network is committed to raising up, training, and sending out church planters. Vintage Mission started at Christ Community Church in Phoenix, Arizona and now includes a dozen churches nationally and five churches internationally. GENESIS staff and leadership receives coaching and mentoring from Vintage Mission as we partner together to plant more congregations in the coming years.

To learn more about Vintage Mission, visit: **www.vintagemission.com**



SEND provides pastoral and church support through training, leadership development, and fostering a community of like-minded churches within the Boston and Greater Boston area. To date, SEND has helped plant 75+ gospel-centered churches over the past 15 years and maintains a vision to see 300 new churches planted by 2030.

We are grateful to be a part of a network with a big vision to see the landscape of Boston and Greater Boston transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

To learn more about the SEND Network, visit: www.namb.net/send-network







On October 10th, a group of GENESIS members responded to God's invitation to plant a new congregation on the North Shore of Boston. In short, we've seen nothing short of a supernatural work in real time!

Establishing a congregation in Peabody has allowed us to meet new people every weekend who are either disconnected from God or from a life-giving church. We have partnered with an anti-human trafficking

ministry that has a substantial presence on the North Shore, and in four short months leaders have been developed, TEAMS have been deployed, and relationships have deepened. In short, God has done "immeasurably more" than we could have asked. We planted with 50 and now average 130-150 people each Sunday!

It's been a joy and honor to be the first GENESIS congregation planted, but we aren't satisfied! We are all praying for God to do it again and raise up another GENESIS congregation to be established in efforts to Help All People Walk With God in Boston and beyond.



WE BOUGHT A TRUCK!

GENESIS North Shore is a mobile church, so our entire church (not the people, just the equipment) fits in this trailer and van. We have incredible teams that setup and tear it all down every Sunday!

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General Fund \$1,337,366.83

Church Planting \$55,542.95

Building Fund \$10,325.57

Community Outreach (Christmas Give Away) \$10,012.73

Church Planting Support \$85,250.00

Other (interest, payments for class materials, etc.) \$346.57

Total Income \$1,498,864.69

Total Expenses \$1,318,413.50

INCOME | North Shore

Income (this includes their General Fund

\$132,802.29

Expensis

\$115,137.48

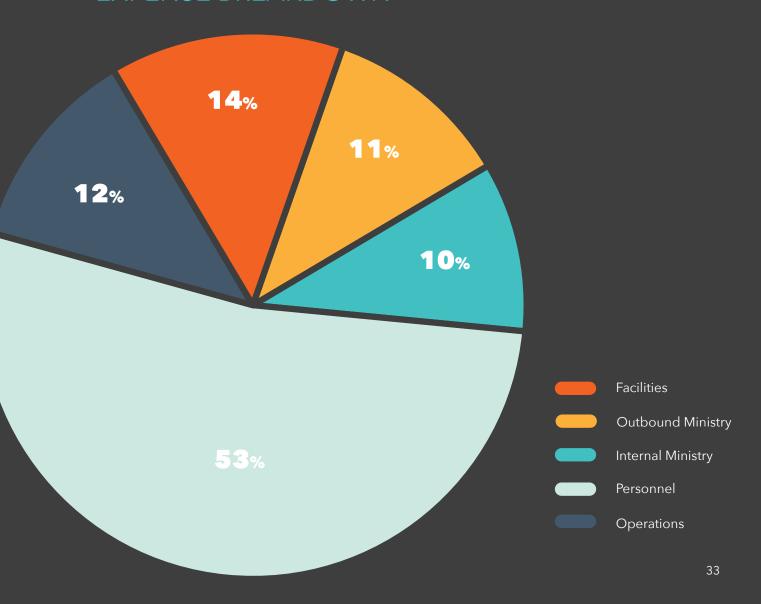
Surplus funds were allocated to the following:

- » Benevolance (providing for those in the GENESIS community in need)
- » Church Planting (support for current and future church plants)
- » Building (funds to be used for future building acquisition
- » Community Outreach (new fund-meeting the needs of Woburn and North Shore)
- » Abundance Fund (unbudgeted projects, needs, ministry)





EXPENSE BREAKDOWN







At the beginning of a new year, we're prone to ask the question, "LORD, what's next?" We must ask this question if we are going to keep in step with the Spirit of God, but before we can receive an answer, there's another question that might be even more important to ask.

WAS GENESIS FAITHFUL TO WHAT GOD TOLD US TO DO IN 2021?

Bear Fruit – John 15:5

Neighbor Well - Luke 10:25-27

Never Stop Praying – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

We certainly were not perfect in any of these areas, but we did make some significant strides and for that we are grateful. We've seen fruit in GROUPS, TEAMS, and the Discipleship Pipeline. The formation of our Community Outreach TEAM led us to neighbor in new ways that helped the people of Woburn experience the generosity and grace of Jesus. And we devoted 21 days in January and all of July to a time of fasting and prayer.

There was growth, but we are not done. Better stated, God is not done with us. There is more fruit to bear, more neighbors to love and serve, and more prayers to be prayed.

To that end, what God has impressed on our hearts as we begin 2022 is this—**REACH ONE MORE**.

Bearing fruit so that we might reach one more.

Neighboring so that we might reach one more.

Praying so that we might reach one more.

In 2022, let's reach more, and let's do it together, so that there'd be one more who'd come into the Kingdom of God...one more to experience God's grace and unconditional love...one more who'd become a part of the family of God in order to live out the mission of God.

We ALL have one more in our lives that needs to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus. They might be in your home, in your neighborhood or in your place of work or study. God has strategically placed you in their lives so they might see and know Jesus.

In 2022, we will trust God for bearing fruit, neighboring well, and growing as a people of prayer so that together we might REACH ONE MORE for the Gospel of Jesus.

Thank You

Thank you for praying.

Thank you for giving.

Thank you for serving.

Thank you for connecting.

Thank you for engaging.

Thank you for saying "yes" to being part of God's mission in and through GENESIS.

And thank you in advance for being a part of REACHING ONE MORE in 2022.

I don't know all that God has for us in 2022, but I do know this—He has more of His goodness that He's inviting us to experience as we walk with Him and help others to do the same.

Just in case you've forgotten or you haven't heard me say this in some time . . . it is a JOY to be on this journey with you!

